The Propeller Club of Los Angeles - Long Beach

To promote the interests of international commerce, shipping, transportation and supporting industries, including governments and communities.



To provide a forum for discussion and to promote public education regarding critical issues which concern these industries.

November 19, 2014

To: The Honorable Mayor Bob Foster and Long Beach City Council Members

Long Beach Board of Harbor Commissioners: Thomas Fields, Rich Dines, Doug Drummond,

Nick Sramek and Susan Wise

From: The Propeller Club of Los Angeles-Long Beach

The mission of The Propeller Club of Los Angeles-Long Beach is to promote the interests of international commerce, shipping, terminals, transportation and supporting industries, including the local government and communities. The Port of Long Beach is an important partner for us and has played a critical role in helping us realize our mission. Our members, which include key stakeholders and local citizens, rely on the success of the Port of Long Beach for their livelihoods.

Our organization is extremely concerned about today's very public challenges within the Harbor Commission and the relationship between the Mayor and the Board, including the recent call for the removal of Commission President Thomas Fields.

The Propeller Club shares the concerns expressed in John McLaurin's letter (November 18, 2013, Orange County Register) and supports his position.

We need The Port and can't afford to see any further harm done. We hope the Commission and the City can mend the damaged relationships so the Port of Long Beach can rebuild its leadership and regain its prominence in the local and global communities which rely on its success.

Sincerely,

Gary L. Gregory

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