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April 25, 2022

California State Lands Commissioners  
Betty T. Yee, State Controller, Chair  
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Keely Bosler, Director of Department of Finance, Member

RE: Letter of Support - Ventura Port District

Dear State Lands Commissioners:

I pleased to support of the State Lands Commission staff's recommendation to assist in the economic recovery of Ventura Port District (VPD) in the amount of **\$122,979**.

As a "California Port", VPD is a special independent district established in 1952 under the California Harbors and Navigation Code. VPD is proud to provide the commercial fishing industry a first-class working waterfront which contributes to maritime trade services and jobs. Further, VPD provides public safety services through its Harbor Patrol and contracts California State Parks lifeguard services throughout the summer. VPD is 87% self-funded through operating revenues generated by the port. Since VPD relies heavily on visitor-based revenues, it was impacted by the pandemic's effects on visitor-related industries.

Per the VPD application, the funds requested will reimburse costs incurred and revenues lost due to the COVID-19 pandemic. If granted, the requested funds will be used to support the VPD economic recovery.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steve Bennett". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Assemblymember Steve Bennett  
37<sup>th</sup> Assembly District



April 21, 2022

California State Lands Commissioners  
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Per our application, the funds requested will reimburse costs incurred and revenues lost due to the COVID-19 pandemic. If granted, the requested funds will be used to support the VPD economic recovery.

Thank you for the opportunity to apply to the second tranche of the Port Stimulus Funds to mitigate negative economic impacts from the COVID-19 pandemic pursuant to the 2021-2022 Budget Act.

I look forward to hearing the State Lands Commission meeting on April 26<sup>th</sup> and for our continued working relationship. Should you need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at 805-642-8538 or [bpendleton@venturaharbor.com](mailto:bpendleton@venturaharbor.com).

Sincerely,



Brian D. Pendleton  
General Manager