

August 2, 2022

State of California Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board  
320 West Fourth Street, Suite 200  
Los Angeles, CA 90013

**RE: LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE PROPOSED \$17 MILLION PENALTY FOR THE OWNERS AND OPERATORS OF THE WAREHOUSE RELATED TO THE FIRE THAT POLLUTED THE DOMINGUEZ CHANNEL AND CAUSED WIDESPREAD NOXIOUS ODOR IN CARSON AND SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES**

Dear State of California Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board:

The Carson City Council offers our full support for the proposed \$17 million fine that may be imposed by your Board upon the owners and operators of the warehouse facility responsible for the pollution that led to the hydrogen sulfide odors that emanated for miles from the Dominguez Channel Estuary in fall 2021. The undue suffering of our beloved Carson community because of this crisis, compounded with the existing multitude of negative environmental impacts already faced by our residents, was grievous and completely unacceptable.

On behalf of our community, we cannot thank you enough for the considerable amount of time and resources the Los Angeles Water Board has already spent on investigating the hydrogen sulfide odors. Furthermore, we are grateful for your continued effort to ensure justice by making those responsible accountable for their actions. In addition to the egregious impact of the odor on the residents of Carson and surrounding communities, the environmental degradation resulting from this crisis was tragic and deplorable. We cannot and will not tolerate the discharge of over 6 million gallons of polluted water, including hazardous substances, into the Dominguez Channel Estuary.

We recognize that if the proposed penalties are adopted by the Los Angeles Water Board during its October 12, 2022, meeting, this fine will be the largest penalties your Board has ever imposed. We believe this fine is not only appropriate but also necessary to ensure that another similar crisis never occurs in the City of Carson nor any nearby community ever again. For these reasons, the City of Carson stands in full support of the \$17 million proposed penalty. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Michael George in our City Manager's Office at 310-952-1731 or [mgeorge@carsonca.gov](mailto:mgeorge@carsonca.gov).

Sincerely,

City Council