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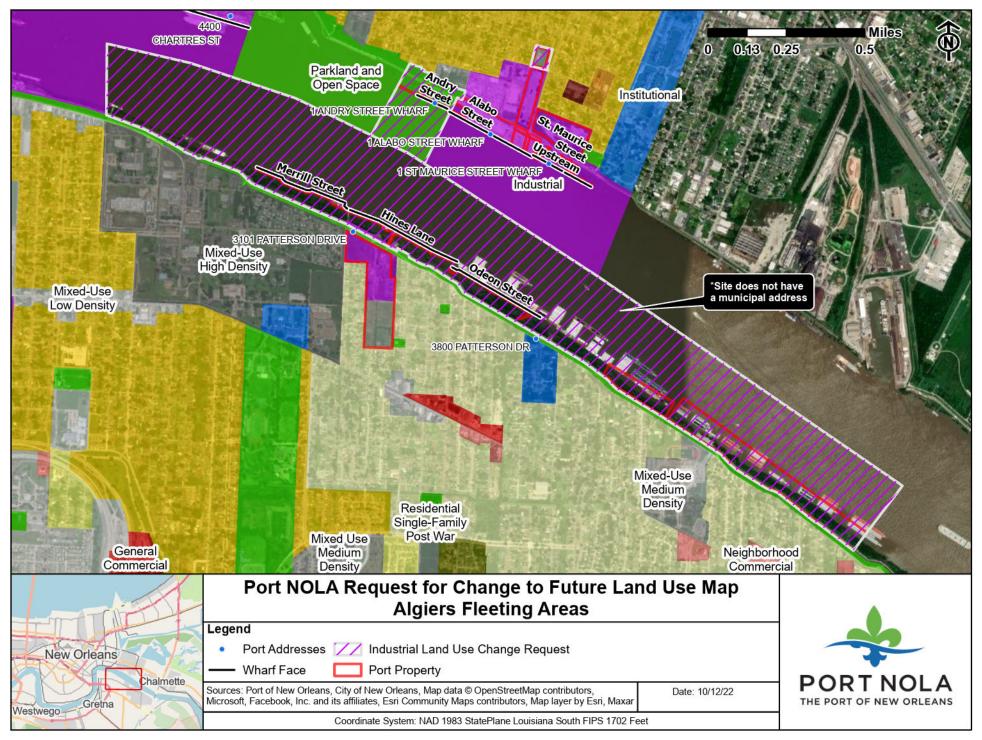
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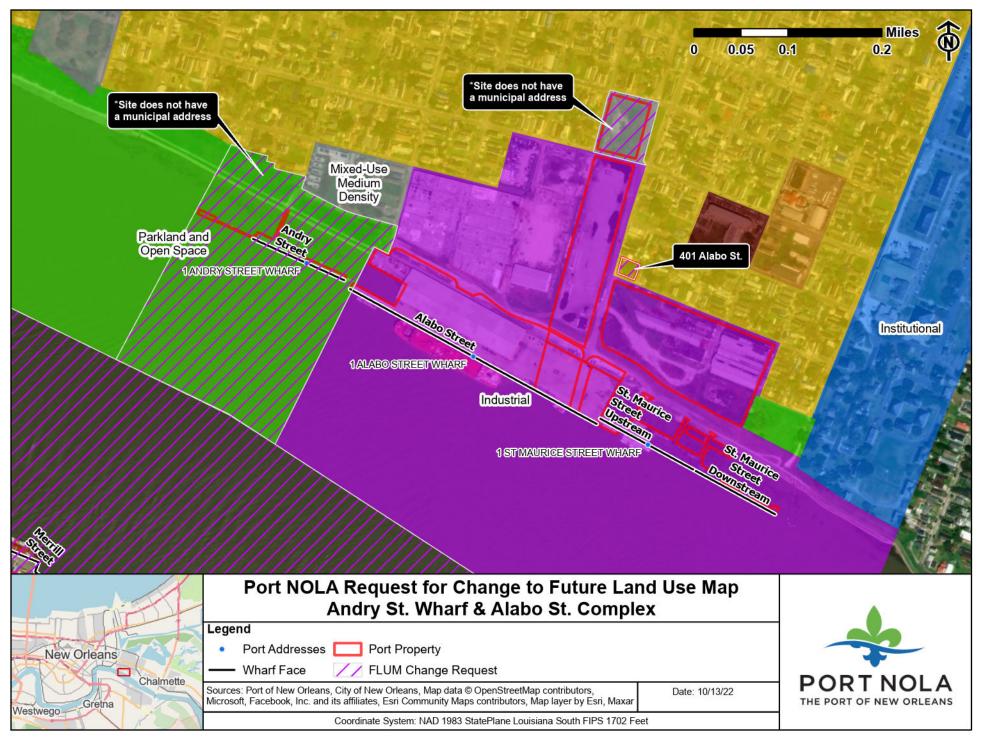
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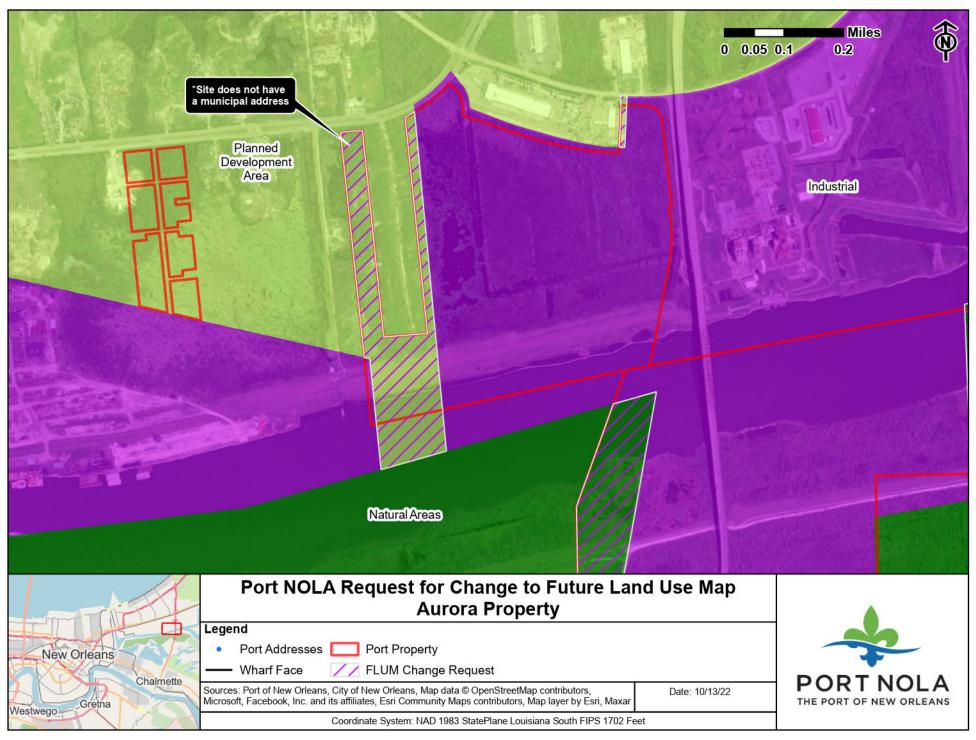
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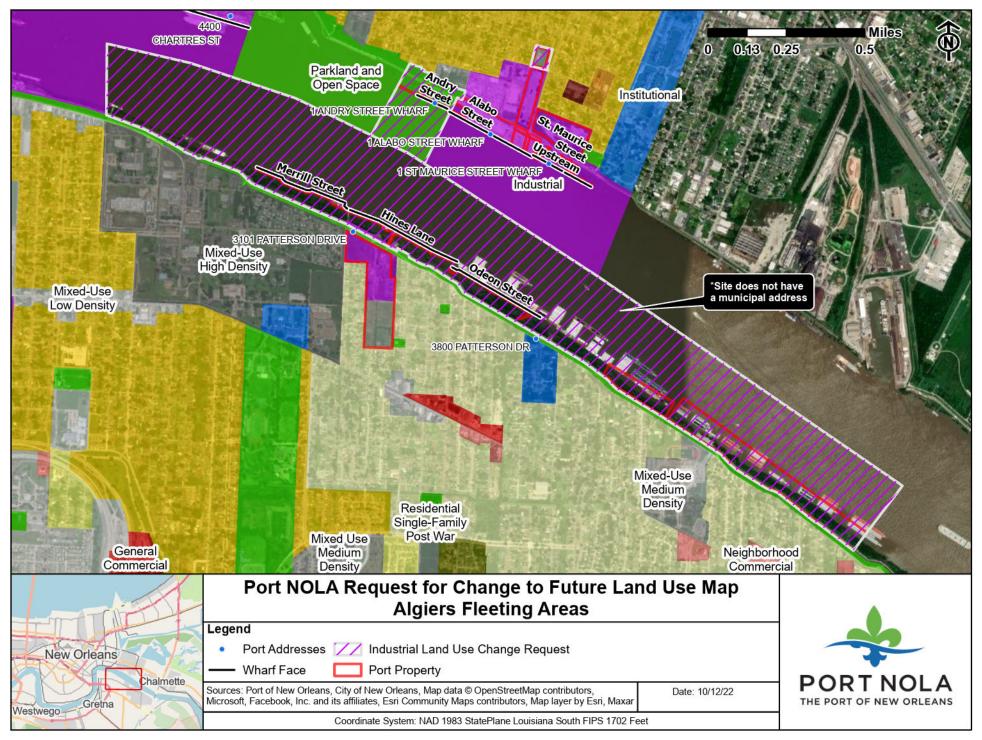
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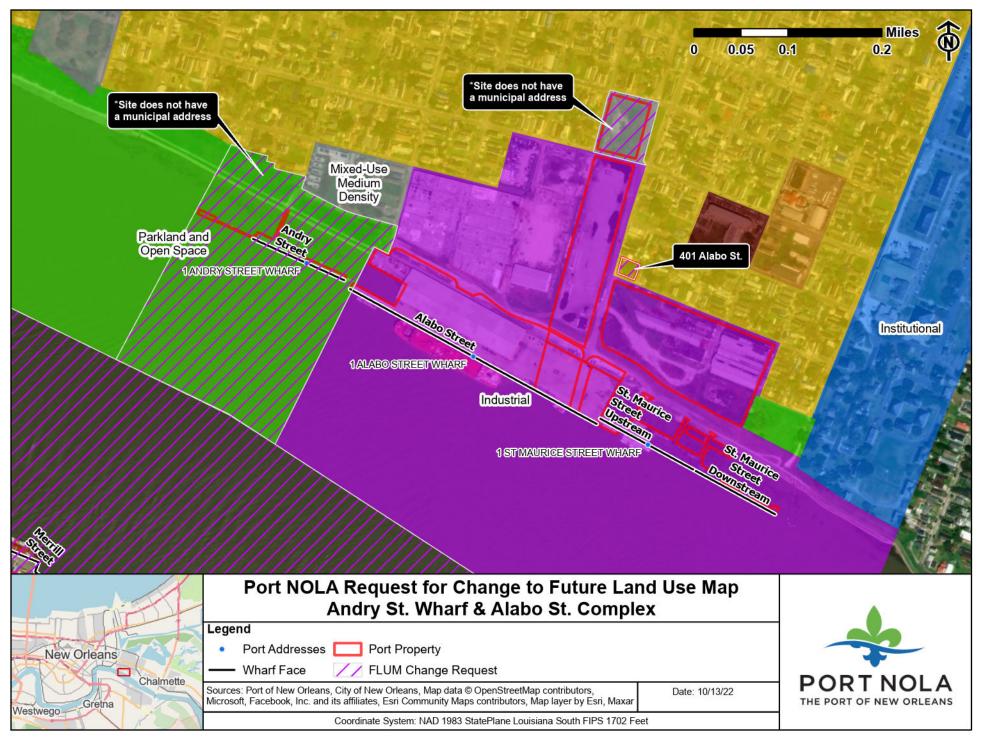
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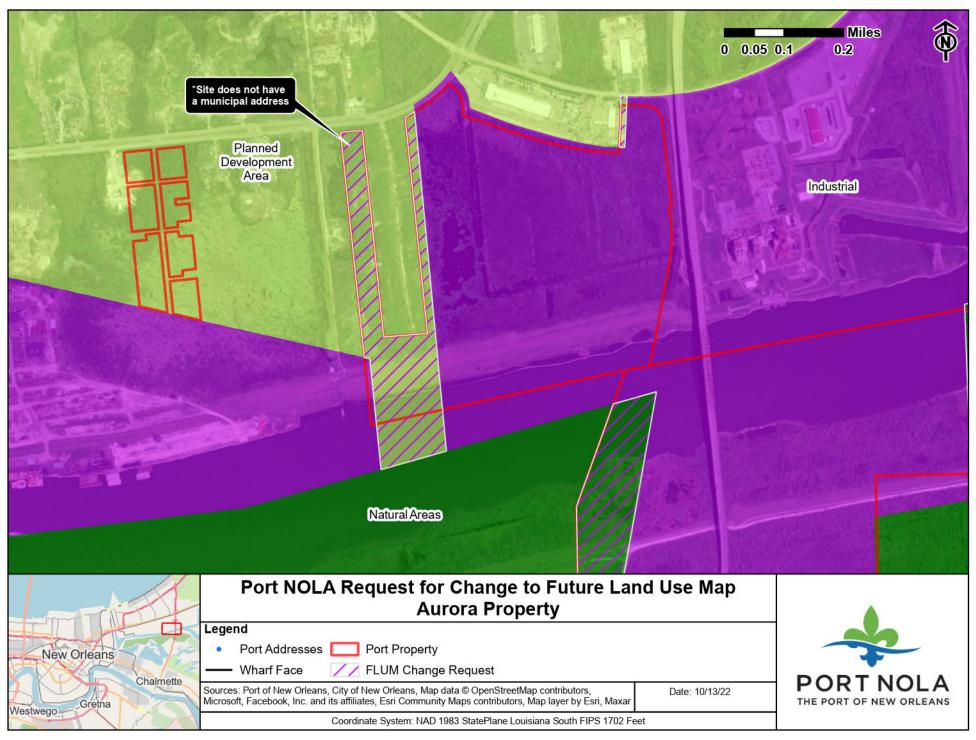
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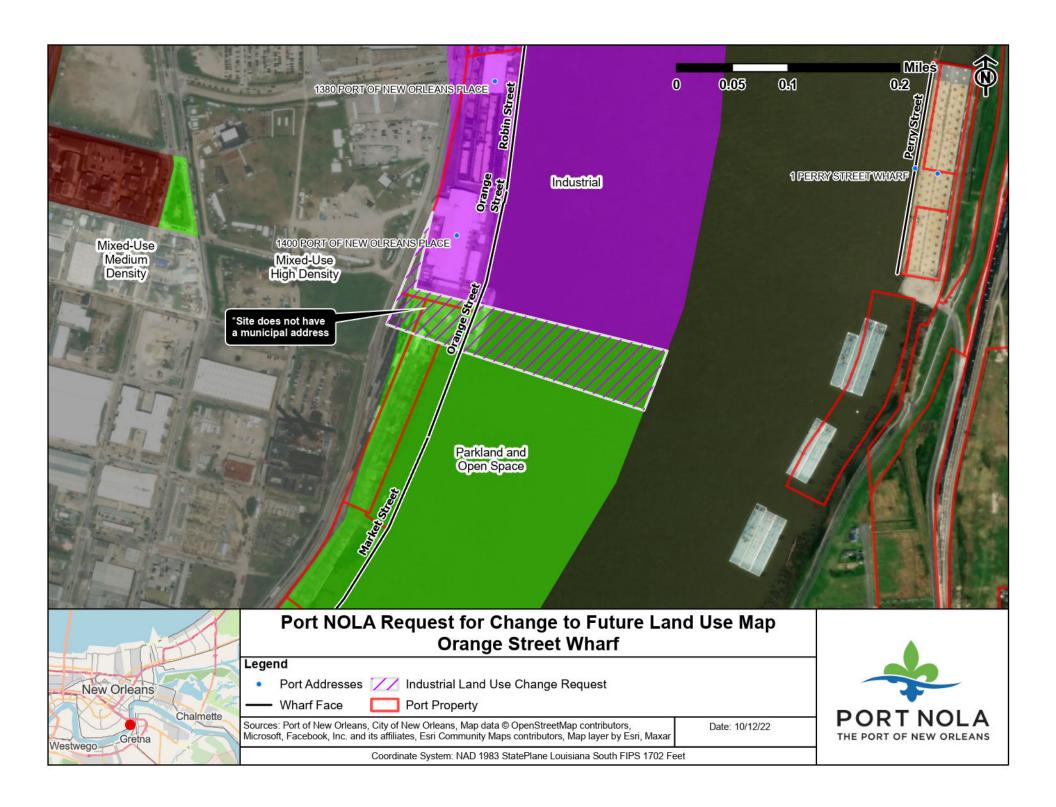
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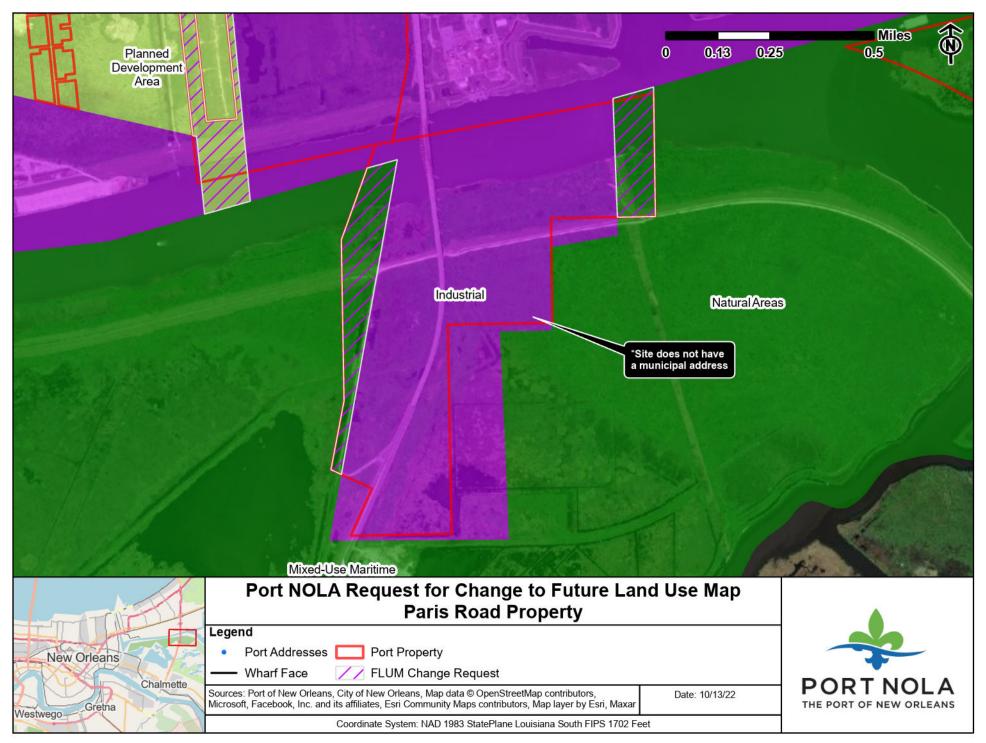
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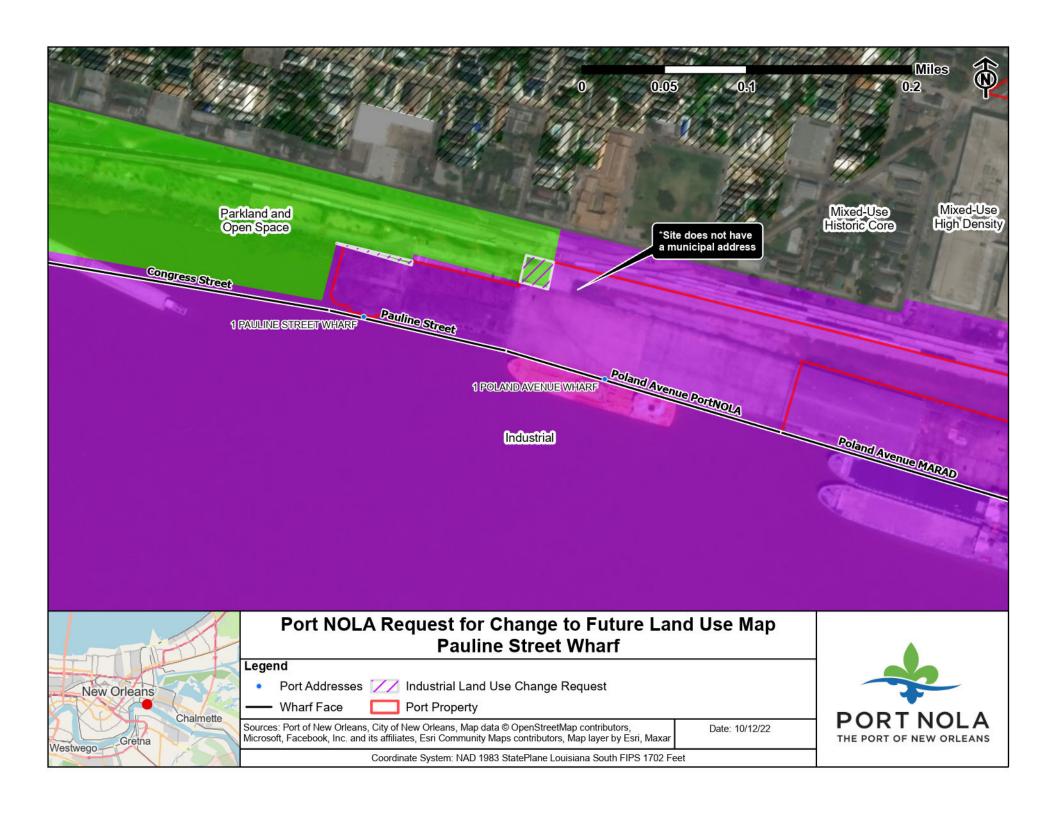
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#### October 13, 2022

## Via E-Mail

New Orleans City Council Attn: Paul Harang, Chief of Staff 1300 Perdido Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor West New Orleans, Louisiana 70112

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Robert D. Rivers, Executive Director City Planning Commission City of New Orleans 1300 Perdido Street #7 New Orleans, Louisiana 70112

RE: Comments to Proposed 2022-2023 Master Plan Amendment Proposed Amendments to Future Land Use Map Designations

Dear Councilmembers and Mr. Rivers:

We submit this letter on behalf of the Board of Commissioner of the Port of New Orleans (the "Board") and the New Orleans Public Belt Railroad Commission for the Port of New Orleans ("NOPB") in conjunction with the comment period for proposed amendments to the Future Land Use Map ("FLUM") designations during the current 2022-2023 review of the City of New Orleans Master Plan. We appreciate the efforts the City and all involved parties are undertaking to update the FLUM designations to accurately reflect the current and anticipated uses of certain properties throughout Orleans Parish.

As a preliminary matter, we submit that any participation in this process by the Board and NOPB is purely voluntary and that, as set forth more fully hereinbelow, local ordinances are not applicable to them as political subdivisions of the State acting within their core functions. That being said, in an effort to prevent any potential confusion by public officials or the general public that may result from inconsistencies between formal designations and Board or NOPB uses, we submit the enclosed applications for changes to certain specific property designations.

As you are aware, both the Board and NOPB are political subdivisions of the State of Louisiana, legislatively affiliated and sharing a common board of commissioners and a common Chief Executive Officer in Ms. Brandy Christian. The rights and powers of the Board and NOPB are set forth in Louisiana Revised Statute 34:1, *et seq.*, and Revised Statute 33:4530, *et seq.*, respectively, which charge them with responsibility for promoting and regulating maritime and rail commerce through the Port of New Orleans. These rights and duties are necessary to serve a vital interest of the State, the region and the nation; and thus, each entity is afforded the powers and protections of the State in the accomplishment of its legislatively-mandated mission.





Moreover, the Board has been given additional constitutional protection by Article VI, Section 43 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, which provides that "[a]ll deepwater port commissions and all deep-water port, harbor, and terminal districts as organized and constituted on January 1, 1974, including their powers and functions, structure and organization, and territorial jurisdiction, are ratified and confirmed and shall continue to exist." La. Const. Art. VI, Sec. 43. The Constitution further states that "[o]nly by law enacted by the favorable vote of two-thirds of the elected members of each house may the legislature consolidate or abolish any such commission or district or diminish, reduce, or withdraw from any such commission or district any of its powers and functions and affect the structure and organization, distribution, and redistribution of the powers and functions of any such commission or district, including additions to or reductions of its territorial jurisdiction." *Id*.

Further, both the Board and NOPB are beneficiaries of Article VI, Section 9(B) of the Louisiana Constitution which states, "Notwithstanding any provision of this Article, the police power of the state shall never be abridged." We note the well-established jurisprudence that interprets this Article to state that local ordinances may not infringe upon state entities, such as the Board and NOPB, when exercising their core functions, which are deemed to be of vital interest to the State as a whole. See City of New Orleans v. Bd. of Dirs. of the La. State Museum, 98-1170 (La. 03/02/99), 739 So.2d 748. This has specifically been applied to zoning ordinances both by Louisiana courts and in Louisiana Attorney General opinions. See City v. La. State Museum, supra; Lake Charles Harbor & Terminal Dist. v. Calcasieu Pr. Police Jury (La. App. 3 Cir. 1993), 613 So.2d 1031; In re: Dept. of Culture, Recreation & Tourism, La. Atty. Gen. Op. No. 97-197.

Nevertheless, we recognize that inconsistent designations on the FLUM as related to Board and NOPB uses, both present and as may occur in the future, may result in confusion to both public officials and the general public. Accordingly, in an effort to forestall any such potential confusion, we submit the enclosed Applications for Amendment to the Plan for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century on behalf of the Board and NOPB, requesting changes to specific designations to the following properties (please note, NOPB properties are included as part of some area maps listed below):

- 1. Certain "Aurora Properties":
- 2. Areas near Pauline Street;
- 3. Certain "Paris Road Properties"
- 4. Area including Andry and Alabo Wharves
- 5. Area referred to as "Algiers Fleeting Area"
- 6. Area near Orange Street Wharf
- 7. Area near Powder Street Wharf

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Board and NOPB specifically reserve any and all rights and powers afforded to them under the Louisiana Constitution, applicable law and/or jurisprudence.

For all of the reasons set forth above, we request your most favorable consideration of the requests to change the specific property designations submitted herewith. Should you have any questions or concerns or would like any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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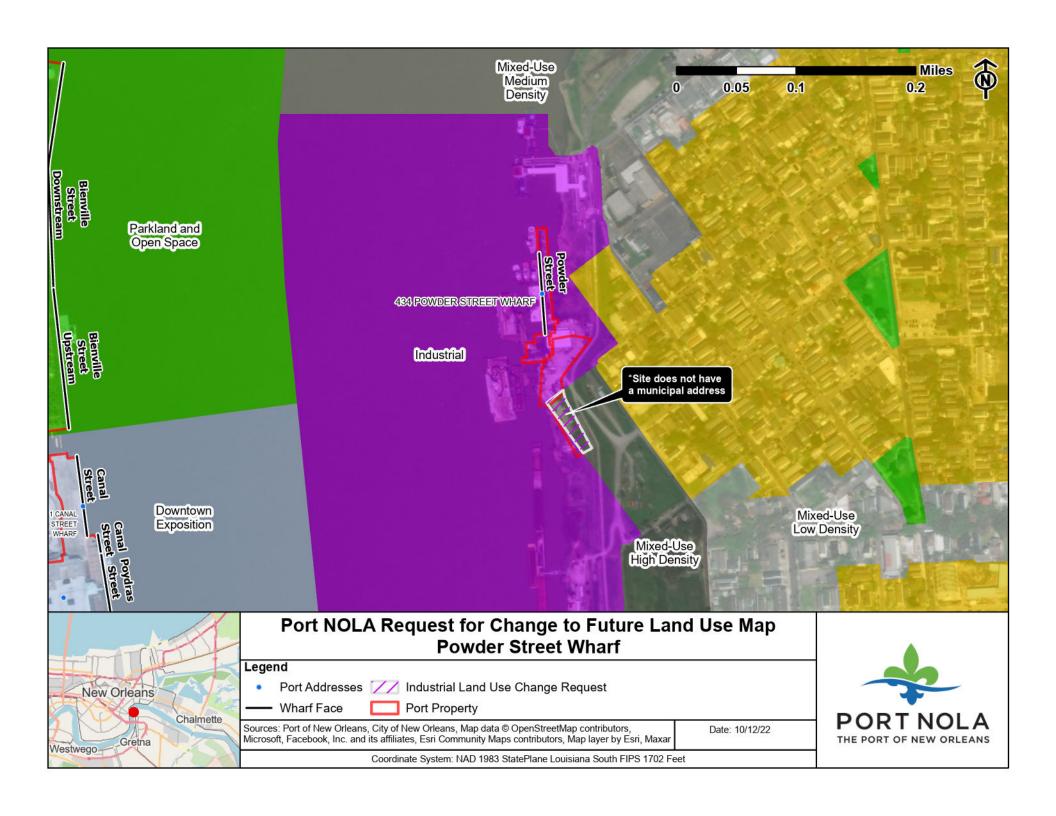
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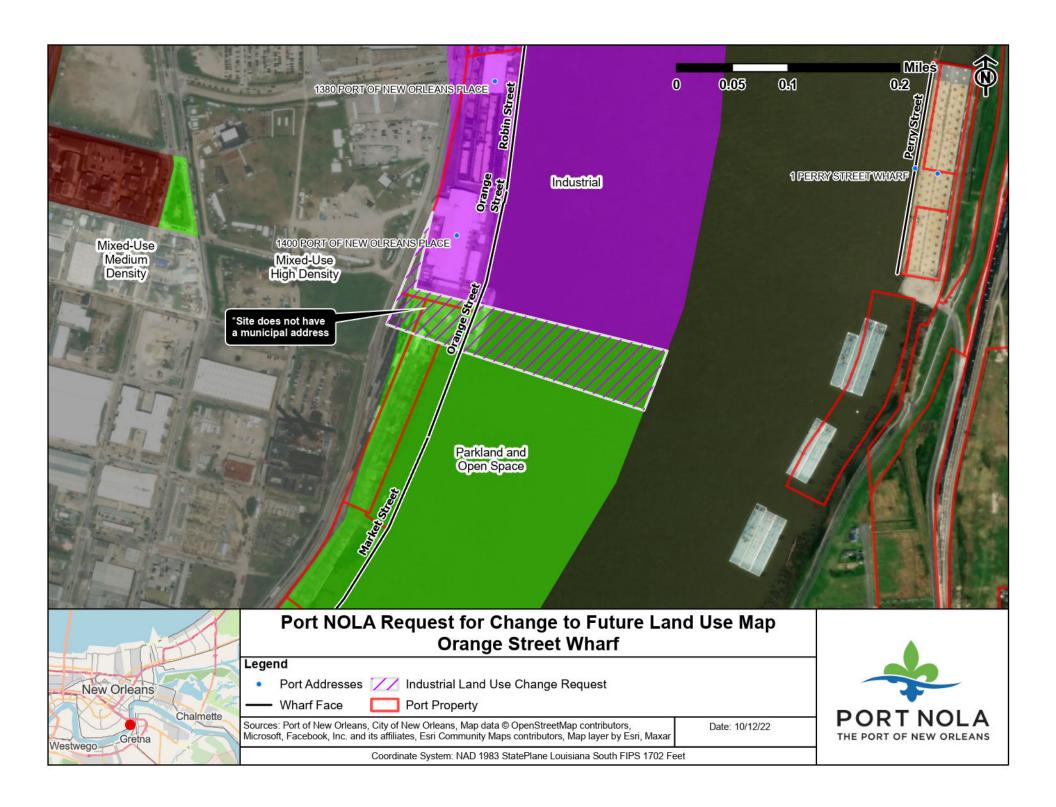
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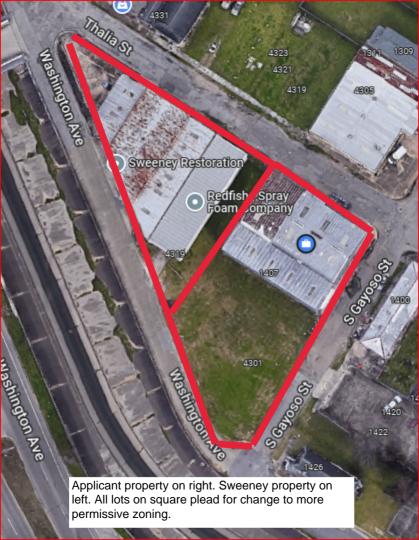
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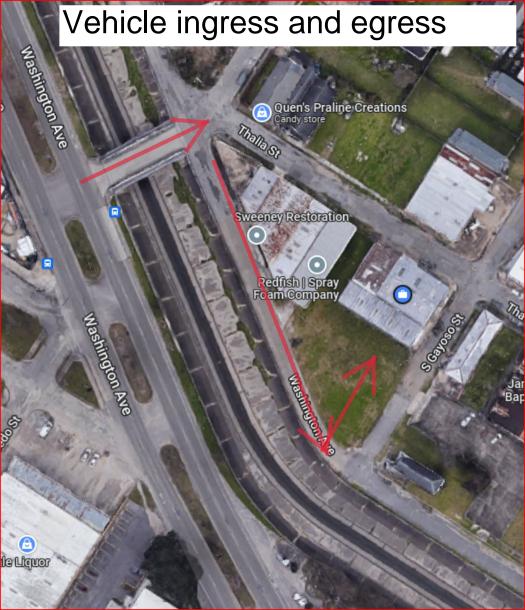
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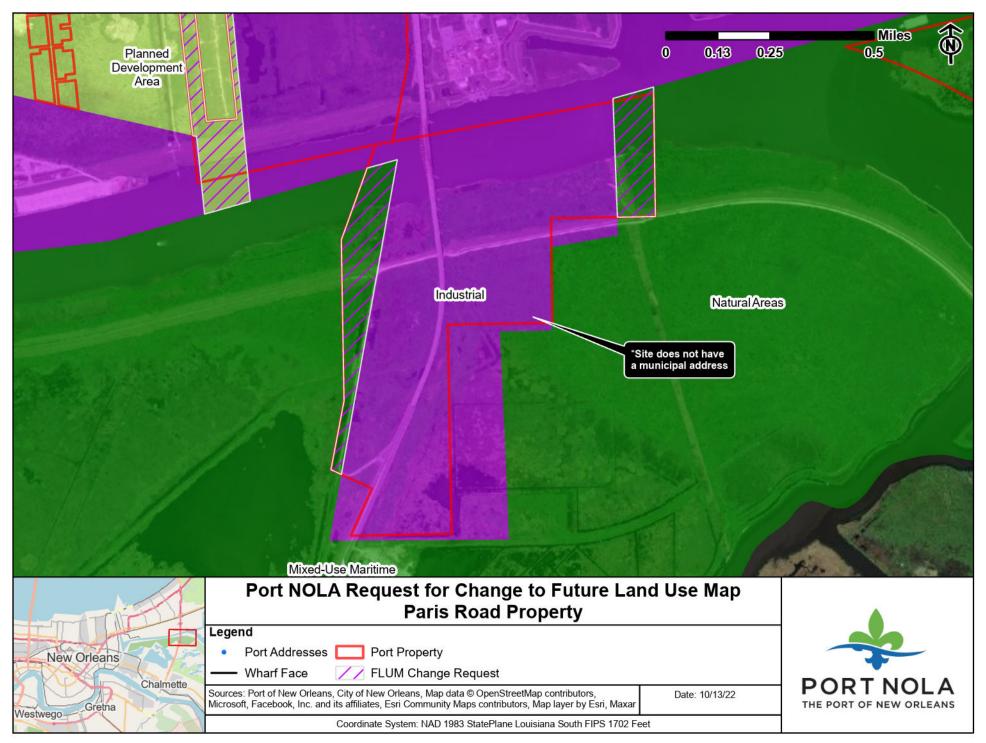
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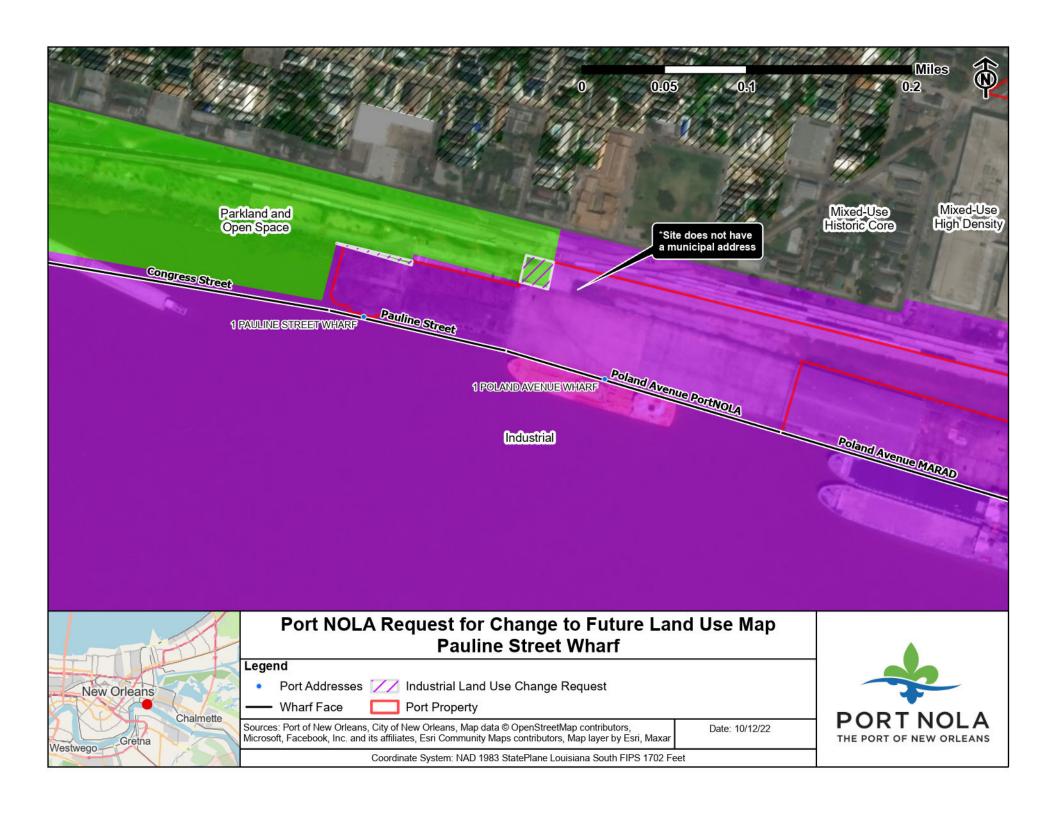
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#### October 13, 2022

## Via E-Mail

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Robert D. Rivers, Executive Director City Planning Commission City of New Orleans 1300 Perdido Street #7 New Orleans, Louisiana 70112

RE: Comments to Proposed 2022-2023 Master Plan Amendment Proposed Amendments to Future Land Use Map Designations

Dear Councilmembers and Mr. Rivers:

We submit this letter on behalf of the Board of Commissioner of the Port of New Orleans (the "Board") and the New Orleans Public Belt Railroad Commission for the Port of New Orleans ("NOPB") in conjunction with the comment period for proposed amendments to the Future Land Use Map ("FLUM") designations during the current 2022-2023 review of the City of New Orleans Master Plan. We appreciate the efforts the City and all involved parties are undertaking to update the FLUM designations to accurately reflect the current and anticipated uses of certain properties throughout Orleans Parish.

As a preliminary matter, we submit that any participation in this process by the Board and NOPB is purely voluntary and that, as set forth more fully hereinbelow, local ordinances are not applicable to them as political subdivisions of the State acting within their core functions. That being said, in an effort to prevent any potential confusion by public officials or the general public that may result from inconsistencies between formal designations and Board or NOPB uses, we submit the enclosed applications for changes to certain specific property designations.

As you are aware, both the Board and NOPB are political subdivisions of the State of Louisiana, legislatively affiliated and sharing a common board of commissioners and a common Chief Executive Officer in Ms. Brandy Christian. The rights and powers of the Board and NOPB are set forth in Louisiana Revised Statute 34:1, *et seq.*, and Revised Statute 33:4530, *et seq.*, respectively, which charge them with responsibility for promoting and regulating maritime and rail commerce through the Port of New Orleans. These rights and duties are necessary to serve a vital interest of the State, the region and the nation; and thus, each entity is afforded the powers and protections of the State in the accomplishment of its legislatively-mandated mission.





Moreover, the Board has been given additional constitutional protection by Article VI, Section 43 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, which provides that "[a]ll deepwater port commissions and all deep-water port, harbor, and terminal districts as organized and constituted on January 1, 1974, including their powers and functions, structure and organization, and territorial jurisdiction, are ratified and confirmed and shall continue to exist." La. Const. Art. VI, Sec. 43. The Constitution further states that "[o]nly by law enacted by the favorable vote of two-thirds of the elected members of each house may the legislature consolidate or abolish any such commission or district or diminish, reduce, or withdraw from any such commission or district any of its powers and functions and affect the structure and organization, distribution, and redistribution of the powers and functions of any such commission or district, including additions to or reductions of its territorial jurisdiction." *Id*.

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- 1. Certain "Aurora Properties":
- 2. Areas near Pauline Street;
- 3. Certain "Paris Road Properties"
- 4. Area including Andry and Alabo Wharves
- 5. Area referred to as "Algiers Fleeting Area"
- 6. Area near Orange Street Wharf
- 7. Area near Powder Street Wharf

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Board and NOPB specifically reserve any and all rights and powers afforded to them under the Louisiana Constitution, applicable law and/or jurisprudence.

For all of the reasons set forth above, we request your most favorable consideration of the requests to change the specific property designations submitted herewith. Should you have any questions or concerns or would like any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Jean-Paul A. Escudier Executive Counsel

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