



October 21, 2025

Wayne Nastri
Executive Officer
South Coast Air Quality Management District
21865 Copley Drive
Diamond Bar, CA 91765

Re: Support for the Proposed Cooperative Agreement between South Coast AQMD, the Port of Los Angeles, and the Port of Long Beach

Dear Mr. Nastri:

On behalf of the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce, representing hundreds of businesses across the Los Angeles Harbor area, I write to express our support for the Proposed Cooperative Agreement between the South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) and the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach.

The Chamber recognizes the significance of this agreement as a practical, collaborative alternative to direct rulemaking under Proposed Rule 2304. Our members, many of whom operate within the Port complex or depend on port-related commerce, view this cooperative approach as a positive step toward achieving shared air quality and sustainability goals without compromising the region's economic vitality.

The 2025 Wilmington Chamber Policy Platform emphasizes three key priorities directly advanced by this agreement:

1. Accountable Enforcement:

The cooperative framework promotes consistency and transparency by defining clear milestones, monitoring procedures, and financial accountability for noncompliance. This aligns with the Chamber's call for balanced, predictable enforcement that provides businesses with clarity and fairness in how environmental standards are applied.

2. Infrastructure Investment and Innovation:

The Agreement's focus on Zero-Emission Infrastructure Plans (ZE Plans) reflects the Chamber's long-standing advocacy for strategic infrastructure upgrades that support both environmental progress and local economic opportunity. The transition to zero-emission cargo-handling and trucking infrastructure, when implemented collaboratively, creates new pathways for local contractors, workforce training, and green job development.

3. Collaborative Governance:

The Chamber supports the continued partnership between the Ports, AQMD, and local stakeholders. Establishing clear public engagement mechanisms—such as open virtual office hours and annual reporting—advances our Platform's commitment to inclusive, data-driven decision-making that reflects community and business perspectives.

We encourage AQMD and the Ports to maintain flexibility as implementation proceeds. Ongoing engagement with local business stakeholders will be essential to ensure that regulatory objectives are met in a way that sustains competitiveness, promotes job stability, and accelerates investment in zero-emission infrastructure.

The Wilmington Chamber of Commerce appreciates the opportunity to participate in this process and supports the Cooperative Agreement as an effective, results-oriented model for addressing air quality challenges through partnership rather than prescriptive regulation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Monica Garcia-Diaz", with a large, stylized initial "M".

Monica Garcia-Diaz

Chief Executive Officer

Wilmington Chamber of Commerce