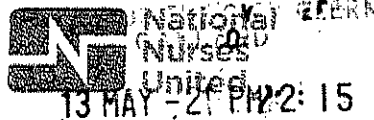




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Hon. Rebecca Kaplan
Member, Oakland City Council
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Dear Councilmember Kaplan,

It is our pleasure to support Michael Colbruno for appointment to the Board of Commissioners for the Port of Oakland. Personally, I had the opportunity to serve with Mr. Colbruno on the Oakland Planning Commission and saw his insightful and dedicated work benefit the diverse communities of Oakland. He was a leader in ensuring high-quality and broadly beneficial specific plans in Brooklyn Basin, West Oakland and the Estuary. On small and large projects, he gave thorough and thoughtful consideration to the many views presented at public hearings, comprehensive reviewed staff reports and developed creative approaches that addressed often conflicting concerns.

He has extensive governmental and business experience related to Ports, having served as staff on the Assembly Select Commission on Ports dealing with what I know from personal experience are the unglamorous but vital issues of dredging, safety/security and international trade policy. He brings to the Commission contacts with elected officials at all levels of government who make the crucial funding decisions essential to the Port's future.

In short, Mr. Colbruno is supremely qualified and would from day one make significant contributions to the Port of Oakland.

Sincerely,

Michael Lighty
Director of Public Policy
California Nurses Association

Cc: Hon. Jean Quan, Mayor Of Oakland