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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

Resolution No. _____ C.M.S.

Introduced by Council Member Ignacio De La Fuente and Council Member Libby Schaaf

RESOLUTION OPPOSING ANY PURPOSEFUL UPCOMING OR FUTURE PORT OF OAKLAND SHUT-DOWNS, DIRECTING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR AND URGING THE MAYOR TO USE WHATEVER LAWFUL TOOLS WE HAVE, INCLUDING ENFORCEMENT OF ALL STATE LAWS AND LOCAL MUNICIPAL CODE REGULATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS, TO PREVENT FUTURE SHUT DOWNS OR DISRUPTIONS OF ANY PORT OPERATIONS

Whereas, the Port of Oakland is an important economic engine which generates over 73,000 jobs throughout the region and is connected to more than 800,000 jobs across the country; and

Whereas, the Port of Oakland generates \$462 million in federal, state and local tax revenue annually and these revenues are essential to support vital services for the City of Oakland and the Bay Area Region; and

Whereas, the port shutdown of December 12, 2011 resulted in a \$4 to \$8 million dollar loss; and

Whereas, the jobs at the Port of Oakland are good jobs held by real working people who depend on their daily wages to support their families; and

Whereas, disrupting the Port hurts the workers, their families, our community, and our local and regional economies at a time when unemployment is high and the economy is weak; and

Whereas, the longshoremen, truckers, and transportation logistic workers who work directly at the Port as well as the farmers and factory workers who raise or produce the goods shipped through the Port facilities are directly negatively impacted by the shut down of our Port; and

Whereas, the Longshoreman's Union and other unions have publicly stated that they do not support a Port disruption or shut-down; and

Whereas, a one day shutdown of our Port results in the loss of a day's pay costs an average truck worker \$600 - \$700 a day in lost wages; and

Whereas, the City of Oakland is committed to free speech, and upholding first amendment rights, including the right to assemble; and

Whereas, as a Council, we have a responsibility to ensure that commerce continues to take place in this City and no one is kept from earning their daily wage; now therefore be it

Resolved: That the City Council directs the City Administrator and urges the Mayor to use whatever lawful tools we have, including enforcement of all state laws and local municipal code regulations and requirements, to prevent future shut downs or disruptions of any port operations; and be it

Further Resolved: That the City Administrator is hereby directed that in the case of another attempted port shutdown, the City should not allow the unlawful closure of any City streets that provide access to any entry points to the Port; and be it further

Further Resolved: That the City Administrator is hereby directed to enforce all local municipal code regulations and requirements as they relate to any proposed rallies, marches, protests, street closures, or any other activity that would require a City permit to ensure commerce continues and workers are not prevented from earning their wages.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____ 2011

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, BRUNNER, DE LA FUENTE, KAPLAN, KERNIGHAN, NADEL, SCHAAF, AND PRESIDENT REID

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

ATTEST:

LATONDA SIMMONS
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of
the City of Oakland, California