



# CENTRAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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Re: Clean Air Action Plan (CAAP) Comments

The Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council supports the Ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles completely switching to sustainable and zero emission operating technologies. However, our community cannot wait until the 2035 zero emission goal to breathe less polluted air.

There are numerous sustainable technologies that will become commercially available within the next five years, one of which is renewable natural gas.

The Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council supports both ports completely phasing out diesel engines in all operations within five years. Trucks and other equipment that use diesel are one of the largest land sources of particulate matter and pollution in the Los Angeles Harbor Area.

Furthermore, to honor California and Los Angeles' goals to become more sustainable, we stress the importance of using renewable natural gas before natural gas from fossil fuel sources.

The City of Los Angeles is currently a source of renewable natural gas; its Terminal Island Renewable Energy and Digester Gas Utilization projects already natural gas from wastewater.

Los Angeles will also increase its supply of natural gas. One of the city's' sustainability plans includes the Solid Waste Integrated Resource Plan. Part of that plan is to divert 90 percent of waste from landfills by 2025. In order to do this, the Department of Sanitation will expand the collection of organic waste, including food waste. This waste can be harnessed to produce natural gas.

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The Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council urges the Port of Los Angeles to utilize these and other sources of natural gas from the city's waste stream.

However, even the combustion of renewable natural gas produces emissions. The council does not want a renewable gas industry to become entrenched in the ports' operations. Zero emissions should remain the ultimate goal at the port. To this end, the council requests periodic meetings with POLA, to evaluate if zero emission technologies are becoming available sooner than current benchmarks state.

The council also urges the POLA to establish an MOU to ensure shared oversight between neighborhood councils and the port.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Christian Guzman', written in a cursive style.

Christian Louis Guzman  
Board Member and President  
On behalf of the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council