



# MEMORANDUM

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OFFICE OF DEPUTY MAYOR

DATE: 03/15/2024  
TO: Mayor & City Councilmembers  
FROM: Deputy Councilmember Alonso Gonzalez  
SUBJECT: Support for Senate Bill 1208 (SB 1208) and Assembly Bill 2783 (AB-2783)

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**Dear Mayor and Council Members,**

As part of my Councilmember Comments at our upcoming City Council meeting on March 19, 2024, I will seek consensus from the Council to place two state bills on the agenda for March 26th, specifically for the consideration of statements of support: Senate Bill 1208 (Padilla, SB 1208) and Assembly Bill 2783 (Alvarez, AB 2783). These pieces of legislation have significant implications for environmental management and governance practices affecting our community. I believe a council discussion on these matters is both appropriate and timely.

**Senate Bill 1208 (SB 1208) - Waste Discharge Permits: Landfills**

SB 1208 aims to enhance environmental protections within the Tijuana River National Estuarine Research Reserve by amending current waste management regulations. This bill seeks to prevent the issuance of waste discharge permits for new landfills or lateral expansions of existing ones in sensitive areas, including locations within the Tijuana River watershed. Given our proximity to this ecologically significant area, supporting SB 1208 aligns with our commitment to environmental stewardship and public health.

**Assembly Bill 2783 (AB-2783) - Transparency and Accountability in Port Governance**

AB-2783 focuses on reforming governance practices within the San Diego Unified Port District, which has direct implications for our city. By promoting transparency, accountability, and public


oversight, AB-2783 addresses longstanding concerns regarding the Port's operations. The bill's proposed reforms, including term limits for Commissioners and the establishment of ethical standards, are crucial for ensuring that Port decisions reflect the public interest.

### **Request for Council Discussion**

I respectfully request that this memo be included in and distributed with the Council meeting materials, available to both the Council and the public. I look forward to a discussion that will be instrumental in guiding our city's response and ensuring that our actions are aligned with the best interests of our community.

Thank you for considering this request.

Sincerely,

  
Alonso Gonzalez (Mar 15, 2024 14:54 PDT)

Alonso Gonzalez  
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City of Chula Vista, District 3