

Communication from Public

Name: Laurie Wixted

Date Submitted: 09/05/2025 11:13 AM

Council File No: 25-0781

Comments for Public Posting: Dear City Council Members: I am writing to 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 previously stated, and as a longtime supporter of the project, the proposed 6,200-seat amphitheater, Ferris wheel and 2,400 additional parking spaces are essential to our waterfront becoming the world-class destination (or even just a viable one) that we have worked so hard and long to achieve. Having been a native San Pedran since 1960, and a business owner for over 35 years, I can attest that San Pedro needs West Harbor to come to life and be successful. The proposed attractions are critical to the economic viability of San Pedro, and it is the last great developable coastal destination that benefits Los Angeles as whole. In recent years and especially now, the downtown business district has suffered by lack of foot traffic and new visitors, which are crucial to support the struggling dining and retail establishments. With the loss of Northrup Grumman and other office tenants who once occupied our only office tower (subsequently emptied for future apartment conversion), the downtown is now experiencing the dramatic effects. While the occasional event is helpful, a more constant economic stimulator is desperately needed. Speaking as the area's most active commercial real estate brokerage company having worked with over 170 San Pedro businesses, I know first hand from my numerous clients how challenging the environment can be. And in a greater sense, its important to note 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. In addition to supporting the businesses of downtown San Pedro, and given the continued loss in jobs at the Port, the West Harbor Modification Project alone will create an estimated 230 jobs, with labor income of \$16 million and economic output of \$42 million; (plus 300 jobs during construction, with labor income of \$24 million and economic output of \$65 million). Thank you for your consideration and continued support of the modified project, which is key to its success.

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Name: M. Mares

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Name: Milan Ratkovich

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Comments for Public Posting: The Ratkovich Company is one of the partners selected for the development of West Harbor. We were awarded the project with our partner Jerico Development, over 12 years ago. Our goal was always to create a destination for the local community, the City of Los Angeles, and region to enjoy and be proud of. Our company's mission is to profitably produce developments that improve the quality of urban life. We have succeeded in that mission over the 48+ year tenure of our company including such notable Los Angeles developments as The Wiltern Theater, The Bloc, The Oviatt Building, The Fine Arts Building, Chapman Market, 5900 Wilshire (home to LACMA), and The Hercules Campus (home to Google). We pride ourselves on developments that enrich the community and are responsibly developed. West Harbor is such a development. West Harbor is well supported in the community and is an attraction that San Pedro residents are excited to see open. The proposed amphitheater is the crown jewel of the development. It would be a shame to allow an appeal from Unite Here Local 11 derail such a thoughtfully designed and executed development. The West Harbor Modification Project alone will support over 300 jobs during construction and during ongoing operations, an estimated 230 jobs will be created. The entire West Harbor project will create an estimated 1,360 jobs during construction and over 1,700 jobs during ongoing operations. In a tightening economy, particularly in the Port of Los Angeles, these jobs and the economic base are crucial. I respectfully request the City Council 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 the certification of the Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (SEIR). Milan Ratkovich The Ratkovich Company