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**Re: TraPac Draft EIS/EIR**

Dear Dr. MacNeil & Dr. Appy:

On behalf of **The San Pedro Chamber of Commerce**, we would like to congratulate the Port of Los Angeles, for producing the draft EIS/EIR for the TraPac Container Terminal Project. This is the first step in ensuring that our ports can efficiently manage expected growth while mitigating environmental impacts. This project represents an important step to ensure green growth at the Port of Los Angeles.

The Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach are a major economic driver, providing approximately 500,000 jobs in the greater five county region and more than 3 million jobs nationally. At the same time, the ports are potentially facing a major capacity crisis. In its May forecast, LAEDC predicted that the ports will grow 9.2% this year to 17.2 million TEUs. (The ports essentially predict a 6.4% increase to 16.8 million TEUs.)

We firmly believe that port growth, and the appropriate accommodation of that growth, is critical not only to the Southern California and national economy, but also to the economic success and quality of life in San Pedro and Wilmington, the Harbor Area communities immediately adjacent to the Port of Los Angeles.

The Harbor Area has a long history including its maritime heritage, and our community's future is closely tied to the future success of the Port. ***Accordingly, the San Pedro Chamber of Commerce strongly supports the TraPac EIR proposal with all included mitigation and for off-port mitigation in San Pedro and Wilmington.***

Re-development of the TraPac terminal is an important step towards efficiently managing the expected growth in container volume and mitigating environmental impacts. In addition, a 30-acre landscaped buffer zone separating the community from port operations would provide much-needed green space and recreational facilities.

We believe that the proposed project represents an important "green growth" initiative to provide more efficient goods movement through the Port of Los Angeles with a concurrent reduction in emissions. We therefore support the project with the addition of mitigation measures to address off-port impacts in San Pedro and Wilmington, and encourage the Port of Los Angeles to move the approval process forward to a quick completion.

Sincerely,

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