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Assemblywoman, Lorena Gonzalez, District 80  
Senator, Connie Leyva, Senate District 20  
Governor, Gavin Newsom  
Mayor, Eric Garcetti  
County Supervisor Janice Hahn, 4th District  
Senator Steven Bradford, Senate District 35  
Congresswoman Nanette Barragan, Congressional District 44  
Los Angeles Port Commission  
Councilman Joe Buscaino, Council District 15

Attached please find our Board approved Resolution in support of AB 1066. This resolution was unanimously passed by the Wilmington Neighborhood Council on September 24, 2019.

We urge you to consider our Resolution and its recommendations to support this Assembly Bill.

Sincerely,

*Valerie Contreras*

Valerie Contreras, Chairperson  
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### **Resolution in Support of State Assembly Bill 1066 Unemployment Insurance: Trade Disputes: Eligibility for benefits**

On September 24, 2019 the Wilmington Neighborhood Council held a fully compliant Brown Act meeting and voted unanimously on a Resolution to support: State Assembly Bill 1066 Unemployment insurance: trade disputes: .

Full bill text:

[https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=201920200](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200)

[AB1066](#)

Summary: AB 1066 ensures that workers who go on strike due to a trade dispute would be eligible for UI benefits after a 2-3 week waiting period. These workers would be subject to the same requirements and limitations as other workers applying for UI benefits. Unemployment insurance exists to help workers who find themselves temporarily without a paycheck. Workers involved in a labor dispute merit support from the state, and this bill is one small step in ensuring all workers can exercise their right to strike.

Status: Reconsidered

Resolution and Letter in Support of AB 1066 and ask that it be brought up again for vote in new legislative cycle starting January 2020.

#### **RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, Under existing law, unemployment benefits are paid from the Unemployment Fund, which is continuously appropriated for these purposes.

**WHEREAS** Existing law makes an individual ineligible for unemployment benefits if the individual left work because of a trade dispute and specifies that the individual remains ineligible for the duration of the trade dispute.

**WHEREAS**, Existing case law holds that employees who left work due to a lockout by the employer, even if it was in anticipation of a trade dispute, are eligible for benefits.

**WHEREAS** This bill would restore eligibility for unemployment benefits after the first 3 weeks of a trade dispute for an employee who left work because of the trade dispute.

**WHEREAS** This bill would also codify specified case law that holds that employees who left work due to a lockout by the employer, even if it was in anticipation of a trade dispute, are eligible for benefits.

**WHEREAS**, This bill would specify that the bill's provisions do not diminish eligibility for benefits of individuals deprived of work due to an employer lockout or similar action, as specified.

**WHEREAS**, this bill would expand the categories of people eligible to receive benefits from a continuously appropriated fund, it would make an appropriation.

**NOW THEREFOR, LET IT BE RESOLVED**, the Wilmington Neighborhood Council supports Assembly Bill 1066 Unemployment insurance: trade disputes: eligibility for benefits.