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March 15, 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 not take 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. “

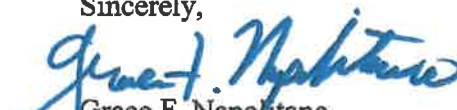
Under the California Coastal Act, the Port must review development proposals to make certain they are consistent with the Port’s Master Plan. Before a decision is made that will allow APMT Maersk to transition to a fully automated terminal, the Board should complete a comprehensive impact analysis that considers 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. 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.

I also question the justification that Clean Air Act compliance is driving the decision to automate. It is simply untrue that unmanned operations reduce emissions in excess of manned operations if electrified. The fact is we can improve the environment while supporting and maintaining well-paying jobs and a strong workforce.

I respectfully request that the Board 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,


Grace F. Napolitano
Member of Congress



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PORTS CAUCUS

February 21, 2019

Port of Los Angeles Harbor Commissioners
425 South Palos Verdes Street
San Pedro, CA 90731

Dear Harbor Commissioners:

I join my brothers and sisters of ILWU in expressing concern about the permit approval process for the Coastal Development Permit for APM Terminals.

APM's plans to automate their terminal not only impact labor agreements and jobs at the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach but at other terminals across the country that will likely follow suit to automate their terminals if APM is successful in obtaining this permit.

Automation at any port terminal will ~~likely~~ result in a reduced workforce. The consequences of a reduced workforce could be dire for regional and local economies like Long Beach, Wilmington and San Pedro, which thrive on the patronage of the men and women who work at our ports.

With this in mind, ILWU's concerns are legitimate especially when you take into context the speed of the approval process. The union should be at the table with all stakeholders involved to better understand and offer input on the scope and phasing of this project.

I join the ILWU in calling for a full hearing on this matter to ensure transparency. I urge you to delay approval of this permit until all 5 members of the Harbor Commission are seated, and a proper feasibility study has been completed assessing the negative impacts automation would have on our local and regional economy. Further, I ask that APM work with ILWU to come to an agreement on automation efforts.

Sincerely,

Nanette Diaz Barragán
Member of Congress

CC: Eugene Seroka, Executive Director, Port of Los Angeles
Mark Mendoza, President, ILWU Local 13



ANTHONY RENDON

SPEAKER *of the* ASSEMBLY
Sixty-Third Assembly District

March 15, 2019

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

Dear Harbor Commissioners:

I would like to share my concerns with the granting of the Level 1 Coastal Development Permit No. 18-25: APM Terminals-Landside Infrastructure to Operate Battery-Electric Powered Equipment, which would allow APMT Maersk to transition to a fully automated terminal.

I strongly support equipment upgrades that reduce the port's air quality impacts. These investments should be made in a manner that also promotes and maintains well-paying jobs and a strong work force.

My understanding is that this permit will result in the loss of hundreds of jobs, thereby significantly affecting the communities around the port. This is a considerable impact that deserves the Commission's further analysis and evaluation.

In addition to considering the economic impact of this permit, I encourage the Harbor Commission to develop a strong policy by which they can take into consideration job displacement and the impacts on the workforce when considering port investments.

Sincerely,

ANTHONY RENDON
Speaker of the Assembly

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March 15, 2019

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

RE: Level 1 Coastal Development Permit No. 18-25

Dear President Lee,

I write to request that the Los Angeles Board of Harbor Commissioners hold-over Level 1 Coastal Development Permit No. 18-25 in your March 21st meeting. Before the Board comes to a decision on this permit, which I believe will allow APMT Maersk to transition to an automated terminal, there must be a comprehensive analysis on the impact this action will have on our community. The potential job losses from this action would be devastating to many businesses and the hardworking families that I represent.

As an elected official, I have supported funding that enables California's ports to upgrade their equipment to zero or near-zero-emission equipment. If done correctly, these investments will improve the lives of community members who both work and live near the Port of Los Angeles. It does not matter if we have the cleanest air and most efficient technology in the world if we deny people the opportunity to work hard and provide for their families.

Allowing this to go forward prior to serious analysis has the potential to eliminate a significant number of jobs and that should give you great pause. I urge you to evaluate this action further to ensure the Board and the public fully understand the impact that this and other similar decisions will have on our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Bradford", written over a large, stylized, light-colored watermark or background graphic.

STEVEN BRADFORD
Senator, 35th District

CC: The Honorable Lucia Moreno-Linares
The Honorable Anthony Pirozzi, Jr.
The Honorable Edward Renwick
The Honorable Diane Middleton

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SENATOR
MARIA ELENA DURAZO
TWENTY-FOURTH SENATE DISTRICT



March 21, 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 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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Maria Elena Durazo".

Senator Maria Elena Durazo, 24th Senate District

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March 14, 2019

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

RE: Request Delay in Consideration of Level 1 Coastal Development Permit No. 18-25

Dear Harbor Commissioners,

I am writing to request that the Los Angeles Board of Harbor Commissioners delay consideration of the Level 1 Coastal Development Permit No. 18-25: APM Terminals-Landside Infrastructure to Operate Battery-Electric Powered Equipment. Before a decision is made to 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 and region.

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

The Commission must exercise its due diligence to determine potential negative impacts of the project to the surrounding communities. I respectfully request that you take immediate action to delay consideration of 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, please feel free to contact me at (916) 651-4020.

Sincerely,

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CONNIE M. LEYVA
State Senator, 20th District



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

Dear Harbor Commissioners,

I request the Los Angeles Board of Harbor Commissioners (Board) hold over the Level 1 Coastal Development Permit No. 18-25: APM Terminals-Landside Infrastructure to Operate Battery-Electric Powered Equipment, which is scheduled for a public hearing on March 21, 2019. Before this Board makes a decision which will allow APMT Maersk to transition to a fully automated terminal, there must be a comprehensive impact analysis to consider the number of jobs that could be lost, and the potentially devastating impact to neighborhoods, businesses and families in my district.

During my tenure in the Legislature, I have worked to secure funding for ports to upgrade their equipment to cleaner technologies that benefit the environment, and I support the purchase of zero- or near-zero emission human-operated equipment. We can improve the environment while supporting and maintaining good-paying jobs and a strong work force.

The Los Angeles Harbor Commission must do its due diligence and analyze the negative impacts this permit could result in. Displacing hundreds of jobs, for example, would severely impact the communities surrounding the Southern California ports and beyond.

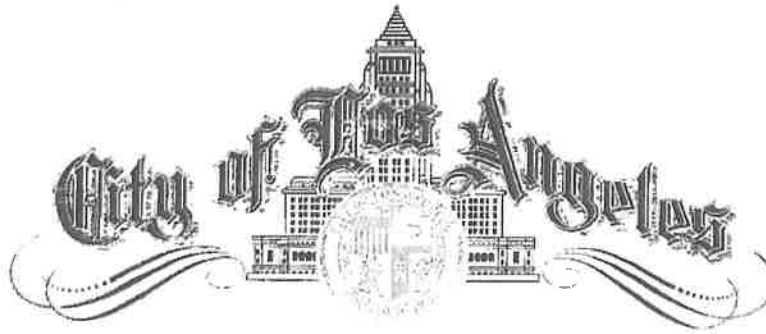
I respectfully request the Board to delay taking action on this permit. A comprehensive look into the negative impacts of this transition is necessary to protect the workers and communities who contribute to make California the fifth largest economy in the world. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Patrick O'Donnell
Assemblymember, 70th District





Joe Buscaino
Councilmember, 15th District

January 23, 2019

Gene Seroka
Port of Los Angeles
425 South Palos Verdes Street
San Pedro, California 90731

Dear Mr. Seroka:

I write with great concern regarding an item on the Board of Harbor Commissioners agenda scheduled for January 24, 2019 pertaining to a Coastal Development Permit for APM Terminals that was approved at the Executive Director level.

The proposed modernization project at APM Terminal threatens hundreds of ILWU jobs. I therefore respectfully request that the Port urge its tenant APM to delay the implementation of this project until such time that discussions can occur with PMA and ILWU that can hopefully result in the preservation of vital, good-paying jobs at the Port of Los Angeles. It is in everyone's interest that we all work together to ensure that we are a healthy and prosperous port, grow more jobs in the region, and preserve our stature as America's Number One Port.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

JOE BUSCAINO
Councilmember, 15th District



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JANICE HAHN

Chair

A Message to the Harbor Commission from Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn

"The Port of Los Angeles has long been an asset to the Harbor Area's local economy. It is a source of good, middle-class jobs that have supported generations of families and have, in-turn, driven successful local businesses from grocery stores, to restaurants, to sandwich shops.

Any plan to automate terminal operations and cut jobs is a direct threat to our local economy and should be rejected by the Harbor Commission.

I understand that APM argues that the upgrades they are proposing would reduce pollution from port operations. That is a worthy goal and one I am proud to support—but they do not need to automate to achieve it. APM should switch to clean, electric technology that exists today that can be proudly operated by the hardworking men and women of the ILWU. We don't have to decide between clean air and good jobs. We can and we should have both.

Unfortunately, our ports are prime targets for terrorists and people trying to smuggle illicit materials into this country. Our dockworkers are our first line of defense and we count on them to spot suspicious activity or cargo and report it to authorities. A robot will never be able to catch the subtleties like a pair of human eyes and ears. It is my opinion that automating more terminals leaves our port vulnerable.

What has always made this port strong are the people who work at it every day. I am proud to stand with my friends in the ILWU and I urge the Harbor Commission to reject APM's automation proposal."

- Supervisor Janice Hahn

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To whom it may concern,

We, the undersigned, join ILWU, Locals 13, 26, 63, OCU (Office Clerical Union) and 94 in requesting that the Los Angeles Board of Harbor Commissioners hold over the permit (Level One Coastal Permit 18-25: APM Terminals-Landside Infrastructure to Operate Battery-Electric Powered Equipment) to fully consider the job loss that will drastically impact the surrounding communities if APM (Maersk) Terminals is allowed to automate its facility.

We support terminal operators who purchase human operated zero-emission equipment and human operated near zero-emission equipment. Taking steps to improve the environment does not have to mean taking good jobs away from our community and giving those jobs to robots.

ROBOTS DO NOT PATRONIZE LOCAL BUSINESSES OR LIVE IN OUR COMMUNITY.

The negative trickle-down effect of these job losses will be felt in every corner of our local economy from grocery stores and restaurants to real estate and health care. Eventually, these job losses could be devastating.

Port sovereign lands are held in trust for the benefit of the people of California. The Los Angeles Board of Harbor Commissioners has an obligation to take time to consider whether it is appropriate to use Port property in a manner that will result in substantial job loss to the people of the Harbor community.

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