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At the February 11, 2019 meeting of the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council Board the following Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION

WHERE AS, the November 2017 Clean Air Action Plan (CAAP) Economic and Workforce for the Clean Air Action Plan Update indicates the Long Beach Port and the Los Angeles Port supports 1 million jobs in California and 2.8 million jobs nationwide which include longshore labor, freight forwarding and logistics, and other transportation-related sectors;

WHERE AS, the update briefly discussed the possibility of the direct effects of the CAAP implementation would not be expected to have significant immediate job impacts; however, meaningful cargo diversion resulting from the increased CAAP related costs would be expected to have a negative impact on those jobs. Furthermore, direct jobs such as longshoreman, truckers, and warehouse and logistics operators would likely be directly impacted by cargo loss and indirectly, companies supporting the goods movement industry (fuel suppliers, maintenance, and financial firms among others) would be impacted;

WHERE AS, the spending and consumption of employees in the Port and transportation support jobs and business activity in all sectors of the economy, which would also be at risk from lost activity at the Ports. The document further states that although it raised economic and workforce considerations for decision-makers and stakeholders as they evaluate the potential impacts of implementing the CAAP. It was not intended to be a comprehensive study or quantified analysis and...
recommends for the Ports to have a better understanding of the impacts, the Ports must conduct a more detailed analysis once there is more information about how certain measures will be implemented, how they may be financed, and what the overall costs will ultimately be.

WHERE AS, the CAAP Implementation Third Quarter 2018 Progress Report indicates it’s in the early stages of Feasibility Assessment for Terminal Equipment and discussions were underway with the marine terminal operators. In September 2018, Early Deployment and Demonstrations projects, including electric and fuel cell yard hostlers, electric top handlers, and electric rubber-tired gantry cranes, as well as innovative approaches to charging infrastructure and demonstration of supporting electrical infrastructure including microgrid controls with distributed generation and battery storage.

WHERE AS, the Harbor Commission placed on their January 24th, 2018 agenda and pulled the Item for consideration and approval of a Level 1 Coastal Development Permit 18-25: APM Terminals-Landside Infrastructure to Operate Battery-Electric Powered Equipment.

Be It Resolved, that the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council supports the recommendation that the Harbor Department conduct a more detailed analysis on port automation’s potential impacts on the economy. We urge the City of Los Angeles, specifically the Mayor’s Office and the Harbor Department to:

1. Conduct a detailed analysis on the impacts of port automation on the Los Angeles economy before granting any permits that include port automation;
2. Develop and implement policies and legislation to provide for employment in the event of job loss or unemployment due to automation.
3. Conduct thorough outreach efforts to educate the people on the economic effects of port automation;
4. Accelerate and expand workforce development to prepare and transition workers to adapt to new technologies and employment opportunities in the Los Angeles Harbor area;
5. Coordinate workforce development efforts with harbor area colleges and unions;
6. Report back to the Harbor Commission and Mayor on the feasibility of amending the Clean Air Action Plan to make it clear that port automation is not required to create a zero emission port.

Please feel free to contact us should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Ray Regalado, President
On behalf of the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council Board