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The Honorable City Council President, Herb J. Wesson Jr.  
Los Angeles City Council  
200 North Spring Street, Room No. 430  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

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Dear City Council President Wesson:

We are writing to express our support for the efforts of the International Longshore and Warehouse Union Local 13 (ILWU 13) to protect local jobs. ILWU 13 has raised serious concerns over the future of automation at the Port of Los Angeles (Port) and the potential impact on its workforce and the surrounding community.

Recently, the Los Angeles Board of Harbor Commissioners approved a permit to introduce driverless electric cargo handlers inside its facilities. This action is expected to result in significant job losses. Technological advancements should not come at the cost of good paying union jobs and detrimental impacts to our economy.

The County of Los Angeles, Board of Supervisors gives its unanimous support to the efforts of the ILWU 13 to protect local jobs and the vitality of the surrounding community. We urge you to join our efforts to protect good paying jobs and the economic vitality of the communities surrounding the Port.

Sincerely,

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