



Project Area Committee

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President Mario Cordero
Board of Harbor Commissioners
Port of Long Beach
925 Harbor Plaza
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Dear President Cordero:

On behalf of the Westside Project Area Committee, I would like to thank you for your continued diligence toward making the Port of Long Beach one we can all be proud of. From clean air initiatives to heightened security measures, it is evolving before our eyes, and the community it serves is grateful.

As the Port continues to realign itself with contemporary issues, we would like to strongly recommend that small companies be allowed to operate within the Port, so long as they meet all standards set by the Port for larger companies.

The Port's efforts to embrace large corporations in an effort to better ensure quality drivers, better pay and benefits, as well as clean-running vehicles, is commendable. The Westside, however, has many small businesses that would appreciate the same opportunity as these large corporations, and the WPAC supports this aspiration. Again, we would only want you to consider a smaller company if they meet all rules and regulations, including clean trucks, comparable pay and benefits, and other criteria currently being taken into account.

At our September General Meeting, a motion was made to support this recommendation and that motion carried unanimously. I appreciate your time and look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

Tony Rivera
Chair
Westside Project Area Committee

cc: Vice-president Dr. Mike Walter, Commissioner Nick Sramek, Commissioner Doris Topsy-Elvord, Commissioner Jim Hankla