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1 RESOLUTION NO. C- 28512

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3 RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
4 OF LONG BEACH URGING THE UNITED STATES TO
5 RATIFY ANNEX VI OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION
6 FOR THE PREVENTION OF MARINE POLLUTION FROM
7 SHIPS

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9 WHEREAS, the International Maritime Organization ("IMO") has
10 developed various international conventions relating to shipping engaged in
11 international trade; and

12 WHEREAS, the International Convention for the Prevention of Marine
13 Pollution From Ships ("MARPOL") went into effect on October 2, 1983; and

14 WHEREAS, annexes are periodically added to MARPOL to address
15 additional issues; and

16 WHEREAS, MARPOL Annex VI is entitled Regulations for the Prevention
17 of Air Pollution From Ships ("Annex VI"); and

18 WHEREAS, Annex VI has been ratified by various countries whose
19 combined fleets of merchant shipping constitute more than 50% of the world fleet; and

20 WHEREAS, Annex VI will go into effect on May 19, 2005; and

21 WHEREAS, the United States Environmental Protection Agency has
22 prepared the documentation for submission of Annex VI by the President to the Senate
23 for advice and consent on ratification and has stated that adoption of international
24 standards has the potential to maximize emission reductions from vessels; and

25 WHEREAS, the United States has not yet ratified Annex VI; and

26 WHEREAS, Annex VI sets limits on sulfur oxide and nitrogen oxide
27 emissions from vessel exhaust; and

28 WHEREAS, ratification of Annex VI will enable the United States to

