



Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council

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February 22, 2016



Board of Harbor Commissioners
City of Los Angeles
Harbor Department
425 S. Palos Verdes Street
San Pedro, CA 90731

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Re: NWSPNC Motions passed February 8, 2016 Related to Port Noise & Light

Dear Commissioners,

On February 8, 2016, the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council passed two motions in response to concerns from our stakeholders related to Port of LA Noise and Light issues.

The motions, along with our letter to the Port Director, are attached.

We ask that you review the motions and let us know if your board could facilitate a response from the Port on these suggestions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ray Regalado". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Ray" and last name "Regalado" clearly visible.

Ray Regalado
NWSPNC President
on behalf of the Board of Directors of the
Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council



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Mr. Gene Seroka, Executive Director
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Subject: Port Motions passed by Northwest San Pedro NC Board

Dear Director Seroka:

On February 8, 2016 the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council passed the two attached motions related to noise and light issues from West Basin port operations.

We respectfully request that the Port take our suggestions under consideration and please keep us informed on what actions you can take.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "R. Regalado".

Ray Regalado
NWSPNC President
on behalf of the Board of Directors of the
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cc: Councilman Joe Buscaino
Board of Harbor Commissioners
Augie Bezmalinovich
Central San Pedro NC & Coastal San Pedro NC

RESOLUTION
CONCERNING NOISE FROM WEST BASIN PORT OPERATIONS
February 1, 2016

Whereas the Port of Los Angeles operates two container terminals along the West Basin of the Harbor adjacent to Northwest and Central San Pedro. These facilities, Berths 100-109, China Shipping and Berths 121-131 Yang Ming Marine Transport operate 24 hours a day.

Whereas these terminals use various equipment as part of their operations along with trains for moving containers in around and off the terminals day and night. Noise from the terminal operations extends beyond the boundaries of the terminal facilities impacting the adjacent communities.

Whereas Yang Ming is currently undergoing facility improvements under an approved EIR and lease, and China Shipping Terminal is also operating under an approved EIR and lease, with a supplemental EIR currently being prepared for the China Shipping Terminal.

Whereas the noise from the West Basin Port Operations impacts the residents adjacent to the terminals especially at night and early morning disrupting sleep.

Now therefore, be it resolved, that the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council (NWSPNC) requests that the Harbor Department:

1. Evaluate the sources of noise from the West Basin Port activities and the ways noise from Port operations has been managed to date;
2. Investigate significant noise events from West Basin Port operations based on input from the community;
3. Provide workers at the terminals on noise minimization training and the noise mitigation requirements of the Port, approved project EIRs, and City of Los Angeles;
4. Ensure that noise observed at residential locations is minimized as far as practicable by adopting best practicable options to limit the emission of noise from noise-producing processes and operations;
5. Ensure that noise emitted from port operations is minimized as far as practicable and assign priority to minimizing of noise generated by yard equipment;
6. Evaluate methods to reduce noise from being broadcast beyond the Port boundary.
7. Evaluate current research, development, and implementation of noise minimization procedures used at other Ports and similar industrial operations.

RESOLUTION
CONCERNING LIGHT FROM WEST BASIN PORT OPERATIONS
February 1, 2016

Whereas the Port of Los Angeles operates container terminals along the West Basin of the Harbor adjacent to Northwest and Central San Pedro. These facilities, Berths 100-109, China Shipping and Berths 121-131 Yang Ming Marine Transport operate 24 hours a day.

Whereas these terminals use high intensity lighting for safe operations at night and that light from these terminals shines beyond the boundaries of the terminal facilities impacting the adjacent communities.

Whereas Yang Ming is currently undergoing facility improvements under an approved EIR and lease, and China Shipping Terminal is also operating under an approved EIR and lease, with a supplemental EIR currently being prepared for the China Shipping Terminal.

Whereas the lighting from the West Basin terminals extending beyond the boundaries of the Port could be mitigated without compromising safety. Now therefore, be it resolved, that the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council (NWSPNC) requests that the Harbor Department:

1. Evaluate methods to reduce glare and light being broadcast outside Port boundaries where it is needed, such as:
 - a. Using lower wattage light bulbs or upgrade the existing light fixtures which appear to be mercury vapor to reduce glare the broadcast area.
 - b. Replacing standard lights with motion sensor lights that only turn on when they're triggered by activity in the area.
 - c. Proper aiming and shielding of the existing light fixtures to focus the light where it is needed, for example, using fixtures that fully encase bulbs so all the light is shining down where it's actually needed, not shooting off in every direction.

The NWSPNC requests that Port evaluate methods to reduce the artificial light from the West Basin impacting residential areas adjacent to those terminals.