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Gill Hicks, chairman of the California Marine Intermodal and Transportation Systems Advisory Council, testifies before a special hearing of the Assembly Transportation Committee.



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Hearing Explores Link Between Cancer and Goods Movement

(Oct. 12, 2005) Assemblymember Jenny Oropeza (D-Carson) conducted a special public hearing in the Board room, Wednesday, to explore the link between cancer rates and the movement of goods by trucks, trains and ships in the Los Angeles area.

Oropeza, a cancer survivor, invited policy, business, consumer, environmental and transportation experts to testify at the Assembly Transportation Committee hearing. Also participating in the hearing were Assemblymembers Betty Karnette (D-Long Beach) and Carol Liu (D-La Canada Flintridge).

The hearing comes less than a week after the California Air Resources Board released a study showing that diesel fumes are increasing the risk of cancer.

Oropeza is a former member of Metro's Board of Directors.