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California Coastal Commission  
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**RE: Support for Magnolia Tank Farm Project - Huntington Beach, CA**

Dear Chairwoman Brownsey and Commissioners,

The California Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (CHCC) supports the goal of building 2.5 million new homes in California by 2030 and the building of 180,000 new homes in Orange County. The Magnolia Tank Farm Project (MTF) in Huntington Beach is making a meaningful contribution toward Orange County's Regional Housing Needs Allocation requirement; we urge the commission to support and assist MTF Project efforts.

The CHCC recognizes the impacts of climate change and the concerns over sea level rise on the coast. However, amid California's ongoing and growing housing and affordability crisis, it is critical to take a science-based and needs-based approach to housing and the impacts of climate change, including fires, floods, drought, and earthquakes. The MTF project is protected by existing flood control infrastructure which has been put in place to reduce the risk of flooding to the local community and critical infrastructure and is maintained by the Orange County Flood Control District, which has ensured the protection of the community against flood for nearly 100 years. According to the analysis, the risk of flooding to the project and the community is minimal.

Governor Newsom recently affirmed his desire to balance housing and environmental policy by stating, "wildfire resilience must become a more consistent part of land use and development decisions. However, it must be done while meeting our housing needs." Governor Newsom stated this regarding a climate threat that California faces every year, with increasing severity. However, the impediments to building along the coast result from forecasted impacts 50, 100, and 200 years in the future.

The CHCC and its members represent the interests of more than 815,000 Hispanic-owned businesses in California. The CHCC serves as the voice of California's diverse small business community, bringing the issues and needs impacting Hispanic and diverse small businesses and communities to the forefront of California and National economic agendas.

Supporting housing affordability and availability in California is a top CHCC priority. As part of our efforts to promote policies that enhance the affordability and availability of housing, we contemporaneously work to ensure that policies for land use are implemented to ensure that California can achieve its Sustainable Communities Strategies goals. As such, the Local Coastal Plan Amendment proposed by the City of Huntington Beach and its associated Magnolia Tank Farm strikes the appropriate balance of providing much-needed housing while also planning for the impacts of climate change, including sea level rise.

Sincerely,



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