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Board of Harbor Commissioners  
425 S. Palos Verdes Street  
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Dear Commissioners:

The Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council (CSPNC) thanks the Port of LA for its recent publication and release of the 2017 Air Emissions Inventory. After reviewing the information in the latest port emission report, it is understood by CSPNC that there are some improvements in emission reductions, but there is also a concern that many emission numbers are going up.

We also thank the authors for providing a ready comparison between 2016 and 2017. We note that fully half of the Air Quality measures increased; Sox, NOx, CO and CO2e, which includes critical greenhouse gases and lung irritants. This took place though container ship arrivals went down 8% or nearly 100 vessels, and all ship traffic likewise decreased. At the same time, TEUs rose, indicating containers are arriving on larger ships.

It is clear from the new report that port growth still means more year-to-year pollution and that the port has not met the challenge of decreasing air pollution overall as growth increases.

We also note with significant displeasure the misleading content of the [press release](#) that accompanied the report. The press release fails to mention at all that half the air quality measurement categories showed increases from 2016 to 2017. The release also continues the port's deceptive policy of making air quality improvement comparisons with 2005. While there is interesting and pertinent information in the release, the slant is unworthy of a public agency and especially a press release on a report that is designed to educate the public.

As a community next to the port we would like to know if there is anything we can do to help the port reach 100% zero emission as soon as possible, preferably long before 2035. We are especially concerned with the ships, whose emissions make up nearly 50% of the most harmful pollutants in our air.

Sincerely,

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President  
On behalf of the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council Board  
CC: Gene Seroka, Director

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