October 11, 2011

Secretary
Board of Harbor Commissioners
425 S. Palos Verdes St.
San Pedro, CA 90731

EXCESSIVE TRAIN NOISE

Enclosed is a resolution passed by our governing board at our October 10th meeting. Please provide copies to the commissioners. It is being forwarded to the PCAC and the Neighborhood Councils in the harbor area for their consideration.

The resolution concerns excessive railroad train horn noise and other port related noise. Your own Portwise Noise Study done in 2005 identified these noises and recommended several corrections for them, including establishing a “quiet zone”. The episodic noise levels have gotten worse since the study was done.

We realize this is an issue that has been addressed in recent years by several groups, including groups in Wilmington and by the Light, Air and Noise committee of PCAC. We understand that there are issues, including cost and rail lines not owned by the Port but which serve only Port terminals. For that reason, and others, we suggest forming a working group and would be pleased to participate.

We further suggest that six months should be an appropriate timeframe for resolving the train horn noise issue.

Thank you for your consideration.

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