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Via Email

The Honorable Patrick O'Donnell
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Rm. 4001
Sacramento, CA 95814

SUBJECT: Notice of Support for AJR No. 2

Dear Assemblymember O'Donnell,

The City of Rancho Palos Verdes supports AJR No. 2, which calls on Congress and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to take action on the re-discovered DDT waste site off the north coast of Catalina Island.

We recently shared our concerns about the true extent of environmental damage caused by offshore DDT dumping by the Montrose Chemical Corporation in a letter with you and other legislators. This issue is of high importance to our community. A recent survey of Rancho Palos Verdes residents found that the impacts of chemical dumping in our coastal waters was the second most concerning local environmental issue among respondents after ocean and beach pollution. Health of marine life was ranked the fourth most concerning local environmental issue by respondents.

While the City is pleased that efforts are underway to identify the precise location, condition and number of barrels of DDT-laden waste, this is only the first step in addressing the untold harm done to our ecosystem by this long-hidden hazard. We must hold the federal government accountable to make this issue a high priority and to identify and implement effective long-term solutions.

For these reasons, the City of Rancho Palos Verdes supports AJR No. 2.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Eric D. Alegria".

Eric Alegria

cc: Assemblymember Bill Quirk, Chair, Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials Committee
Michael Regan, Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Deborah Jordan, Deputy Regional Administrator, EPA Region 9
Radhika Fox, Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator, EPA Officer of Water
Gina Raimondo, Secretary, U.S. Department of Commerce
Brenda Mallory, Nominee to be Chair of the White House Council on Environmental Quality
Benjamin Friedman, Acting Administrator, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
Karen Hyun, Chief of Staff, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
Lawrence Yee, Chair, Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board
Steve Padilla, Chair, California Coastal Commission
Dianne Feinstein, U.S. Senator, California
Alex Padilla, U.S. Senator, California
Ted Lieu, U.S. Representative, 33rd Congressional District
Alan Lowenthal, U.S. Representative, 47th Congressional District
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Ben Allen, Senator, 26th State Senate District
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