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EXTRACT OF THE OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE PARISH OF ST. BERNARD, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE ST. BERNARD PARISH GOVERNMENT COMPLEX, 8201 WEST JUDGE PEREZ DRIVE, CHALMETTE, LOUISIANA ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 3, 2021 AT SEVEN O'CLOCK P.M.

On motion Mr. Everhardt, seconded by Mr. Luna, it was moved to **adopt** the following resolution:

RESOLUTION SBPC #2159-08-21

A RESOLUTION TO OPPOSE THE PORT NOLA'S LOUISIANA INTERNATIONAL TERMINAL (LIT) IN ST. BERNARD PARISH.

WHEREAS, the health, safety, and wellbeing of St. Bernard Parish residents are of the utmost importance to this council, who serve the best interests of our community; and,

WHEREAS, the current proposal for the Louisiana International Terminal (LIT) will result in devastating environmental damage to our wetlands, on which our parish depends for flood protection, drainage, the protection of our wildlife, and the preservation of our region's natural beauty; and,

WHEREAS, port-related traffic will generate an unprecedented and insupportable burden on residential roads not rated for heavy freight and create hazardous driving conditions for our residents, as well as significant noise pollution without adequate buffer zones from rail, road, and ship traffic; and,

WHEREAS, the harmful emissions, chemicals, and potential hazardous materials inherent to the port maintenance and commerce will negatively impact the health of our residents, especially children, the elderly, and those with pre-existing and underlying health conditions, and may contribute to long-term diseases like cancer, respiratory illnesses, and other ailments; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed location of the container yard and warehouses targets a predominantly African American neighborhood in Violet, Louisiana, forces the relocation of a historic black school, and disrupts the sanctity and tranquility of a historic African American cemetery; and,

WHEREAS, elected state officials privy to the planning and development of this port expansion in St. Bernard Parish should address the questions, concerns, and will of their constituents regarding any project yielding such a local impact; and,



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WHEREAS, the parish will not adequately benefit from the long-term economic gains achieved by the Louisiana International Terminal or receive any significant tax revenue from the port site; and,

WHEREAS, proximity to the Louisiana International Terminal's industrial site will decrease property values in nearby residential neighborhoods; and,

WHEREAS, the diversion of St. Bernard Highway to bypass the port will impact a state road designated a scenic byway by the United States Department of Transportation and impede the safe travel and commute of our residents as well as those in Plaquemines Parish; and,

WHEREAS, the every effort towards the protection of our residents' homes and businesses from flooding should be most assured, the Port of New Orleans' Louisiana International Terminal will result in the loss of more than 350 acres of wetlands, on which residents depend to absorb rainwater; and,

WHEREAS, the immeasurable quality of life which attracts residents, families, businesses, and visitors to our beautiful St. Bernard Parish should be most guaranteed through every effort possible.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Bernard Parish Council, the Governing Authority, does hereby proclaim their opposition to the Port of New Orleans' intended expansion for the Louisiana International Terminal (LIT) in St. Bernard Parish.

The above and foregoing having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereupon resulted as follows:

YEAS: McCloskey, Moran, Luna, Alcon, Everhardt, Callais

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The Council Chair, Mr. Lewis, cast his vote as **YEA**.

And the motion was declared **adopted** on the 3rd day of August, 2021.



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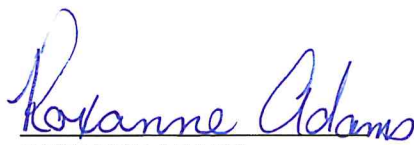
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CERTIFICATE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of a motion adopted at a Regular Meeting of the Council of the Parish of St. Bernard, held at Chalmette, Louisiana, on Tuesday, August 3, 2021.

Witness my hand and the seal
of the Parish of St. Bernard on
this 3rd day of August, 2021.


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