



December 8, 2020

The Honorable Kate Brown, Governor, State of Oregon
The Honorable Jay Inslee, Governor, State of Washington
The Honorable Gavin Newsom, Governor, State of California

RE: *Prioritized Access to Testing and Vaccinations*

Governors:

On behalf of the International Longshore and Warehouse Union (ILWU), Pacific Maritime Association (PMA) and its member companies, and the major West Coast container ports – including the Port of Los Angeles, the Port of Long Beach, the Northwest Seaport Alliance (NWSA), the Port of Portland, and the Port of Oakland – we write to thank you for your continued leadership throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. Collectively, we represent America's primary trade gateway to the Pacific Rim and beyond, sustaining employment and economic activity in our host communities and across the nation.

In light of the role we play in our collective pandemic response and ongoing economic recovery, we request you to prioritize testing and vaccine distribution for the essential workers of the West Coast waterfront. Naturally, we expect medical workers, first responders, and vulnerable populations to be among the highest priority; however, we would like to ensure that waterfront workers are given appropriate consideration as you consider other categories of essential personnel.

From the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, we have taken extraordinary measures to ensure the West Coast supply chain continues to operate safely and smoothly in support of the nation's pandemic response and recovery. In this effort to ensure store shelves remain stocked and exports continue to flow to overseas markets, no one has done more than the men and women of the ILWU who have continued to work through the pandemic, risking their lives to keep West Coast ports open. As emergency orders went into place, in order to better protect these heroic workers, members of our coalition acted decisively to obtain personal protective equipment (PPE) and cleaning supplies. The ILWU and PMA worked together to develop new cleaning

protocols to ensure marine terminals were as safe as possible for ILWU workers, and they temporarily altered numerous joint practices in order to reduce risk on the waterfront.

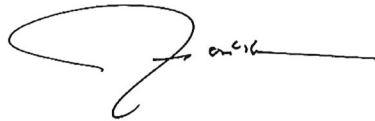
As the spread of the virus necessitates more aggressive health and safety measures, we continue to prioritize worker safety as we seek to ensure continued operational capabilities. Ultimately, we view the expedited and widespread availability of COVID-19 testing and vaccinations for waterfront workers as essential to ensuring a safe workplace while maintaining operational continuity.

We, therefore, request the opportunity to work with you to plan for the deployment of COVID-19 testing and vaccinations to waterfront workers as soon as possible.

Sincerely,



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Mario Cordero
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Danny Wan
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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state or federal governmental body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, the maritime industry has continued to operate throughout the global COVID-19 pandemic despite major disruptions to global supply chains; and

WHEREAS, the Port of Los Angeles is a linchpin in the economic vitality of multiple critical infrastructure sectors locally and nationally; and

WHEREAS, the maritime industry is fueled by the work of essential waterfront workers who have taken on extensive risks in order to ensure the continued flow of goods and materials through the Port; and

WHEREAS, the State is developing guidelines for the distribution of COVID-19 vaccines to essential personnel once medical workers, first responders, and vulnerable populations have been successfully vaccinated; and

WHEREAS, the health and safety of waterfront workers is crucial for the continued recovery from the economic devastation wrought by the global pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the State should prioritize protection of the waterfront workers who continue to risk their health to maintain our local and national economies;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2021-2022 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for any legislation or administrative action that would prioritize distribution of the COVID-19 vaccine for essential waterfront workers.

PRESENTED BY: _____
JOE BUSCAINO
Councilmember, 15th District

SECONDED BY: _____