



August 6, 2021

Chair Ben Benoit and Members
South Coast Air Quality Management District Board
South Coast Air Quality District
21865 Copley Drive
Diamond Bar, California 91765

SUBJECT: Support for Port MOU

Dear Chair Benoit and Members of the Board:

We are writing on behalf of the Valley Industry and Commerce Association (VICA) and all our members to express our support of the Clean Air Action Plan (CAAP) and opposition to a Port Indirect Source Rule (ISR).

The governing boards of the Port of Los Angeles and Long Beach adopted the 2017 CAAP update on November 2, 2017. The 2017 CAAP update document continues to drive emission reductions from mobile sources that operate in and around the Ports, continually demonstrating success since its inception in 2006.

The Ports and supply chain partners continue to favor a voluntary, cooperative approach to achieving lower emission standards rather than unnecessary oversight. Over the years, there has been exceptional air quality improvements all throughout the region, and the Ports have consistently proven themselves in achieving our goals set by the CAAP. We strongly urge this continued use of voluntary approach, which gives the ports a chance at achieving their goals and the liberty in performing their essential work. The Ports have kept their promise in updating the community by providing the opportunity to provide input at the Ports quarterly CAAP stakeholder meetings. A collaborative approach also means that grant funding is available to implement the CAAP. If the board approves rulemaking, this will be detrimental in achieving the necessary funding sources to help create and deploy the equipment needed to be a zero emissions Port by 2035.

Members of the business community rely heavily on the success of the Ports and the economic impact it has to small businesses and the local economy. The Ports are job creators for the region, and we must help the Port thrive as this contributes to the economic success of our local economies.

Finally, we hope that the Board will consider in working together in reducing emissions and creating a zero emissions future in a collaborative approach through a Port MOU.

Sincerely,

Brad Rosenheim
VICA Chair

Stuart Waldman
VICA President