

MOTION TRADE, TRAVEL AND TOURISM

The San Pedro Bay Ports, which include the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach, are the nation's busiest container ports in the country. Since President Trump unveiled plans to launch a tariff war with China early last year, there is no place in the country that has had more tangible effects than here at the twin ports, which handle about 40% of containerized trade with China, with the Port of Los Angeles alone relying on China for about 60% of its total trade volumes.

These tariffs have affected the entire supply chain, from potentially putting at risk thousands of jobs, to logistics and warehouse and truck workers, manufacturers, as well as rail and other trade-related jobs. The trade tensions between the world's two biggest economies have created uncertainty and heightened unpredictability for many, and that has weighed on American businesses.

The nation's busiest seaport has seen steady declines in exports over the last several months, and an increase in imports as retailers speed up the import of goods from Asia to avoid new tariffs, increasing demand for already tight market conditions for warehouse and distribution space in Southern California. As there is widespread fear that additional tariffs may be imposed in the coming months, and the increase of container volume continues, there is a fear of congestion at the port, pushing back expectations for relief.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Harbor Department, with assistance from CLA, report on the impacts of tariffs at the Port of Los Angeles, and the local region and economy in general.

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