

RESOLUTION NO. 7625

**CITY OF SOUTH GATE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY, CALIFORNIA**

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH GATE
SUPPORTING H.R. 5101 (CA-HAHN) PASSING
THE NATIONAL FREIGHT NETWORK TRUST ACT OF 2014**

WHEREAS, the City of South Gate is located 20 miles from the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach, the two busiest ports in the United States that process over 14 million shipment containers combined a year; and

WHEREAS, the area surrounding the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach is directly impacted by the economic activity that both ports generate on a local, regional, national, and global level; and

WHEREAS, located in the City's limits is Interstate 710, which provides direct access to the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach and is frequented by thousands of freight shipping trucks traveling through the City on a daily basis; and

WHEREAS, the railways in the City are interconnected to the network of freight movements in and out of the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach and throughout the region; and

WHEREAS, there is increased competition both nationally and internationally to the goods movement business that requires dedicated resources to efficiently improve freight transportation and the infrastructure that supports it; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to create a dedicated funding source to better serve roads and railways that connect the freight network to the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach; and

WHEREAS, a lack of significant infrastructure investment in the region has significant costs that impact traffic congestion on our local roads, highways, and railways; and

WHEREAS, the National Freight Network Trust Act of 2014, as introduced by House Representative Janice Hahn, aims to make the necessary investments to sustain the viability of the transportation infrastructure network that surrounds the City, state, and nation; and

WHEREAS, the United States Customs and Border Protection collects an estimated \$38 billion annually; and

WHEREAS, the trust would transfer 5-percent of all import duties collected by United States Customs and Border Protection, generating nearly \$1.9 billion annually; and

WHEREAS, the trust will provide grant funding programs to state, regional, and local transportation authorities to invest in critical freight network infrastructure improvements; and

WHEREAS, critical freight network infrastructure projects include dedicated truck lanes on highways, better bridges, and on-dock rail that would speed the goods movement and reduce congestion on the roadways surrounding South Gate, the region, state, and nation; and

WHEREAS, all levels of government serve a vital role in freight movement and a dedicated funding source is needed to support goods movement-related projects that can provide economic, environmental, and quality of life benefits both locally and nationally; and

WHEREAS, the South Gate community would be greatly impacted by improvements made to the roads, railways, and ports that surround the City through the passage of the National Freight Network Trust Act of 2014;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH GATE DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City Council hereby supports H.R. 5101 (CA-Hahn) passing the National Freight Network Trust Act of 2014.

SECTION 2. A certified copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to House Representative Janice Hahn, 44th District of California.

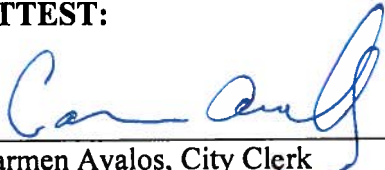
SECTION 3. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Resolution which shall be effective upon its adoption.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 9th day of September, 2014.

CITY OF SOUTH GATE:

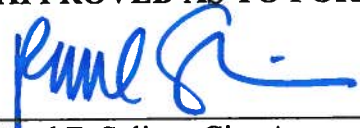

Henry C. Gonzalez, Mayor

ATTEST:


Carmen Avalos, City Clerk

(SEAL)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Raul F. Salinas City Attorney


RESOLUTION CERTIFICATION PAGE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES) SS
CITY OF SOUTH GATE)

I, Carmen Avalos, City Clerk of the City of South Gate, California, hereby certify that the whole number of Members of the City Council of said City is five; that Resolution No. 7625 was adopted by the City Council at their Regular Meeting held on September 9, 2014, by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Members: Gonzalez, Morales, Davila, Hurtado and De Witt
Noes: Council Members: None
Absent: Council Members: None
Abstain: Council Members: None

Witness my hand and the seal of said City on September 11, 2014.



Carmen Avalos, City Clerk
City of South Gate, California