



April 7, 2023

Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers
411 West Ocean Blvd
Long Beach, CA. 90802

RE: Support of Green Trucking Facility and Container Storage Project
Deny the Appeal by the Westside Business Association of Long Beach (WBALB)

Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers:

I SUPPORT the Cargomatic Green Trucking Facility and Container Storage Project **and hope that you deny the appeal by the WBALB.** I am a truck driver who enjoys working for Atlas Marine (subsidiary of Cargomatic) and Roberto Uranga is my Councilmember (7th District). I love working and living in Long Beach and I am excited to see that Cargomatic is investing in the new facility, which is located at 1711 Harbor Avenue. I also appreciate that our company supports sustainability in the supply chain. **I hope that Councilmember Uranga and all the Councilmembers vote to deny the appeal by the WBALB.**

The new facility will help relieve supply chain congestion, reduce emissions, and beautify the area. This is a great project for Long Beach, and the green trucking facility will allow Cargomatic to maximize asset utilization and move more cargo with fewer trucks, providing relief to local port congestion while helping to clean the air.

Cargomatic is committed to being a good neighbor and the new facility will include zero-emission charging stations, drought-resistant landscape buffers, fencing and on-site parking for company employees and visitors.

I urge you to deny the appeal from the WBALB so Cargomatic can build the new green trucking facility and container storage facility. This will be good for the community by beautifying the West Long Beach area, by providing new employment opportunities, and by reducing emissions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Merlin Balajadia".

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