

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Public Comment – Orcutt Ranch Non-Compliance I am submitting this comment to raise serious concerns about ongoing violations at Orcutt Ranch, a City of Los Angeles designated public park. The site is routinely used as a private wedding venue with alcohol service, late-night operations, and amplified music that exceed municipal code and park ordinances. Specifically: Alcoholic beverages are being served and consumed, despite LAMC §41.27 prohibiting alcohol possession and consumption in City parks absent explicit authorization. To my knowledge, Orcutt Ranch is not a licensed or formally designated venue to allow alcohol. An internal City policy cannot supersede or override this ordinance, and reliance on such policy does not cure the illegality. Use of the park as a commercial wedding venue raises legal and charter compliance issues, as City Charter §594 and LAMC §63.44 restrict non-designated parkland from being converted into commercial event space. Hours of operation are being violated. Ordinance No. 177531, amending LAMC §63.44, expressly lists Orcutt Ranch as a park that must close at sunset and open at sunrise. Yet, the City permits weddings and private events until 10:00 p.m., which is in direct conflict with the ordinance. This unlawful extension of hours has created ongoing late-night disturbances in violation of the law. Amplified music violates LAMC §115.02(f), which applies to all public parks, open spaces, and recreational areas. This section states that sound from amplifying equipment “shall not be audible at a distance in excess of 200 feet” and must not be “loud and raucous or unreasonably jarring, disturbing, annoying, or a nuisance to reasonable persons of normal sensitiveness within the area of audibility.” Events at Orcutt Ranch routinely exceed this standard. I respectfully urge the Council and City Attorney to immediately stop the unlawful alcohol service, commercial wedding use, late-night operations, and amplified music at Orcutt Ranch. Los Angeles residents deserve accountability and protection from ongoing nuisance and non-compliance at a taxpayer-owned park.

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Comments for Public Posting: I respectfully request the City Council deny the appeal filed by Unite Here Local 11 and uphold the Los Angeles Board of Harbor Commissioners' (BOHC) approval of the West Harbor Modification Project, including the certification of the Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (SEIR). The proposed 6,200-seat amphitheater, Ferris wheel and 2,400 additional parking spaces are essential to our waterfront becoming the world-class destination we have worked so hard and long to achieve. Having followed the project closely for more than a decade, I can attest that Los Angeles needs the iconic vision of West Harbor to come to life—a vibrant waterfront destination offering dining, shopping, entertainment, and extraordinary experiences in the Port of Los Angeles. The proposed attractions are critical to realizing that vision. The West Harbor Modification Project alone will support 300 jobs during construction, with labor income of \$24 million and economic output of \$65 million. During ongoing operations, an estimated 230 jobs will be created, with labor income of \$16 million and economic output of \$42 million. The entire West Harbor project will create 1,360 jobs during construction, \$107 million in labor income and \$296 million in economic output. The project will create 1,700 jobs during ongoing operations, with labor income of \$88 million and \$250 million in economic output. Economically, this project will be a major asset to our community. By attracting tourism, creating jobs, and supporting local businesses, it will foster long-term growth and prosperity. The mitigation measures outlined in the Draft SEIR reflect a thoughtful and balanced approach to addressing potential environmental issues while prioritizing sustainability. The Port of Los Angeles has lost thousands of jobs over the last 50 years due to changes in the fishing, cargo handling and ship building industries. Entire sectors of what was once a booming economy have shrunk, been replaced by technology, or have been eliminated altogether. By moving this transformative project forward you will once again help to ensure good jobs return to the Port area. The West Harbor Modification Project represents a bold vision for the future of San Pedro, and I am excited to see it come to life. Thank you for your leadership and dedication to advancing this important project.