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Mr. Gene Seroka Executive Director Port of Los Angeles 425 S. Palo Verde Street San Pedro, CA 90731

RE: Northwest San Pedro

Harbor Activities Noise Discussion

Mr. Seroka:

In recent Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council (NWSPNC) meetings, members of the community have raised concerns about noise from rail and Port activities impacting our community. This matter was referred to our Port Committee where members of the community and Port Committee discussed the issue. Because of these discussions, the NWSPNC has undertaken the following actions:

- 1. Coordinate a community forum related to port related noise in which we would like the Port to participate.
- 2. Follow up with the Harbor Community Benefit Corporation on the scope of work related to the noise study that was recently approved by the Board of Harbor Commissioners and data collection in the area of Harbor Highlands and Northwest San Pedro.
- 3. Request participation of Port Environmental staff at an upcoming NWSPNC meeting to discuss the noise issue and any insights Port staff may have regarding this issue.

The NWSPNC has provided resolutions to the Port in the past related to hours of operation of the Pacific Harbor Lines in Northwest San Pedro and the establishment of quiet zones at the Westmont and Gaffey railroad crossing and at other crossings within the Port. The stakeholders in Northwest San Pedro and elsewhere in the Harbor area have complained in the past that train horn and other harbor operational activities disrupt their sleep during the night to the Port via resolutions and other communications.

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We also request that the Port review that terminal and train operations meet the applicable federal, state and City of Los Angeles noise and General Plan regulations. We also request that the Port evaluate the noise mitigation measures outlined in the Port Master Plan and specific Terminal Environmental Impact Reports to determine their effectiveness and whether additional mitigation measures are necessary.

We look forward to working with the Port on this important issue to NWSP stakeholders.

Sincerely,

Ray Regalado, President

On behalf of the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council

cc: Board of Harbor Commissioners cc: Councilmember Joe Buscaino

cc: Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council

cc: Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council

cc: Harbor City Neighborhood Council cc: Wilmington Neighborhood Council