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April 16, 2019

Hon. Laura Friedman, Chair
Assembly Natural Resources Committee
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Hon. Cecilia Aguiar-Curry, Chair
Assembly Local Govt. Committee
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

OPPOSE - AB 1191 (Bonta) Removal of Tidelands Trust at Port of Oakland

Dear Chair Friedman and Chair Aguiar-Curry,

On behalf of the Northern California District Council of the ILWU, we strongly oppose AB 1191 (Bonta) which would authorize the removal of the environmental protections of the Tidelands Trust and other statutory trusts from the Howard Terminal in the Port of Oakland. This legislation is scheduled to be heard before your Committees on April 22nd and April 24th.

This bill is intended to allow the Oakland A's to build 4,000 units of housing and a 2+ million square foot commercial office complex, in addition to a baseball stadium, directly on the working waterfront of the Port of Oakland. We OPPOSE this legislation because there is no basis for any reduction, removal, or reconfiguration of the application of the public trust to the waterfront property at Howard Terminal, and because AB 1191 poses a significant threat to thousands of good jobs, will impact the ability of our businesses to provide international trade services to our customers, and may become a vehicle for efforts to avoid the basic state regulatory protections for seaport operations afforded by BCDC and the State Lands Commission.

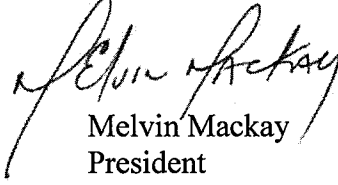
Existing law is simple: it currently protects all of the waterfront of the public marine terminals on the Oakland deep-water channel by reserving them exclusively for waterfront purposes, including for seaport operations and preservation of seaport-related jobs. AB 1191 is part of an effort to remove these restrictions from the waterfront of the Howard Terminal, and transfer those restrictions to uplands not on the waterfront that do not need the additional protections of the tidelands trust. This would be in order allow the Oakland A's to transform industrial property in the heart of our Port, directly fronting our turning basin, and which currently supports over 325,000 intermodal truck transactions a year, into luxury housing units and a high-rise office complex next to a baseball stadium and hotel.

We know exactly what this development means for international trade: we are no longer viewed as the primary or priority use at the Port of Oakland. The proposal's aggressive introduction of 4,000 housing units into our current industrial buffer zone, of which Howard Terminal is the lynchpin, and on the turning basin and in our

working waterfront, with the City further encouraging rapid encroachment of dense housing up the estuary will have deleterious and unavoidable impacts on our industry that should be strenuously avoided.

The Legislature should not endorse any process for the removal of the tidelands trust from the waterfront property within the Port of Oakland or allow the creation of a Housing/Office/Stadium complex on our working waterfront.

Sincerely,



Melvin Mackay
President

cc: Members, Assembly Natural Resources Committee
Members, Assembly Local Government Committee
Assembly Member Rob Bonta