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Honorable Members of the
City Council of the
City of Los Angeles

CD No. 15

Attention: Mr. Michael Espinosa, City Clerk's Office

Subject: RESOLUTION NO. 24-10366 – APPROVE PERMANENT ORDER TO AMEND PORT OF LOS ANGELES TARIFF NO. 4, "GENERAL RATE INCREASE"

Pursuant to Section 653(a) of the City Charter, enclosed for your approval is Resolution No. 24-10366 authorizing Permanent Order No. 24-7370 to amend Port of Los Angeles Tariff No. 4 (Tariff) to increase rated tariff items based on the West Region Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U). The California Association of Port Authorities (CAPA), of which the Port of Los Angeles (Port) is a member, adopted an annual general rate increase (GRI) methodology for tariffs based on the CPI-U. The Bureau of Labor Statistics has identified a 3.6 percent increase in the CPI-U for the 12-month period ending December 2023. On July 20, 2023, the Board approved Order No. 23-7348, which was approved by City Council Ordinance No. 188194, adopting a 6.2 percent GRI through CAPA, effective September 1, 2023, applicable to Tariff No. 4 rated items, excluding rated tariff items that already had a scheduled rate increase. The proposed CAPA GRI, effective July 1, 2024, of 3.6 percent, is applicable to almost all POLA Tariff rated items, excluding rated tariff items that have a scheduled rate increase as of the effective date. A separate action recommends a Temporary Order to make changes to Tariff No. 4 within the Board's authority to adopt rates for up to 90-days, with any rates to be effective beyond the 90-days requiring this Permanent Order and Ordinance to be approved by the City Council. There is no impact to the General Fund.

RECOMMENDATION FOR CITY COUNCIL:

1. ADOPT the determination by the Board of Harbor Commissioners that the proposed action is categorically exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") under Article III Class 1(31) of the Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines; and
2. APPROVE POLA Resolution No. 24-10366 and Permanent Order No. 24-7370 to amend Port of Los Angeles Tariff No. 4 increasing rates to Section Four "Dockage", Items 450 & 480; Section Five "Wharfage", Items 550-001 through 550- 801; Section Seven "Free Time, Wharf Demurrage, and Wharf Storage", Items 780 and 790; Section Nine "Container Cranes" Item 900; Section Eleven "Charges for Occupancy of Office Space, etc. In Transit Sheds and on Wharves and Wharf Premises", Item 1100; Section Twelve "Water and Electricity", Item 1200; Section Fifteen "Public Landings", Items 1525 & 1530; Section Eighteen "General Rules and Regulations – Miscellaneous", Item 1802; and Section Nineteen "Commercial Fishing Vessel", Items 1910 & 1930, subject to the California Association of Port Authorities' review and approval, and authorize the Executive Director to work with the California Association of Port Authorities to secure this approval or proceed to take independent action in accordance with the California Association of Port Authorities' procedure.

Respectfully Submitted,

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