

**RESOLUTION**

**(LYING OVER)**

**NO. R-25-343**

**CITY HALL: June 12, 2025**

**BY: COUNCILMEMBER THOMAS**

**SECONDED BY:**

A **RESOLUTION** in support of the Lower Ninth Ward Community's requests to conduct a health, property, safety, and environmental study of the Port of New Orleans' proposed Louisiana International Terminal container and intermodal rail terminal development in Violet, LA.

**WHEREAS**, A Community Voice-ACORN: a member group in the Louisiana Grassroots United Coalition, and concerned residents from affected parishes is calling attention to Orleans and other parishes about the far-reaching harms caused by the Port Development in Violet, its associated truck traffic and the loss of a Black community, cemetery, and school; and

**WHEREAS**, according to Vickerman & Associates' Critical Development Overview Report, the Port of New Orleans neglected to conduct and/or share crucial project due diligence information and justification analysis to properly support this project, including, but not limited to, a detailed market cargo demand analysis which is fundamentally critical to evaluating the need for any modern successful marine terminal development project, and particularly required for citizens of Louisiana; and

**WHEREAS**, the Report further notes that the truck trip volumes generated by the container terminal could reach 1,728 per day at full capacity. These tremendous daily truck trip volumes would negatively impact southeastern Louisiana traffic congestion, regional vehicular safety, and could deleteriously impact environmental air quality; and

**WHEREAS**, property damage and flooding, ruined roads, and car damage increases from increased traffic accidents resulting from heavy concentrations of diverted traffic risk rising insurance premiums; and

**WHEREAS**, air and noise pollution from diesel engines and nonstop traffic will debilitate communities with residences near I-10, such as New Orleans East; and

**WHEREAS**, the Report advises that a cohesive and compelling regional statewide strategy focused on conducting thorough proper terminal site selection evaluation is critically needed and failure to conduct such a comprehensive site selection analysis would be a strategic mistake for the state of Louisiana, and indeed the nation; and

**WHEREAS**, Southern Louisiana residents in parishes that carry traffic on I-10 East and West have no education or input about the possible 1,728 heavy trucks that could pass through their communities each day, and it is essential that the community's voices are heard, and their concerns and recommendations are actively sought and integrated into the decision-making process; **NOW THEREFORE**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS**, That the New Orleans City Council expresses its unwavering support for the Lower Ninth Ward Community's requests for an impact study and halt to the proposed project and strongly urges the Port of New Orleans to conduct a comprehensive health and safety study regarding the proposed Louisiana International Terminal container and intermodal rail terminal development..

**BE IT FURTHER RESOVLED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS**, That the Clerk of Council shall transmit certified copies of this resolution to the Port of New Orleans and the entire New Orleans legislative delegation to include: Representative Candace N. Newell, Representative Jason Hughes, Representative Delisha Boyd, Representative Jacob Braud, Representative Aimee Adatto Freeman, Representative Stephanie Hilferty, Representative Alonzo Knox, Representative Mandie Landry, Representative Shaun Raphael Mena, Representative Matthew Willard, Senator Joseph Bouie, Senator Jimmy Harris, Senator Royce Duplessis, and Senator Gary Carter.

**THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION WAS READ IN FULL, THE ROLL WAS CALLED ON THE ADOPTION THEREOF, THE RESULT WAS AS FOLLOWS:**

**YEAS:**

**NAYS:**

**ABSENT:**

**AND THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.**