



# Project Area Committee

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Commission President, Nick Sramek  
Harbor Commission  
925 Harbor Plaza  
Long Beach, CA 90802

Dear President Sramek:

At the January Westside Project Area Committee meeting, a Motion was made in opposition to any Project Labor Agreements (PLAs) being considered in Long Beach, including the Middle Harbor Project. As you know, the WestPAC represents approximately 480 Westside businesses. We believe that any such agreements will ultimately hurt independent contractors and small businesses throughout the city, of which there are many.

In September, 2007, the WPAC took a position on small businesses being considered for jobs at the Port. You received a letter from us at that time 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. The Port subsequently mandated that position.

Both the City and businesses in the City benefit when all businesses, regardless of union affiliation, are allowed the opportunity to bid and perform without the onerous restrictions of a PLA.

Best regards,

Tony Rivera, Chairman  
Westside Project Area Committee

cc: Commissioners Cordero, Dr. Mike Walter, Susan Anderson Wise, and Thomas Fields