



ERIC GARCETTI
MAYOR

March 20, 2019

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

Dear Board of Harbor Commissioners:

The Port of Los Angeles is an economic engine that creates middle class jobs and sustains Main Street businesses. The Port brings Los Angeles to the world, and the world to Los Angeles. We owe a debt of gratitude to the hardworking women and men of the International Longshore and Warehouse Union, and companies like APM Terminals, who have made ours the busiest port in the Western Hemisphere.

The ILWU emerged following the 1934 West Coast Waterfront Strike. Longshoremen gave their lives to support the principle that workers should have a say in what work they did and how they were paid. We owe it to those who came before to keep balancing the scales of justice and protecting workers' rights. When we stand by labor, our Port is stronger, our communities are more prosperous, and our City is more equitable.

APM Terminals has been a valued tenant since 2002 and operates Pier 400 — the largest terminal at the Port of Los Angeles, where I was proud to welcome the first 18,000 TEU ship to call at an American port in December 2015. That day, APM Terminals and the women and men of the ILWU leapt into action, dispatching that ship's cargo to destinations throughout our region and the country. This partnership between the Terminal and the ILWU has driven cargo volume at the Port of Los Angeles to record levels.

Before the Board today is an appeal from the ILWU over the granting of a Coastal Development Permit at Pier 400 for infrastructure improvements that could facilitate the introduction of automated equipment. The decision before the Board may have far-reaching impacts on the pace of automation at our Port and could define how the Port will compete and sustain jobs into the foreseeable future.

Confronted by a matter of such importance, I ask that the Board take full advantage of the 28 calendar days afforded by Section 6.6.1 of the Port Master Plan, to consider the facts and arguments laid out today by Port staff, the union, the employer, and the public. Additionally, I invite the ILWU and APM Terminals to convene at City Hall for discussions which I would be pleased to facilitate.

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In parallel, these discussions should serve as the basis of a new task force to explore automation and its impacts on the future of the Port of Los Angeles and others across the state. Working together, I am confident we can arrive at a solution that strengthens the Port, preserves jobs, introduces green technology, and ensures future generations continue to benefit from Los Angeles' place at the heart of an interconnected global economy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "E. Garcetti", with a horizontal line extending to the right and a small flourish at the end.

ERIC GARCETTI

Mayor