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The Honorable Marqueece Harris-Dawson
Chair, Rules, Elections & Intergovernmental Relations Committee
Los Angeles City Hall
200 N. Spring Street, Room 450
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: Charter Reform Recommendations & Port of Los Angeles Items (CFs 26-0489; 25-0118)

Dear Chair Harris-Dawson:

I write regarding the proposed Los Angeles Charter Reform Commission final report and the pending infrastructure and Port-related items before the Committee. This package includes meaningful reforms that would strengthen the City's long-term approach to infrastructure planning and public investment, including the advancement and codification of Capital Infrastructure Plan (CIP) principles into the City Charter (CRC 2).

I appreciate the inclusion of the Port-related provisions on today's agenda, as they reflect an important responsibility of the City to ensure that Port growth and modernization continue to benefit the workers and surrounding communities that have long supported the Port's success for generations. Embedding these principles into the Charter would help protect those commitments over the long term by establishing a clearer framework for public investment, accountability, workforce considerations, and community benefit.

Over the past three years, my office has worked closely with the Port of Los Angeles (POLA), community stakeholders, labor representatives, and City staff to explore reforms intended to protect workers, strengthen surrounding communities, and ensure that public investment around the Waterfront remains a lasting City priority. That work has primarily included efforts to codify the existing Public Access Investment Plan (PAIP) into the Charter, as well as examining ways to improve the City's ability to quantify and disclose the workforce impacts of Port leases and modernization efforts (Council File 25-0118). While some Port-related proposals before the Committee are further along in development than others, I appreciate the Chief Legislative Analyst's effort to compile these related concepts into a broader conversation about governance and long-term planning. I look forward to working on these matters in the near future.

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In particular, the Port's PAIP reflects a planning framework already underway and functions in many ways as a long-term capital investment strategy for the Port. The PAIP serves a similar function for POLA's public access improvements as the CIP does for the City's broader capital infrastructure projects. Codifying these principles reinforces the City's commitment to improving access to and around the Port, strengthening mobility and connectivity, and ensuring that Port investments continue to deliver meaningful benefits to surrounding communities. These investments are essential not only to maintaining the Port's role as a global economic engine, but also to improving quality of life, economic opportunity, and public access for the surrounding communities in the Harbor Area that are critical to making that success possible.

I also appreciate the Committee's consideration of additional leasing policy language related to workforce protections and transparency. Specifically, I remain supportive of ensuring that public resources are not used to subsidize, accelerate, or advance non-human operated automation that results in job loss or job displacement. I further support requiring more robust quantification and disclosure of projected job impacts and workforce impacts as it relates to approvals for any lease, lease extension, or amendment, or proposed development of Harbor Department property. I believe this will bring greater transparency for policymakers and the public and will allow for a more comprehensive evaluation of the broader economic implications of those decisions.

These proposals reflect the City's longstanding responsibility to balance economic competitiveness and modernization with good-paying jobs, responsible stewardship of public resources, and sustained investment in the communities that make the Port's success possible.

Thank you for your consideration of these important matters.

Sincerely,



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