



Project Area Committee

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Honorable Mayor Bob Foster
Office of the Mayor
333 W. Ocean Blvd., 14th Floor
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Dear Mayor Foster:

At the Westside Project Area Committee's September General Meeting, a motion was made to send a letter to Harbor Commission President Mario Cordero, as well as the entire Commission, requesting that small businesses be allowed to operate within the Port, so long as they meet all standards set by the Port for larger companies. That motion carried unanimously.

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 the Port to consider a smaller company if it meets all rules and regulations, including clean trucks, comparable pay and benefits, and other criteria currently being taken into account.

We are seeking the Council's support of this request. As always, we appreciate your time and attention and look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

Tony Rivera
Chair
Westside Project Area Committee

cc: Vice-mayor Bonnie Lowenthal, Councilmember Suja Lowenthal, Councilmember Gary DeLong, Councilmember Patrick O'Donnell, Councilmember Gerrie Schipske, Councilmember Laura Richardson, Councilmember Tonia Uranga, Councilmember Rae Gabelich, Councilmember Val Lerch