



Los Angeles County
DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Protecting Los Angeles and Long Beach Port Worker's Jobs

WHEREAS the International Longshore and Warehouse Union (ILWU) is at risk of losing up to 1,500 jobs with the possibility of a loss of up to 10,000 jobs over the next 10 years if the terminal operators in the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach continue with plans to replace our community workforce with automated cargo moving equipment; and this move to automation will effectively eliminate a huge sector of the Los Angeles/Long Beach port community work force in terms of direct jobs, not to mention indirect jobs, thereby depriving the working class of good paying jobs and detrimentally impacting our local economy from small businesses to the housing market and our Local and State tax base; and

WHEREAS the December 2018 McKinsey & Company Report, as reported in numerous trade journals such as the 12/13/18 Journal of Commerce, found that terminals implementing automated terminals actually experienced a loss in productivity and that any benefits were outweighed by the costs at this time; and

WHEREAS the Port of Los Angeles will decide March 21st whether or not to provide a permit to APM terminals that employs more than half of the work force on the Los Angeles waterfront; and this permit would allow APM Terminals to bring in battery packs that will run automated equipment by way of a wi-fi network;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Los Angeles County Democratic Party supports the efforts of the International Longshore and Warehouse Union to prevent the loss of thousands of jobs at the Port of Los Angeles and the Port of Long Beach, we call upon the Port of Los Angeles to decline the permit of new job-killing automation until the environmental impact of such technology has been fully studied and reported, we also ask that the economic and social consequences of such a major loss of jobs for our community be assessed and factored into the permitting process; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall be sent to Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti.

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