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The Board of Harbor Commissioners,

The Wilmington Neighborhood Council respectfully requests that the Port of Los Angeles Board or Harbor Commissioners reconsider and repeal its decision to approve the Revocable permit between the LA Harbor department and the City of LA General Services department that was voted on Tuesday, October 8th, 2019 at Special Meeting #2.

As the duly elected representative body of Wilmington we are tasked with advocating for our stakeholders and voicing their concerns. Our Council is not beholden to lobbyists or special interests. We have one simple task and that is to represent our community as a whole. In this capacity a vast amount of our stakeholders are dissatisfied with the manner with which this issue was handled for the following reasons:

1. There was only 1 item on the Agenda for this special meeting and it pertained to Wilmington, yet this meeting was held in San Pedro.
2. The stakeholders were given inadequate notice to make arrangements to attend this meeting which was held on a weekday and in the morning hours. The Port is very much aware that the average stakeholder typically works Monday through Friday during daytime hours and when issues pertain to Wilmington, the meeting should be held in Wilmington and in the evening at a reasonable hour after work. It has been customary for these meetings to be held in Wilmington and in the evening. That was not the case with this meeting. Public Notice was given on Friday during the hours that most are at work. Upon returning to work on Monday stakeholders would have been given less than 24 hours to request time off from their jobs to be able to attend.

3. Stakeholders have been waiting to address the Port Commission on this issue but they have been denied this opportunity due to a lack of adequate notice and failure to make the meeting locally accessible for resident to attend.
4. Our stakeholders are advising us that **there is pertinent information to share with this Commission** which they are certain this board is not aware of. Had the commissioners been made aware of these facts our stakeholders are confident this commission would not have approved this revocable permit.
5. Finally, there is a lack of transparency with the community when it came to this matter. Between the inadequate notice, the meeting being held in another community and the fact that there were THREE meetings all titled "SPECIAL" held back to back was very confusing to the average stakeholder. In all fairness to the community and to prove that you had no intention of being unfair we ask that you repeal your permit and offer the stakeholder of Wilmington an opportunity to address the board at a reasonable hour and with adequate notification.

Furthermore, it was documented during this special meeting that at least one commissioner also felt the community was not given a proper opportunity to address this Commission regarding this issue. As the elected representatives of our community we echo and concur with this sentiment.

Our Community has always strived to work alongside this Commission and sincerely hope the Commission feels the same towards our Community

In closing, the Wilmington Neighborhood Council respectfully requests that the Revocable permit be repealed or at the very least set aside until the stakeholders of our community are given a fair and transparent opportunity to address this Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie Contreras

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