

## Communication from Public

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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). As a San Pedro native and area real estate broker for over 50 years, in my opinion, the 6,200 seat amphitheater, Ferris wheel and 2,400 additional parking spaces are essential for our waterfront becoming a world-class destination and insure it's success. Having followed the project closely over the past 11 years, it's time this iconic vision of West Harbor comes to life as a vibrant waterfront destination offering dining, shopping and entertainment 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 not just for San Pedro, but the surrounding communities as well. 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 Entire sectors of what was once a booming economy have shrunk, been replaced by technology, or have been eliminated altogether.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 more 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. Further delays will only delay the new jobs and the economic benefits of a world class project of

this size. San Pedro needs this project NOW. The developers have persevered long enough. Fortunately, they were able and willing to do so. Let's bring their vision to fruition. Thank you for your leadership and dedication to advancing this important project.