

Dear Hon. City Council Members:

Our Democratic club, the largest in L.A. County, with more than 900 members is deeply concerned about the recent and ongoing reports highlighted in U.S.A. Today, the Los Angeles Times and other news outlets shedding light on unchecked wage theft, misclassification, discrimination and union busting tactics taking place on our very own Port of Los Angeles, and at the Port of Long Beach. Even more concerning is that the lease agreement with some of the shipping and warehousing companies at the center of these allegations would go un-scrutinized before a renewal is adopted.

As taxpaying citizens of Los Angeles we believe all companies should respect the laws, especially when they operate on our public property. We also believe it is your duty as our elected officials to make sure that there is no labor unrest in our city, and that employers are held accountable. The workers at NFI/Cal Cartage are our fellow community members.

We urge you SUPPORT the Trade Committee's recommendation to veto the Harbor Commission's decision and come back with a new lease that ensures that there will be no labor unrest at our port.

The members of our club have emphatically stood in support of truck drivers and warehouse workers at the Port of Los Angeles, and during last week's strikes and marches two members of our club participated in the civil disobedience that took place in response to these injustices.

On behalf of over 900 voting and active club members in Los Angeles' Eastside communities,

Hans Johnson, President

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