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August 8, 2023

Via Email: [loetker@humboldtбай.org](mailto:loetker@humboldtбай.org)

Larry Oetker, Executive Director  
Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation and Conservation District  
PO Box 1030  
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Executive Director Oetker,

On behalf of the International Longshore and Warehouse Union (ILWU), I am writing regarding the upcoming Humboldt Bay Harbor Commission meeting scheduled for this Thursday, August 10<sup>th</sup>. Item number 11(b) on the agenda is the consideration of a Project Labor Agreement (PLA) for the Humboldt Bay Offshore Wind Heavy Lift Marine Terminal that staff recommends the Board approve. We strongly object to the PLA.

We previously communicated to you our concerns in a February 7, 2023 letter (attached) regarding PLAs and protecting our members traditional, historic, and geographic jurisdiction. We noted the importance of engaging with the harbor commission during the development of this project. However, the Harbor Commission did not engage with the ILWU regarding the content of this PLA nor asked how this PLA would impact our jurisdiction. In fact, we only found out about this proposed PLA when you published it with the agenda mere days ago. To be clear, the PLA eviscerates our jurisdiction, which is the complete opposite of what was requested in our February letter.

The ILWU is opposed to the PLA the Board will consider this week. We ask that the Board reject the PLA and engage with the ILWU to ensure that any adopted PLA respects our jurisdiction.

The ILWU will continue to take all necessary steps to protect our members traditional, geographic and historic jurisdiction.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'William E. Adams'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

William E. Adams  
International President

WEA/akj cwa39521

cc: Humboldt Bay Harbor Commission  
Rob Holmlund, Development Director, Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation and Conservation District  
Rick Sousa, President, ILWU Local 14

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Executive Director Oetker,

On behalf of the International Longshore and Warehouse Union (ILWU), I am writing regarding the development of the Humboldt Bay Offshore Wind Heavy Lift Marine Terminal and the Humboldt Bay Wind Energy Areas. As the domestic wind energy industry develops, it is essential that we are investing in the American workforce, creating good paying union jobs, and respecting the traditional work of our domestic unions. We are excited to welcome offshore wind to the State of California and look forward to the many benefits and jobs this project will provide for our members and the community. The ILWU represents both dockworkers and seafarers on the West Coast including California, Oregon, Washington, Hawaii and Alaska. ILWU dockworker jurisdiction includes the loading and unloading of vessels and barges, the tracking of cargo around port terminals, and the maintenance and repair of containers and cargo-handling equipment. We applaud the Humboldt Bay Harbor Commission for engaging with the various stakeholders in the greater Humboldt Bay community as offshore wind takes off in Northern California. It is anticipated that the project will result in a substantial economic boom for the City of Eureka, and we look forward to partnering with you and other stakeholders as this project moves forward.

Union labor will play an important role in developing the new Heavy Lift Marine Terminal and signaling to developers the viability of the project. The ILWU does, however, have concerns regarding the lease terms and Project Labor Agreements (PLAs) related to the development of the terminal and offshore wind projects. We are concerned that the terms of PLAs may be extended beyond their proper scope—construction—, encroaching on traditional ILWU jurisdiction. With that in mind, the ILWU requests that the Humboldt Bay Harbor Commission and its partners in offshore wind respect the historical and geographical jurisdiction and labor agreements of the workers who have traditionally loaded and unloaded cargo from vessels, rail, and trucks and tracked the movement of cargo around port terminals. Thus, any PLAs with the building trades must exclude the traditional longshore work of loading, unloading, and tracking cargo, including turbine components, to and from any kind of ocean going vessel or barge and around the port terminal.

February 7, 2023  
Larry Oetker, Executive Director

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The ILWU understands that there will be several steps before the Humboldt Bay Harbor Commission and its partners execute a PLA and lease terms associated with the Heavy Lift Marine Terminal and the subsequent projects related to the wind energy area. We look forward to continued engagement on the operational efforts throughout the entirety of this project to ensure that our concerns are addressed.

Sincerely,



William E. Adams  
International President

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cc: Humboldt Bay Harbor Commission

**From:** [Anthony Smith](#)  
**To:** [Rob Holmlund](#)  
**Subject:** Please pass the PLA  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 9, 2023 9:47:31 AM

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My name is Anthony Smith. I am a union construction worker, and I support the Heavy Lift Station Project Labor Agreement (PLA) at the Humboldt Port. I support this PLA because it means the project will utilize union hiring halls to hire Skilled and Trained workers like me, meaning the job will be done right – the first time. It will also bring new career opportunities to our area, which has struggled through the pandemic and lacks career options for local residents. Those in the Skilled Construction Trades in this area often have to travel great distances to find work and are away from their families, sometimes for weeks at a time. A PLA means this project will utilize a local workforce, meaning we can work where we live and keep our money local.

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Sincerely  
Anthony Smith

Regards,  
Anthony Smith  
7668 Bridgeview Dr  
Sacramento, CA 95831

**From:** [Bryan Smith](#)  
**To:** [Rob Holmlund](#)  
**Subject:** Please pass the PLA  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 9, 2023 1:18:54 PM

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Dear Humboldt Bay Harbor District Director of Developme Rob Homlund,

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Sincerely  
Bryan Smith

Regards,  
Bryan Smith  
3660 Holmes Rd  
Oakley, CA 94561

**From:** [Chris Snyder](#)  
**To:** [Rob Holmlund](#)  
**Subject:** Please pass the PLA  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 9, 2023 8:10:08 AM

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Dear Humboldt Bay Harbor District Director of Developme Rob Homlund,

My name is Chris Snyder

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Chris

Regards,  
Chris Snyder  
2644 Creekside Rd  
Santa Rosa, CA 95405

**From:** [Curtis Brooks](#)  
**To:** [Rob Holmlund](#)  
**Subject:** Please pass the PLA  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 9, 2023 9:33:38 AM

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Dear Humboldt Bay Harbor District Director of Developme Rob Homlund,

My name is [bblademan@aol.comadvFirst] Brooks. I am a union construction worker, and I support the Heavy Lift Station Project Labor Agreement (PLA) at the Humboldt Port. I support this PLA because it means the project will utilize union hiring halls to hire Skilled and Trained workers like me, meaning the job will be done right – the first time. It will also bring new career opportunities to our area, which has struggled through the pandemic and lacks career options for local residents. Those in the Skilled Construction Trades in this area often have to travel great distances to find work and are away from their families, sometimes for weeks at a time. A PLA means this project will utilize a local workforce, meaning we can work where we live and keep our money local.

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[Bblademan@aol.com@advFirst] Brooks

Regards,  
Curtis Brooks  
10041Cristo Drive  
Sacramento, CA 95829

**From:** [David Hoie](#)  
**To:** [Rob Holmlund](#)  
**Subject:** Please pass the PLA  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 9, 2023 10:25:57 PM

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Dear Humboldt Bay Harbor District Director of Developme Rob Homlund,

My name is David Hoie. I am a union construction worker, and I support the Heavy Lift Station Project Labor Agreement (PLA) at the Humboldt Port. I support this PLA because it means the project will utilize union hiring halls to hire Skilled and Trained workers like me, meaning the job will be done right – the first time. It will also bring new career opportunities to our area, which has struggled through the pandemic and lacks career options for local residents. Those in the Skilled Construction Trades in this area often have to travel great distances to find work and are away from their families, sometimes for weeks at a time. A PLA means this project will utilize a local workforce, meaning we can work where we live and keep our money local.

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Sincerely  
David Hoie

Regards,  
David Hoie  
2029 Buena Vista Ave  
Alameda, CA 94501

**From:** [Eric Anderson](#)  
**To:** [Rob Holmlund](#)  
**Subject:** Please pass the PLA  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 9, 2023 9:36:46 AM

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Dear Humboldt Bay Harbor District Director of Developme Rob Homlund,

My name is Eric Anderson. I am a union construction worker, and I support the Heavy Lift Station Project Labor Agreement (PLA) at the Humboldt Port. I support this PLA because it means the project will utilize union hiring halls to hire Skilled and Trained workers like me, meaning the job will be done right – the first time. It will also bring new career opportunities to our area, which has struggled through the pandemic and lacks career options for local residents. Those in the Skilled Construction Trades in this area often have to travel great distances to find work and are away from their families, sometimes for weeks at a time. A PLA means this project will utilize a local workforce, meaning we can work where we live and keep our money local.

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Sincerely  
Eric Anderson

Regards,  
Eric Anderson  
501 Davis St  
Santa Rosa, CA 95401

**From:** [Gary Fincher](#)  
**To:** [Rob Holmlund](#)  
**Subject:** Please pass the PLA  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 9, 2023 12:23:54 PM

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Gary Fincher



Regards,  
Gary Fincher  
761 Plumas St  
Yuba City, CA 95991

**From:** [gene.culbertson](#)  
**To:** [Rob.Holmlund](#)  
**Subject:** Please pass the PLA  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 8, 2023 5:52:28 PM

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gene culbertson

Regards,  
gene culbertson  
1976 Myrtle Ave Apt 9  
Eureka, CA 95501

**From:** [Ignacio Montes](#)  
**To:** [Rob Holmlund](#)  
**Subject:** Please pass the PLA  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 9, 2023 9:10:32 AM

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Sincerely  
Ignacio Montes

Regards,  
Ignacio Montes  
4221 Montana Ct  
Placerville, CA 95667

**From:** [Jennifer Micoleau](#)  
**To:** [Rob Holmlund](#)  
**Subject:** Please pass the PLA  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 9, 2023 11:14:01 AM

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Regards,  
Jennifer Micoleau  
2644 Creekside Rd  
Santa Rosa, CA 95405

**From:** [John sabatino](#)  
**To:** [Rob Holmlund](#)  
**Subject:** Please pass the PLA  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 9, 2023 4:29:33 PM

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John sabatino



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John sabatino  
2213 Acorn Ridge Ct  
Folsom, CA 95630

**From:** [Karen Maples](#)  
**To:** [Rob Holmlund](#)  
**Subject:** Please pass the PLA  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 9, 2023 10:51:24 AM

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Regards,  
Karen Maples  
16983 CA-160  
Isleton, CA 95641

**From:** [Kenneth Jones](#)  
**To:** [Rob Holmlund](#)  
**Subject:** Please pass the PLA  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 9, 2023 9:20:02 AM

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Sincerely  
Kenneth Jones

Regards,  
Kenneth Jones  
1405 35th St  
Sacramento, CA 95816

**From:** [Kwaume Frederick](#)  
**To:** [Rob Holmlund](#)  
**Subject:** Please pass the PLA  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 9, 2023 10:11:18 AM

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213 Fiesta Way  
Vacaville, CA 95688

**From:** [Larry Thompson](#)  
**To:** [Rob Holmlund](#)  
**Subject:** Please pass the PLA  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 9, 2023 10:35:40 AM

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Larry Thompson



Regards,  
Larry Thompson  
255 Tahoe Dr  
Rio Vista, CA 94571

**From:** [Mandy Jessup](#)  
**To:** [Rob Holmlund](#)  
**Subject:** Please pass the PLA  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 9, 2023 9:28:34 AM

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1330 Bayshore Way Ste 103  
Eureka, CA 95501

**From:** [Matt Cremins](#)  
**To:** [Rob Holmlund](#)  
**Subject:** Please pass the PLA  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 9, 2023 9:42:37 AM

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1121 L St Ste 206  
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**From:** [Michael fries](#)  
**To:** [Rob Holmlund](#)  
**Subject:** Please pass the PLA  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 9, 2023 9:12:16 AM

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76 Morrison Canyon Rd  
Fremont, CA 94536

**From:** [Obsession dailey](#)  
**To:** [Rob Holmlund](#)  
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525 Melrose Ave  
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**To:** [Rob Holmlund](#)  
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Regards,

Richard Taliaferro  
22791 Pine Hollow Rd  
Colfax, CA 95713

**From:** [Ron Graves](#)  
**To:** [Rob Holmlund](#)  
**Subject:** Please pass the PLA  
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Sincerely  
Ron Graves

Regards,  
Ron Graves  
1717 Boynton Ave  
Oroville, CA 95966

**From:** [Scott Youell](#)  
**To:** [Rob Holmlund](#)  
**Subject:** Please pass the PLA  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 9, 2023 4:55:36 PM

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Scott Youell

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Scott Youell  
3003 Sycamore St  
Martinez, CA 94553

**From:** [Stacey Pitsenbarger](#)  
**To:** [Rob Holmlund](#)  
**Subject:** Please pass the PLA  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 8, 2023 10:15:27 PM

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Dear Humboldt Bay Harbor District Director of Developme Rob Homlund,

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Sincerely  
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Regards,  
Stacey Pitsenbarger  
145 Yosemite Dr  
Rio Vista, CA 94571

**From:** [Trinidad Garcia](#)  
**To:** [Rob Holmlund](#)  
**Subject:** Please pass the PLA  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 9, 2023 9:42:13 AM

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Regards,  
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2284 San Miguel Ave  
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

**From:** [William Meyers](#)  
**To:** [Rob Holmlund](#)  
**Subject:** Please pass the PLA  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 9, 2023 2:03:44 PM

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