

## Communication from Public

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Breathe Southern California is in full support of this resolution calling for a transition to 100 percent zero emission shipping at the Port of Los Angeles by 2030. Breathe Southern California, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that promotes clean air and healthy lungs for all Southern California residents, thanks Councilmember Raman and Councilmember Koretz for their leadership on this important matter. This visionary resolution will help put Los Angeles on a path towards being a cleaner, healthier city. We agree with your findings that the shipping industry is a major contributor to the global climate crisis and acute pollution challenges in Los Angeles. It is critical that we pursue policies that will lead to both near-term and long-term emissions reductions. Encouraging, incentivizing and, ultimately, requiring 100 percent zero-emissions shipping is urgent. By 2023, the South Coast Air Quality Management District projects that ocean-going vessels will account for the majority of smog-forming NOx emissions in the South Coast Air Basin by 2023. The City of Los Angeles must do its part to address the climate crisis, implement policies that will reduce emissions, and get us closer to a zero-emissions future. Thank you for your leadership.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Christopher Chavez, Coalition for Clean Air

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**Comments for Public Posting:** On behalf of Coalition for Clean Air, we would like to express our support for File Item 21-0002-S175, which would prioritize zero-emissions shipping in the city's State Legislative Program. Further, this resolution would have the City of Los Angeles urge top maritime importers to use zero-emissions technology as well as commit the San Pedro Bay ports to zero-emissions shipping by 2030. The San Pedro Bay Ports are the single largest source of air pollution in Southern California. Not only is shipping a major source of climate-damaging greenhouse gas emissions, it is also the leading source of carcinogenic diesel particulate matter (DPM.) DPM is the primary air toxic containment both in Southern California and the state. Further, the ports are a major source of smog-forming pollutants such as oxides of nitrogen (NOx.) The South Coast Air Basin, which includes all of Los Angeles, fails to meet state and national air quality standards. As such, it should be no surprise that Southern California is home to some of the dirtiest air in the nation. Sadly, the results of the climate crisis and air pollution hit our most vulnerable communities the hardest. Not only must these communities contend with urban heat islands and poor quality housing with no insulation or air conditioning, but their risk for cancer, cardiovascular and pulmonary diseases and other illnesses is increased because of air pollution. Coupled with other factors such as the lack of healthcare access, gainful employment opportunities and other structural inequalities, these communities - which are predominately low-income and comprised by people of color, are suffering from poorer health, a worse quality of life and a reduced lifespan. File Item 21-0002-S175 should be a starting point for a broader effort to correct the harms from the goods movement industry. We urge the City of Los Angeles to take a more active hand in addressing port pollution. The negotiations for a Memorandum of Understanding between the ports and the South Coast Air Quality Management District continues to languish, with the ports continuing to slow progress and negotiate in bad faith (even then, environmental and community advocates view the voluntary MOU approach as weak.) Meanwhile, the ports have missed opportunities to turnover diesel trucks and deploy cleaner technologies and support infrastructure. While the ports were leaders 15 years ago, other ports - both in California and

around the world, have committed to bolder action to reduce air pollution. For these reasons, we support File Item 21-0002-S175.  
-Christopher Chavez Deputy Policy Director