

Communication from Public

Name: Dave Borst-Smith

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear L.A.City Council, 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). The proposed 6,200-seat amphitheater, Ferris wheel and 2,400 additional parking spaces are essential to our waterfront becoming the world-class destination we have worked so hard and long to achieve. I have believed in the amphitheater for over a decade. I worked for Nederlander for many years, many of those years at the City owned Greek Theater where, as you know, they ran this precious jewel of a venue for forty years, flawlessly. I can attest to that. Los Angeles needs the iconic vision and union of West Harbor and Nederlander's expert booking abilities and venue management to come to life. It is an extraordinary opportunity, one that doesn't come along very often or easily and we need this vision to come to fruition for all concerned. The businesses offering dining, shopping, entertainment will have major success as world class talent is booked at the venue. Through the summer months it will attract multitudes of excited concert goers, every week without exception, excited to listen to live music and spend their money in the restaurants and facilities built there along the waterfront; an extraordinary experience at the Port of Los Angeles unlike anywhere else. The proposed attraction is critical to realizing that vision. Again, the amphitheater is the key to this success. It has been stated that Walt Disney once said, "There's a lot of money in moving people" if he did, he was right! And the great movie "Field of Dreams" - "if you build it they will come" Economically, this project will be a major asset to our community but the catalyst; the amphitheater, has to get built first. Thousands will be coming to the top shows on tour. It will allow the supporting local businesses to thrive, attracting tourism and creating even more jobs. That is long-term growth and prosperity. Here are some very impressive initial numbers that will only grow when the amphitheater comes on line: 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. During these ten plus hard years of making this vision happen, everything in the Draft SEIR reflects a thoughtful and balanced approach to addressing potential environmental issues while prioritizing sustainability. The West Harbor Modification Project has finally cleared the last hurdles or so it seemed. This is a bold and exciting vision for the future of our City and for the port town of San Pedro. As a person who has lived in San Pedro for 42 years, raised three children here, I love this town and I see such potential here come and go. This opportunity here in front of you now is really it; the greatest opportunity and it's right now! "Build it and they will come!" I thank you for your leadership and dedication and I trust in you advancing this important project over this final hurdle. Sincerely, Dave Borst-Smith

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