Environmental Health Coalition
RECOMMENDED ADDITIONAL PORT VISION GUIDELINE

Clean Air, Healthy Communities, and Environmental Justice

The Port values its neighboring communities and is committed to ensuring their health and well-being. The Port has taken a number of proactive actions to address the negative impacts on Barrio Logan and Old Town National City, which experience some of the highest cumulative pollution impacts in the state. These actions have included the Maritime Terminal Impacts Fund (MTIF), Drayage Truck Program, Transition Zone Policy and others. The Port’s vision includes continued action, planning, and development in this direction over the next 50 years. The Port supports the state’s direction to improve conditions in environmental justice communities, including Barrio Logan and Old Town National City. The Port commits to taking all available action to reduce the cumulative health burdens on its neighbors as the Port grows and develops to improve current conditions.

Discussion Points

• Ensure that Port and Tenant activities operate in a manner that does not cause health risks to neighboring communities.
• Ensure that necessary actions to reduce air pollution and public health risks are imbedded in and funded in planning for growth, operational actions, rent considerations, and leases.
• Adopt the goals of the Air Resources Board Sustainable Freight Strategy to move goods more efficiently and with zero/near zero emissions, transition to cleaner, renewable transportation energy sources, and support healthy, livable communities in a Clean Air and Clean Freight Funding Plan.
• Act to improve air quality, public health, and quality of life in the communities of Barrio Logan and Old Town National City and other impacted areas.
• Require future goods movement and continued industrial operations to reduce air pollution, traffic, and health risks to impacted communities.
• Address environmental justice in Port Master Plan and planning actions.
• Ensure that port planning, leasing, and other actions include energy efficiency and development of cleaner energy sources as standard conditions.