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March 15, 2019

The Honorable Jaime L. Lee
President
Los Angeles Board of Harbor Commissioners
425 S. Palos Verdes Street,
San Pedro, California 90731

Dear Board President Lee:

I write to you regarding the Level 1 Coastal Development Permit No. 18-25: APM Terminals-Landside Infrastructure to Operate Battery-Electric Powered Equipment. There are several important factors concerning this permit that merit your Board's consideration and request that the Board hold-over its decision to approve.

First, the Board should consider the impact on the workforce at the port and the regional economy. Before allowing APMT Maersk to transition to a fully automated terminal, the Board should conduct a comprehensive impact analysis that considers the number of jobs that will be lost and the potentially devastating impact to the neighborhoods, businesses and families in the region. For port workers, the hard work they put day in and day out to make California the fifth largest economy in the world is also the work that feeds their families and keeps their communities strong.

In regards to environmental improvements, I support the purchase of zero or near zero emission equipment for ports that is operated by a human. We can improve the environment while maintaining well-paying jobs and a strong working force. Displacing hundreds of jobs will certainly impact the communities surrounding the ports and beyond. In particular, I am concerned people of color will be displaced of well-paying jobs that cannot be replaced.

Lastly, it is important to highlight that maintaining a workforce of hard working individuals does not sacrifice efficiency at the port. For example, the Port of Los Angeles broke its all-time record, moving more cargo in 2018 than any time in its 111-year history. This means racking up 9,458,749 twenty-foot equivalent units, or 1.2 percent more than previous 2017's record breaking year.

As the busiest port in the Western Hemisphere and premier gateway for international commerce in the country, it is critically important the Port of Los Angeles does not become a hollow pass-through for the massive transfer of goods and wealth without any benefit to the families and

communities that surround or are impacted by the port. As a result, it is vital for the Los Angeles Harbor Commission to study and consider the potential for negative impacts to the hard working men and women at the port, as well as surrounding communities and local economy.

For these reasons I respectfully request that you take action to stay this permit. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan Rubio". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Susan Rubio
State Senator, 22nd District

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