

# Coalition For A Safe Environment

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Los Angeles City Council  
C/O City Clerk  
200 N. Main Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Clean Up Green Up Motion – CF 11-0112

Su: Letter of Support in Favor of Motion

Dear Councilmembers:

The Coalition For A Safe Environment wishes to submit this Letter of Support in favor of the Green Up Clean Up Motion CF 11-0112 on behalf of our more than 250 Wilmington resident members and over 500 Los Angeles city residents. We request that the Los Angeles City Council and the Planning & Land Use Management Committee (PLUM) vote Yes in Favor of Motion CF 11-0112.

The Coalition For A Safe Environment (CFASE) was founded by Wilmington residents in 2001 to address significant negative environmental, public health and public safety issues in Wilmington from numerous industries. CFASE has had over 10 years of success working with the City of Los Angeles and Port of Los Angeles in finding solutions to many difficult problems.

The new 30 acre Wilmington Waterfront Park is an excellent example how Wilmington residents and the Port of Los Angeles were able to create an environmental and public safety buffer zone. Our past Councilwoman Janice Hahn worked with Wilmington residents to address the issues of the numerous Container Storage Yards that were located in and near residential homes. She requested temporary one year moratorium on permits to allow a city planning taskforce to research the issue. It was discovered that there were 17 illegal operating storage yards, the city had outdated zoning and CUP conditions. Today there is now a check list for different types of storage yards and each has its own unique requirements.

Wilmington is a low income community which now realizes that we deserve an opportunity to improve our community and quality of life. We now propose to limit the number and types of industries that come into our community.

Wilmington no longer wants to be called the “Diesel Death Zone” due the highest air pollution rates in the South Coast Air Quality Management District. Wilmington residents and children no longer want to suffer from high rates of asthma, lung cancer, leukemia, lymphoma, COPD and many other diseases.

Wilmington is one of three pilot project communities in the Green Up Clean Up (CUGU) Motion. CFASE a Wilmington community organization is one of the three co-sponsors of the Green Up Clean Up (CUGU) Motion.

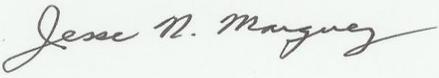
The Green Up Clean Up Motion allows the city planning department to research and recommend a framework of potential new policies, best practices and conditional use permit requirements in three pilot communities who have suffered from the cumulative impact of numerous dangerous, hazardous and toxic industries.

To support the Green Up Clean Up Motion we have also helped create a free business Green Guideline which a business can use to find numerous city, county, regional, state and federal agency financial resources and incentives to Green Up their business. Neither the City of Los Angeles or the Chamber of Commerce has a better reference guideline.

The Coalition For A Safe Environment has worked for over three years in researching and preparing our proposal. We have made presentations, held public meetings and passed out information to numerous Wilmington organizations, churches, public schools, individuals, community leaders and businesses. We have the support of over 1,500 Wilmington residents and over 40 local businesses.

In conclusion, we request that the Los Angeles City Council and the Planning & Land Use Management Committee (PLUM) vote Yes in Favor of Motion CF 11-0112.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jesse N. Marquez". The signature is written in black ink on a light green rectangular background.

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