



MAYOR ROBERT GARCIA
CITY OF LONG BEACH

June 1, 2022

The Honorable Nancy Skinner
Chair, Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee
1021 O Street, Room 8630
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Phil Ting
Chair, Assembly Budget Committee
1021 O Street, Room 8230
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support for \$110 million for the Goods Movement Workforce Training Campus in the San Pedro Bay Port Complex

On behalf of the City of Long Beach, I write in support of the Governor's supply chain funding package, including \$110 million for the Goods Movement Workforce Training Campus in the San Pedro Bay Port Complex. This project—a collaborative partnership between the Port of Long Beach, International Longshore and Warehouse Union (ILWU), Pacific Maritime Association (PMA), Port of Los Angeles, and other supply chain labor partners—will advance workforce training while accelerating the deployment of human-operated, zero-emission equipment and technologies at the ports. The Long Beach City Council voted on May 17, 2022, to support funding for this project in the FY 23 State Budget.

The facility will help trainees learn how to build, repair, maintain, and operate new and emerging technologies that combat climate change. The creation of real terminals at the Goods Movement Workforce Training Campus will result in trainees getting more undivided attention and training time without disrupting the flow of goods at actual port terminals, which will result in better-trained staff, better safety records, and more efficient and faster movement of goods. Trainees will also get to test and operate emerging ZE emissions technology that will be demonstrated at the site.

California must prepare the next generation of the supply chain workforce to help ports meet current and future consumer demands and ambitious zero-emissions (ZE) goals. Investments in the Governor's supply chain funding package will help bridge the supply chain workforce gap and create equitable job opportunities for the diverse communities adjacent to ports.

Thank you for your consideration of this critical project and funding proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Garcia".

Mayor Robert Garcia
City of Long Beach

cc: The Honorable Speaker Anthony Rendon, State Assembly
The Honorable Lena Gonzalez, State Senate, 33rd District
The Honorable Tom Umberg, State Senate, 34th District
The Honorable Steven Bradford, State Senate, 35th District
The Honorable Mike Gipson, State Assembly, 64th District
The Honorable Patrick O'Donnell, State Assembly, 70th District