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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Joint Statement from Mayors Richardson and Bass in Support of the South Coast Air Quality Management District's Process to Develop a Zero Emissions Infrastructure Plan for the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach

LONG BEACH — Today, Long Beach Mayor Rex Richardson and Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass issued the following joint statement:

“For nearly 20 years, the Ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles have worked with all stakeholders to reduce emissions from port operations and we remain committed to continuing to decrease emissions to clean the air, and demonstrate that by collaborating with our partners and our communities, our ports can continue to grow and grow green.”

“To continue our industry-leading progress and meet our zero emissions goals and a strong and resilient supply chain, it is critical that we continue our efforts to collaborate with all of our stakeholders – environmental groups, environmental justice leaders, business communities, and labor unions — to ensure we have the infrastructure and the human-operated equipment needed to facilitate the transition to zero emissions operations. Under the historic Clean Air Action Plan, both Ports have made investments in cleaner equipment and operations to reduce harmful pollution and are working with ports in Asia to bring greener ships to San Pedro Bay. The Ports, the cities and SCAQMD have worked together to secure hundreds of millions in state and federal funding to accelerate the deployment of zero emissions technology across the region, support workforce development, and develop a community benefits program.”

“We support the development of a zero emissions infrastructure plan. Now, under the context of a new Administration, we must work together regionally to continue this progress – both in protecting the environment and supporting our industries – to move our cities, ports, and communities forward.”



More Information about the San Pedro Bay Ports Complex:

The San Pedro Bay Ports Complex is the nation's premiere gateway and a massive economic engine for our cities and communities. The latest air emissions inventories released by both ports continue to show reductions in air emissions even as cargo volumes have continued to grow. Together, the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach handle nearly 40% of the nation's containerized cargo valued at more than \$400 billion that reaches all 435 Congressional districts and support 1 in 5 jobs in Long Beach and 1 in 9 jobs in Los Angeles.

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