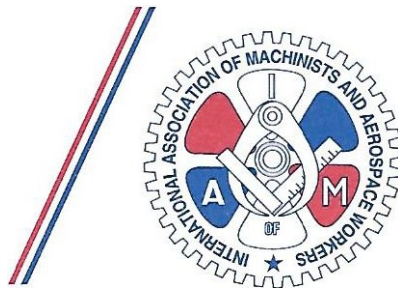


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To the Honorable Mayor and City Council,

In regards to Item #18 on the Council's agenda tonight, we cannot agree to any item regarding return to in-person work without first having the opportunity to discuss what that looks like with the City of Long Beach. This item was brought to a vote without ever having discussed it with the legally elected representatives of your employees, the employees who would need to staff these Council Meetings: The International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers.

We believe that bringing folks back without any science to support the safety of this action is wrong, and we also believe that an item like this requires a robust conversation. We cannot and will not allow our members' lives to be gambled with.

People are dying from COVID-19 every single day. The community expects you all to work together, yes, but that does not mean to put more people's lives at risk unnecessarily. We absolutely do not support this rush to put our members at risk. This is not the way the American Labor Movement moves forward. This item brought forward by Al Austin is a doubling down on stupid, and does not they reflect the type of transparency and accountability it purports.

What considerations were made before proposing this item? We know which considerations were not made, namely talking to the representative unions.

Respectfully,

Richard Suarez  
Grand Lodge Representative  
International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers