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Honorable Mayor and Members of  
the Hermosa Beach City Council

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**AB2329 (OROPEZA) – SOUTH BAY STATISTICAL DATA**

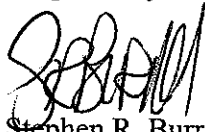
**Recommendation:**

That the City Council support AB2329 (Oropeza) which would create a South Bay Statistical area for state data.

**Background:**

The purpose of AB2329 (Oropeza) is to separate the South Bay region's statistical data from that of the Los Angeles County region. This would help Homeland Security Funding to be allocated to the South Bay region. This may also help with infrastructure funding. Current data is now accumulated for all of Los Angeles County. Other areas have had similar bills enacted to provide the statistical data for them. A copy of the information sheet on the bill is attached.

Respectfully submitted,



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City Manager

# AB 2329 - (OROPEZA)

## SOUTH BAY STATISTICAL DATA

### PROBLEM

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Security. The post 9/11 environment has made it a national priority to safeguard all citizens, infrastructure and commerce. The South Bay Cities and Harbor area of Los Angeles County have a unique combination of providing security along one of the world's largest and busiest dual port facilities: the twin ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach. It is imperative that local and state governments work collaboratively to ensure the most creative and intuitive models are in place to ensure that this region's statistical data is aggregated separately from the wider Los Angeles County region in order for homeland security funding is properly allocated to provide maximum impact at this high security region.

### Infrastructure and Economic Planning.

Goods movement is critical to the economic health of the South Bay region unlike any other in the greater Los Angeles County area. Maintaining goods movement corridors from the twin ports through central Los Angeles and along the infamously overcrowded highway system of southern California is a key element to the region's security, economy, and environmental impact. In order to address growing goods movement, security, environmental and infrastructure development concerns, regional planners need the state to collect and maintain a specific data category that reflects the reality of the South Bay Cities and Harbor

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area. Current data at the state level is accumulated for all of Los Angeles County, which skews regional planning initiatives.

### EXISTING LAW

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Current law requires various state Boards, Departments and Agencies that development and maintain data on the municipal level, to make a separate breakdown of the San Fernando Valley (AB 2207 of 2001) and require the City of Los to provide necessary data in this regard. Current law also provide similar requirements for the Antelope Valley (SB 588 of 2005).

### THIS BILL

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AB 2329 would require the Franchise Tax Board, Employment Development Department, Department of Industrial Relations, Department of Finance, Department of Housing and Community Development, Department of Real Estate, California Housing Finance Agency, Department of Motor Vehicles, Department of Transportation, Department of General Services, and the Department of Fair Employment and Housing to prepare and maintain a separate statistical analysis with respect to the South Bay Cities and Harbor area within the County of Los Angeles.

### Background

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Employment within the South Bay is substantially different from that of the

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county or the Southern California region. Aerospace and defense manufacturers dominate manufacturing employment in the S. Bay. The location of the S. Bay, with its close proximity to Los Angeles International Airport and the twin ports of the San Pedro Bay, position the S. Bay in a unique position; trade and manufacturing are highly reliant on the ports, the major rail artery out of the S. Bay (the Alameda Corridor) and the I-710 (Long Beach Freeway). Any diminishing of an industry, as experienced in the early 1990's with the loss of military aerospace industry, disproportionately affects the S. Bay region. Future development, especially around the highly industrialized port area, creates an additional hurdle to leap. As California begins to review its past experience with redevelop agencies, tax-increment financing projects, and the potential ramification of the recent U.S. Supreme Court ruling under Kelso v. New London (2005), the S. Bay region is concerned that current redevelopment models will become antiquated. As such, the region is seeking new approaches to secure its economic future. The fear exists that unless the region utilizes every tool available, critical opportunities for obtaining important funding sources such a Homeland Security Block Grants, State Emergency Preparedness Funding, State school facilities funds, and monies available through proposed infrastructure bond initiatives will be lost. Therefore, AB 2329 represents the region's attempts to ensure that information compiled by specific state agencies identify the S. Bay as a unique and vulnerable submetropolis of the larger Los

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Angeles County area and aggregate the S. Bay's data separately from the County data, which would otherwise skew such data to the regions detriment.

#### **SUPPORT**

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#### **OPPOSITION**

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#### **VOTES**

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