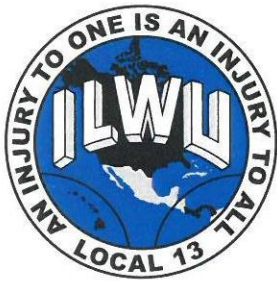


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Comments for Public Posting: International Longshore and Warehouse Union (ILWU) Locals 13, 63, and 94 submit the following comments in support. We urge you to adopt the Resolution and support any legislation or administrative action that would prioritize distribution of the COVID-19 vaccine for essential waterfront workers.”



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December 17, 2020

The Honorable Nury Martinez, Council President
Los Angeles City Council
200 North Spring Street
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Re: Council File #21-0002-S17

Dear Madam President Martinez,

We write on behalf of International Longshore and Warehouse Union (ILWU), Locals 13, 63, and 94 to express our support for the Resolution to support any legislation or administrative action that would prioritize distribution of the COVID-19 vaccine for essential waterfront workers.

ILWU Locals 13, 63, and 94 represent the 9,260 longshoremen, marine clerks, and foremen who keep critically needed cargo flowing through the Port of Los Angeles. Our members have kept the Port the busiest container port in the Western Hemisphere for the past 20 years.


At the beginning of the present pandemic, ILWU members were deemed Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers by federal, state, county, and city directives. Unlike many, essential waterfront workers are unable to work remotely. As such, they have donned their personal protective equipment (PPE), sanitized their equipment, socially distanced, and continued to work on the docks and around-the-clock to ensure cargo remains flowing. It is thanks to ILWU members that store shelves have remained stocked and medical professionals in each of the country's 435 congressional districts have much needed PPE.

With an average age of just under 50 years old for longshoremen, and 55 to 56 years old for foremen and marine clerks, the vaccine would provide an added layer of protection in ensuring the workforce's health and preventing supply chain disruptions.

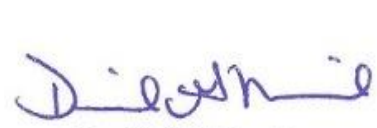
Therefore, we urge you to adopt the Resolution and support any legislation or administrative action that would prioritize distribution of the COVID-19 vaccine for essential waterfront workers.

Sincerely,

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