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January 29, 2024

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

CD No. 15

Attention: Mr. Andrew Suh, City Clerk's Office

Subject: RESOLUTION NO. 23-10208 – WAIVING POTENTIAL CONFLICT FOR BURKE, WILLIAMS & SORENSEN, LLP'S JOINT REPRESENTATION OF CITY AND VOPAK TERMINAL LOS ANGELES INC.

Enclosed for your approval is Resolution No. 23-10208, authorizing a conflict-of-interest waiver with Burke, Williams & Sorensen, LLP (Burke Williams) which will allow Burke Williams to jointly represent the Harbor Department and Vopak Terminal Los Angeles in Sanchez v. City of Los Angeles, et al., Case No. 23LBCV00788. The Board of Harbor Commissioners approved this proposed waiver at their meeting on July 20, 2023. The waiver is not anticipated to have a financial impact on the Harbor Department, nor the General Fund.

RECOMMENDATION FOR CITY COUNCIL:

1. ADOPT the determination by the Board of Harbor Commissioners that the proposed action is administratively exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") under Article II Section 2(f) of the Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines; and
2. APPROVE POLA Resolution No. 23-10208 to formally authorize the Office of the City Attorney to execute a conflict waiver for any potential conflict that might arise from Burke, Williams & Sorensen, LLP's joint representation of Harbor Department.

Respectfully Submitted,

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cc: Trade, Travel & Tourism Committee
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