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The Port of Los Angeles
425 South Palos Verdes Street
San Pedro, CA 90731

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

The San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership is an organization that focuses on the economic vitality of the San Gabriel Valley and on ways and means to achieve the highest quality of life. One of our main concerns at the Economic Partnership is goods movement and ways to embrace the inevitable increase in port activity. Though we are not in direct proximity to the ports, the rail and highway traffic created by the ports traverses the San Gabriel Valley. It is in our interest to support any measures that will improve the capacity and efficiency of the ports. We also support projects that implement programs that will meet the Clean Air Action Plan (CAAP) guidelines; this in turn will improve the quality of living in the region and improve the economy of The Valley.

The TraPac project will increase the capacity of the Port of Los Angeles in an efficient manner. It is common knowledge that the ports volume will be increasing greatly in the next few years. In order to meet these demands it is necessary to increase port capacity. This project will increase the port capacity while decreasing emissions. The TraPac project will implement the Clean Air Action Plan (CAAP) and has an aggressive mitigation of emissions plan.

For the entire Los Angeles region, it is necessary that expansion of the Ports is done and in a timely manner; this project does that. In this situation, many organizations will wait until backed into a corner. The Partnership supports the TraPac project and applauds the Port of Los Angeles for being proactive in the preparation of our future.

Sincerely,

Ron L. Wood
President & CEO