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Dear Mayor and Council Members:

The following is respectfully submitted for the public record of the city council to emphasize the importance of careful evidentiary scrutiny and disciplined analysis when evaluating widely circulated public narratives.

STRAIT TALK: A 45-day Operational Summary of Strait of Hormuz traffic

The ongoing U.S. government and aligned media messaging regarding the operational status of the Strait of Hormuz continues to appear blatantly inconsistent with real-world AIS maritime traffic data relied upon daily by millions of commercial, governmental, logistical, insurance, and navigational users worldwide to monitor actual ship movements and port activity.

Based on repeated AIS observations conducted over approximately the last 45 days through today May 14th, including multiple observations across several individual dates, the Strait of Hormuz region has consistently appeared operationally normal by all observable AIS indications, with no credible visual evidence of sustained commercial transit interruption, comprehensive blockade, or broad shutdown affecting Iranian or other regional ports.

Unlike generalized narrative reporting from government and press, because AIS maritime tracking data is operationally relied upon worldwide in real-time commercial navigation, logistics, insurance, port management, and maritime safety systems, it can, with appropriate evidentiary foundation, be admissible in judicial proceedings.

Where significant discrepancies exist between publicly circulated government narratives and independently verifiable operational data on matters of major geopolitical consequence, careful evidentiary scrutiny of related reporting becomes essential.

Thank you.