



MAYOR REX RICHARDSON

March 25, 2024

The Honorable Rick Chavez Zbur
California State Assembly
1021 O Street, Suite 4250
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Josh Lowenthal
California State Assembly
1021 O Street, Suite 5130
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Jim Wood
California State Assembly
1021 O Street, Suite 8320
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support for AB 2208 (Zbur, Lowenthal, and Wood)—California Ports Development and Offshore Wind Infrastructure Bond Act of 2024

Dear Assemblymembers Zbur, Lowenthal, and Wood:

On behalf of the City of Long Beach (City), I write in support of AB 2208, which would place a \$1 billion bond before voters aimed at helping ports build capacity for offshore wind energy projects off the California coast.

California is taking unprecedented steps to address pollution and accelerate the transition to clean energy. Working in alignment with California's goal of producing 25 gigawatts of floating offshore wind by 2045, the Port of Long Beach (POLB) proposes to construct Pier Wind, a 400-acre terminal purpose-built for the staging, integration, and fabricating the foundation of floating offshore wind turbines in the Long Beach Outer Harbor. The Pier Wind project will help California harness the powerful wind in deep waters to generate renewable energy while enhancing air quality by reducing reliance on fossil fuels.

The City supports the development of the POLB's Pier Wind project to accommodate the assembly of offshore wind turbines on the West Coast. The Pier Wind project would be the largest facility at any U.S. seaport specifically designed to accommodate the assembly of offshore wind turbines. Additional state investment will help fund the POLB's \$4.7 billion Pier Wind project.

For these reasons, the City supports AB 2208.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rex Richardson", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Mayor Rex Richardson
City of Long Beach

cc: The Honorable Lena Gonzalez, State Senate, 33rd District
The Honorable Mike Gipson, State Assembly, 65th District