

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Good afternoon Chair and Members of the Committee, My name is Alexxa Esparza, Vice-President of ILWU Local 56. I'm unable to attend today due to work obligations as a working officer, and I'm submitting this comment for the record. I'm in full support of my union leadership and fellow ILWU locals who are there in person speaking on this item. As you look at the Workforce Impact Report and Port leasing policy, I just want to stress that workforce outcomes need to be front and center. Who does the work—and under what standards—really matters. We have concerns about the use of non-union contractors such as Clean Harbors in this scope of work, given the implications for job quality, safety, and workforce standards. At the same time, there are strong high-road, union signatory employers—like NRC/Republic Services, and Patriot Environmental that already meet high standards and do things the right way. Those are the kinds of employers that should be prioritized. If the City is serious about economic and employment impacts, then Port leasing decisions should reflect support for high-road employers who invest in workers and the community. Thanks for your time, and please include this in the record. Respectfully, Alexxa Esparza
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