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March 15, 2019

Los Angeles Board of Harbor Commissioners  
425 S. Palos Verdes Street,  
San Pedro, California 90731

## **Re: Level 1 Coastal Development Permit No. 18-25**

Dear Harbor Commissioners:

I am writing to request that the Los Angeles Board of Harbor Commissioners hold-over the Level 1 Coastal Development Permit No. 18-25: APM Terminals-Landside Infrastructure to Operate Battery-Electric Powered Equipment. Before a decision is made by this Board that will allow APMT Maersk to transition to a fully automated terminal, there must be a comprehensive impact analysis that must consider the number of jobs that will be lost and the potentially devastating impact to the neighborhoods, businesses and families in my district.

I have supported funding for ports to upgrade to equipment that is good for our environment. I support the purchase of zero or near zero emission equipment that is operated by a human. We can improve the environment while supporting and maintaining well-paying jobs and a strong working force. Displacing hundreds of jobs will certainly impact the communities surrounding the Southern California ports and beyond. The Los Angeles Harbor Commission must do its due diligence on the potential for negative impacts to the surrounding communities.

We respectfully request that you take action to stay this permit. A deeper look into the negative impacts of this transition is necessary to protect the workers and communities who contribute to make California the fifth largest economy in the world. If you have any questions, I welcome you to reach out to my chief of staff, Jay Jefferson, at (916) 319-2064 or via email at [jay.jefferson@asm.ca.gov](mailto:jay.jefferson@asm.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

  
**MIKE A. GIPSON**  
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EDUCATION

March 19, 2019

Los Angeles Board of Harbor Commissioners  
425 S. Palos Verdes Street  
San Pedro, California 90731

Dear Harbor Commissioners,

I am writing to request that you hold-off on granting APMT Maersk Terminal's request for a Level 1 Coast Development Permit which includes plans to transition to a fully automated terminal.

Before a decision is made by this Board that will allow APMT Maersk to transition to a fully automated terminal, there must be a comprehensive impact analysis that must consider the number of jobs that will be lost and the potentially devastating impact to the neighborhoods, businesses and families in my district. Displacing hundreds of jobs will certainly impact the communities surrounding the Southern California ports and beyond.

The Los Angeles Harbor Commission must do its due diligence in identifying the potential negative impacts this will have on the surrounding communities. I respectfully request you take action to stay this permit. A deeper look into the negative impacts of this transition is needed to protect the workers and communities who contribute to our state.

Sincerely,

Sharon Quirk-Silva  
Assembly Member, District 65

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March 19, 2019

Los Angeles Board of Harbor Commissioners  
425 S. Palos Verdes Street,  
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Dear Harbor Commissioners,

I am writing to respectfully request that the Los Angeles Board of Harbor Commissioners hold-over the Level 1 Coastal Development Permit No. 18-25: APM Terminals-Landside Infrastructure to Operate Battery-Electric Powered Equipment. Before a decision is made by this Board that will allow APMT Maersk to transition to a fully automated terminal, a comprehensive impact analysis must be completed to consider the number of jobs that will be lost and the potentially devastating impact to the neighborhoods, businesses and families in my district.

I have supported funding for ports to upgrade to equipment that is good for our environment. I support the purchase of zero, or near zero, emission equipment that is operated by a human. We can improve the environment, while supporting and maintaining well-paying jobs and a strong workforce. Displacing hundreds of jobs will certainly impact the communities surrounding the Southern California ports and beyond.

The Los Angeles Harbor Commission must do its due diligence on the potential for negative impacts to the surrounding communities. The Port of Los Angeles is a major employer and engine of economic activity in the region. We must proceed carefully on this issue.

I respectfully request that you take action to stay this permit. A deeper look into the negative impacts of this transition is necessary to protect the workers and communities who contribute to make California the fifth largest economy in the world.

Sincerely,

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March 19, 2019

The Honorable Jaime L. Lee  
President  
Los Angeles Board of Harbor Commissioners  
425 South Palos Verdes Street  
San Pedro, California 90731

Dear President Lee:

I am writing to request that the Los Angeles Board of Harbor Commissioners stay the Level 1 Coastal Development Permit No. 18-25, titled "APM Terminals-Landside Infrastructure to Operate Battery-Electric Powered Equipment."

I am concerned that the automation project requested under this permit could have unintended negative consequences for the community surrounding the Port. Before taking action, the Board should evaluate the social and economic impact of granting this permit and consider the number of jobs that will be lost. Additionally, it is my understanding there is no evidence to suggest that this permit will allow for the needed improvements in cargo handling to meet projected increases in container traffic in the years ahead.

I respectfully request that the Board stay this permit until it is thoroughly studied. A deeper look at the details of the envisioned transition is necessary to fully understand its impacts.

Sincerely,



Mike Levin  
Member of Congress

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March 20, 2019

The Honorable Jaime L. Lee  
President  
Los Angeles Board of Harbor Commissioners  
425 South Palos Verdes Street  
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Dear President Lee:

As the Port Commission prepares for a hearing on the subject, I am writing to request that the Los Angeles Board of Harbor Commissioners thoroughly study prior to considering action on the Level 1 Coastal Development Permit No. 18-25 that was submitted as the "APM Terminals-Landside Infrastructure to Operate Battery-Electric Powered Equipment."

The Port is rightly recognized as an important gateway for commerce from all over the world. For this reason, it is imperative that prospective transitions to a fully automated terminal be completely studied and understood and, as required under the California Coastal Act, consistent with the Port's Master Plan. Many individuals, entire families, and businesses in our communities rely on the jobs that the Port currently provides. Any changes to this may come with devastating impacts.

Cargo terminal efficiency is a priority goal for the Port, but it is unclear if automated terminals would improve current conditions. In addition, we must continue to understand if unmanned operations truly reduce emissions that hurt our environment and air. Both of these goals are admirable, but I firmly believe they can coexist with maintaining the number of well-paying jobs and a strong workforce the Port currently employs.

I request that you continue to study and understand the impact your proposals will have in our local and state economies and stay this permit.

Sincerely,

  
Linda T. Sánchez  
Member of Congress



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**March 20, 2019**

**The Honorable Jaime L. Lee  
President  
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**Dear President Lee:**

I am writing to request that the Los Angeles Board of Harbor Commissioners postpone action on the Level 1 Coastal Development Permit No. 18-25 that was submitted as the "APM Terminals-Landside Infrastructure to Operate Battery-Electric Powered Equipment" in order to allow proper vetting of possible outcomes of the proposal.

Under the California Coastal Act, the Port must review development proposals to make certain they are consistent with the Port's Master Plan. Before a decision is made that will allow APMT Maersk to transition to a fully automated terminal, the Board should complete a comprehensive impact analysis that considers whether the proposed automation would yield the stated efficiencies in cargo processing and environmental benefits. The board should also consider in the analysis the number of jobs that will be lost and the potentially devastating impact to the neighborhoods, businesses and families in the community.

The Port's own Master Plan identifies increasing cargo terminal efficiency as a priority goal, yet it is widely acknowledged in the industry that automated terminals are less efficient in cargo processing. At this point in time, the Board does not know what the impacts of this automation project will be on the Port's ability to contribute to future economic growth or to achieve needed improvements in cargo handling to meet the project increases in container traffic in the years ahead.

The plan proposes the automation as a means to comply with the Clean Air Act. However, given the anticipated drop in efficiency, it is unknown whether unmanned operations would reduce emissions in excess of manned operations if electrified. The fact is we can reduce the damage to our environment while supporting and maintaining well-paying jobs and a strong workforce.

I respectfully request that the Board postpone consideration of this permit. A deeper look into the potentially negative impacts of this transition is warranted to protect the workers and communities who contribute to make California the fifth largest economy in the world.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Lucille Roybal-Allard". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lucille" being the most prominent.

LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Bob Archuleta", written over a light blue horizontal line.

Senator Bob Archuleta  
32<sup>nd</sup> Senate District