## **Communication from Public**

Name: Matt Lincir

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I 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). This is an important project and I fully support it. As a long time business owner in San Pedro I am in a unique position to see the vast positive impact this would have on the community and economic health of the city. The financial benefits that will come from the project are astronomical. The labor income that this project will create during construction and continued operations is well over \$500 million. Our community will significantly advance and become the excellent reflection of the greatness that has always been San Pedro. It is time for us to take our rightful place at the table of advancement. I shudder to think where we will be in the next decade if we decide not to move forward with this project. Our city deserves a vibrant waterfront destination offering dining, shopping, entertainment, and extraordinary experiences in the Port of Los Angeles. This will increase tourism in San Pedro and provide our vibrant community the recognition it has earned. This community has lost much over the past 50 years because of all the changes in the fishing, cargo handling and ship building industries. We are facing a future of even more changes because of technology and a shrinking economy. I am excited that with all of the changes coming we are closer than ever to realizing this thrilling vision. Thank you. I appreciate your understanding when it comes to this important project and its value to the future of this community.

## **Communication from Public**

Name: Sean Kearns

**Date Submitted:** 08/27/2025 07:55 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please see the attached letter from U.S. Congresswoman Nanette

Barragán in support of the West Harbor Modification Project.

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August 27, 2025

The Honorable Members of the City Council City of Los Angeles Los Angeles City Hall 200 N Spring Street Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: Support for the Wester Harbor Modification Project

Dear Members of the City Council:

As the Representative of California's 44th Congressional District, which includes San Pedro and the Los Angeles Harbor area, I support the West Harbor Modification Project ("Modification Project") and urge the council to uphold the Los Angeles Board of Harbor Commissioners' approval of the project's Supplemental Environmental Impact Report.

Concerns around the environmental impact of all projects in my district, including this one, are always top of mind. We pride ourselves on environmental advocacy balanced by the need and importance of the project benefits. It is why I work with environmental organizations and concerned citizens on pollution issues and truck traffic. In this case, we have not received specific outreach and are hopeful that any concerns can be addressed through mitigation efforts.

The West Harbor development will establish a premier waterfront destination offering dining, entertainment, shopping, and outdoor recreation experiences near the Port of Los Angeles. The development will also fill the void of vibrant community space missing from the San Pedro waterfront since the closure of Ports O' Call Village in 2018.

While most of the West Harbor development has already been approved, the Modification Project will allow for a new 6,200-seat amphitheater, a taller Ferris wheel, and 2,400 additional parking spaces to be included on site. These proposed amenities will create new leisure opportunities for residents and visitors and deliver significant economic benefits. Construction of the new amenities will create 300 good-paying jobs, and the ongoing operations are estimated to support an additional 230 jobs. In total, the West Harbor development will create over 3,000 local jobs in construction, hospitality, entertainment, and other sectors.

In closing, I reiterate my support of the West Harbor development and respectfully request the council's approval of the Modification Project.

Sincerely,

Nanette Barragán

Member of Congress

Nanette Barragan

## **Communication from Public**

Name: Jonathan Williams **Date Submitted:** 08/27/2025 11:13 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Councilmembers, I respectfully request that you deny the appeal filed by Unite Here Local 11 and uphold the Los Angeles Board of Harbor Commissioners' approval of the West Harbor Modification Project, including certification of the Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (SEIR). As President & CEO of the Battleship IOWA, LA Fleet Week, and the National Museum of the Surface Navy, I have seen how catalytic investments on our waterfront create jobs, inspire pride, and improve quality of life. The Battleship IOWA has been proud to be a key part of these recent development efforts that are bringing long-needed momentum and economic vitality to the harbor area. For decades, the residents of San Pedro have desired the same prosperity that so much of Los Angeles and Long Beach have enjoyed. Now is the time for San Pedro to finally receive that benefit. The West Harbor Modification Project is exactly the kind of transformative investment our community has worked toward for years. The addition of a 6,200-seat amphitheater, a Ferris wheel, and 2,400 new parking spaces will help create a vibrant, world-class waterfront destination that welcomes visitors, supports local businesses, and provides extraordinary cultural experiences. Beyond the attractions, the project carries significant economic weight: during construction, this phase alone will support roughly 300 jobs, \$24 million in labor income, and \$65 million in economic output. Once open, it is expected to generate 230 permanent jobs, \$16 million in labor income, and \$42 million in annual economic output. Looking at the full scope of the West Harbor project, the impact is even more substantial. Construction will create 1,360 jobs, \$107 million in labor income, and nearly \$300 million in economic output. Once operational, it will sustain 1,700 jobs, provide \$88 million in wages, and deliver \$250 million in economic output every year. These are not abstract numbers—they represent families supported, small businesses strengthened, and a community finally seeing its long-promised revitalization. For more than 50 years, the Port of Los Angeles has lost thousands of jobs tied to fishing, cargo handling, and shipbuilding. Entire industries that once powered our region have disappeared or been transformed by technology. This project represents an opportunity to bring good jobs back to the Port area and ensure that San Pedro and its residents share in the growth

and prosperity of the wider region. The West Harbor Modification Project is more than a development plan. It is a bold vision that brings San Pedro closer to the vibrant, world-class destination our residents have long deserved. I urge you to move this project forward for the benefit of our community, our city, and our region. Respectfully, Jonathan Williams President & CEO Battleship IOWA, LA Fleet Week, and National Museum of the Surface Navy