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Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council

December 7, 2017

Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti and the Members of the LA City Council
200 N. Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: HHPNC Supports Fair Treatment and Policy to Protect Workers from Labor Abuses at LA's Ports

The Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council represents over 60,000 Los Angeles stakeholders who reside, own property, or conduct business in our neighborhood.

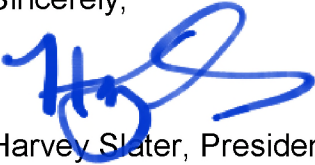
We stand in support of fair treatment of the workers at the Port of Los Angeles. These workers are our neighbors who reside here and throughout the City, and the labor injustices being perpetrated against them cannot be allowed to continue. The ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach receive more than 40% of consumer goods that are brought into the United States. The unsung labor of these workers enables us to lead our day-to-day lives and enjoy these goods at home and at work. These workers deserve to be treated with respect, a living wage, and humane work schedules.

We urge the City Council to investigate and report back on wage-theft claims and paid sick day violations by companies operating on Port property. We support the review of the lease conditions of trucking and warehousing companies operating on Port property. Finally, we urge that strong and enforceable policies be put in place to hold companies accountable for their actions and assure that the abuses of these workers is stopped.

In the special meeting of the Trade, Travel and Tourism Committee held on November 28, 2017, Councilmember Joe Buscaino said "It's not acceptable for companies to be profiting from the use of public property by exploiting human beings."

HHPNC agrees.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "H. Slater", with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Harvey Slater, President
Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council

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