

Communication from Public

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Council File No: 25-0002-S85
Comments for Public Posting: On behalf of the Pacific Merchant Shipping Association (PMSA) President Mike Jacob, attached is a letter in opposition to Council file #25-0002-S85

October 6, 2025

The Honorable Members of Los Angeles City Council
200 N. Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Subject: Council Motion 25-0002-S85

On behalf of the members of the Pacific Merchant Shipping Association (PMSA), which include ocean carriers and marine terminals operating at California's public seaports, we respectfully request the Council not approve a proposed resolution in support of California State Bill SB 34 (Richardson).

The adoption of a Port Indirect Source Rule (Port ISR) by the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) poses a significant threat to California's maritime industry and broader economy. PMSA has been working to advance an alternative approach that addresses air quality concerns without crippling port competitiveness, jobs, or state revenues.

While business and environmental groups may approach SB 34 from different perspectives, both recognize that the bill undermines the ongoing cooperative agreement negotiations between the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach and the SCAQMD. Passage of SB 34 at this stage risks undercutting the parties' positions and forcing premature decisions.

Importantly, on August 1, 2025, the SCAQMD Board agreed to pause rulemaking to give these negotiations a legitimate chance. On Friday, October 3, 2025, the AQMD Board reaffirmed its position by an 8-1 vote to move forward with negotiating a Cooperative Agreement with the Ports and Cities of Los Angeles and Long Beach, further underscoring that SB 34 is unnecessary.

At stake in this negotiation are two of California's most vital interests: jobs and clean air. Ports are the state's economic lifeblood, directly and indirectly supporting millions of jobs and generating billions in tax revenue, while also working toward meaningful emissions reductions. We urge the Council not to support SB 34 and instead allow the cooperative process already underway to continue.

Sincerely,



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President

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Comments for Public Posting: Please find attached the Supply Chain Federation comments in opposition. Thank you.

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The Honorable Members of the Los Angeles City Council
200 N. Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Subject: Council Motion 25-0002-S85 - OPPOSE

Dear Councilmembers:

On behalf of the Supply Chain Federation (SCF) — representing ports, warehouses, trucking, rail, logistics providers, and the essential workers who keep America's supply chains moving — we respectfully urge the Council not to approve the proposed resolution in support of SB 34 (Richardson).

The South Coast Air Quality Management District's proposed Port Indirect Source Rule (Port ISR) poses serious risks to the competitiveness of the San Pedro Bay complex and to California's broader goods-movement economy. Rather than building upon the progress already being achieved through public-private collaboration, SB 34 would undermine the ongoing cooperative agreement between the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach and the AQMD — a partnership that has delivered more than 90% reductions in key pollutants since 2005 through technology investment, operational innovation, and shared accountability.

Importantly, the AQMD Board voted 8-1 on October 3 to continue these negotiations and move forward with a Cooperative Agreement — reaffirming that a legislative mandate like SB 34 is both unnecessary and counterproductive. Adopting this Council resolution at such a critical moment would send the wrong signal to the communities depending on a balanced, workable path forward.

The Supply Chain Federation strongly supports continued emissions reductions and zero-emission readiness — but through collaborative, enforceable frameworks that deliver results without jeopardizing jobs, port throughput, or supply chain stability. We urge the Council to allow these ongoing discussions between the Ports and AQMD to continue without political interference and decline to endorse SB 34.

Thank you for your consideration and for your leadership in supporting both clean air and economic vitality for the Los Angeles region.

Sincerely,



Sarah Wiltfong
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Supply Chain Federation