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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 MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 2024 AT SEVEN O'CLOCK P.M.

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

RESOLUTION SBPC #2348-01-24

A RESOLUTION TO OPPOSE THE PORT NOLA'S LOUISIANA INTERNATIONAL TERMINAL PROJECT (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 Port of New Orleans lists as a competitive advantage over other competing ports the connectivity to all 5 major railroads; the lack of a comprehensive rail solution for the LIT project is of particular concern; and,

WHEREAS, the single rail spike that exists in St Bernard Parish is currently impeding vehicular traffic, and rail overpasses are decidedly detrimental to economic and residential development, the environmental concerns associated with an insufficient rail solution would be disastrous for St Bernard Parish; 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,



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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,

WHEREAS, the parish will not adequately benefit from the long-term economic gains achieved by the Louisiana International Terminal as the Port of New Orleans is a political subdivision of the state and is exempt from ad valorem taxes by law, and;

WHEREAS, proximity to the Louisiana International Terminal's industrial site will negatively impact ingress and egress to adjacent neighborhoods and could decrease property values and quality of life; and,

WHEREAS, if the LIT project is permitted as originally submitted, 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 guaranteed.

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 Project (LIT) in St. Bernard Parish.



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

YEAS: Cusimano, Moran, Meyer, Randall, Mones, McCloskey

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

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

And the motion was declared **adopted** on the 22nd day of January, 2024.

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 Monday, January 22, 2024.

Witness my hand and the seal
of the Parish of St. Bernard on
this 22nd day of January, 2024.

ROXANNE ADAMS
CLERK OF COUNCIL