

September 17, 2019

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Port of Los Angeles ("POLA")

Port of Long Beach ("POLB")

Dear Sirs:

On behalf of the City of Carson, I wish to express the Carson City Council's desire for the Port of _____ to provide grant opportunities that would benefit Carson residents, particularly in the area of traffic improvements. The letter points out that their grant programs never enable Carson to apply for anything meaningful to help address the impact on our streets caused by trucking businesses that service the ports.

The City acknowledges that port has an ambitious, multi-million dollar community grant program designed to mitigate some of the negative health- and environmental effects of your operations. Additionally, we understand that there are numerous programs designed to help the port and its acquire and operate cleaner vehicles, as a way of reducing air quality impacts from the port. These efforts are well appreciated. However, to date, there have not been any new opportunities for Carson to benefit from this program in the area it needs most: repair of streets and road infrastructure due to heavy truck usage.

We are urging you, on behalf of the 93,000 residents in the City of Carson, to consider traffic impacts – beyond vehicle replacement and greenhouse gas reduction – to be an eligible category of funding under the programs. This would include road and street repair and other associated impacts from vehicle usage.

Carson is the community it is because of its proximity to both ports. Our warehouses are full and we are considered the single best location in the United States for goods movement and logistics. However, that honor comes at a high price for our residents: heavy trucks damage our streets, disrupt the peace and quiet of residential communities, and impact public health through diesel and particulate pollution. Carson has been an incorporated city for 51 years and those impacts have accelerated over that time due to the tremendous success of the ports. For that entire period Carson has asked for relief, which has never come. Meanwhile the port administers a grant

program that does not provide relief to one of its most impacted populations: the residents of Carson.

I would be pleased to have the City Manager arrange a meeting with your staff and grant program administrators to have you explain the grant program to us, and to express our desires and concerns about the potential for mitigation.

Sincerely,

Albert Robles

Mayor