



Port of Oakland
530 Water St.
Oakland, CA 94607
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RE: Letter of support for the Port of Oakland's Application to the 2024 EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant

Dear Port of Oakland Staff:

This document serves as the West Oakland Cultural Action Network's (WOCAN) Letter of Support for the Port of Oakland's (Port) grant application: *Transforming Power: Advancing Zero Emission Cargo Handling Equipment with Infrastructure at the Port of Oakland (Project)* in response to the EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program.

The Project will allow the Port to advance its strategic vision of fully decarbonizing Port activities. Specifically, this Project will install and improve critical infrastructure to the Port's electrical distribution grid, including upgraded substations, circuits, and other gear to accommodate anticipated increases in power usage. As a result, this Project will support climate adaptation and emissions reductions initiatives which are of benefit to vulnerable and underserved communities. This Project is further consistent with plans such as California Air Resource Board Priority Climate Action Plan, West Oakland Community Action Plan, and the Seaport Air Quality 2020 and Beyond Plan.

WOCAN supports missions that preserve and uplift the cultural, environmental, economic, political and social conditions of the Hoover, Clawson and McClymonds neighborhoods. As a cultural action network, we deliberately use well-designed methodologies that capture and record the cultural heritage of African Americans located in Northwest Oakland. We believe that culture independently influences action. We cultivate structural opportunities for action

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that create new opportunities for systematic, differentiated resolutions that determine our culture's causal role in shaping action.

WOCAN supports the Port's progress towards investments in improving its infrastructure to support conversion of diesel-powered equipment to battery-electric technology and encourages the EPA to continue investing in projects that reduce air quality impacts on vulnerable and underserved communities.

Sincerely,

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WOCAN