

11)Response to Follow-up to Questions from Labor Organizations

From: josie@alamedalabor.org
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Cc: [Office of the Mayor](#); [Landreth, Sabrina](#); [Moss, Tomiquia](#)
Subject: Attention: Alameda Labor Council Opposition to Coal Coming Through Oakland for Export
Date: Tuesday, October 06, 2015 3:57:18 PM
Attachments: [10.06.No.Coal.Oakland.ltr.doc](#)
[ALC--NoCoalExports_9.18.15.pdf](#)

Dear Douglas,

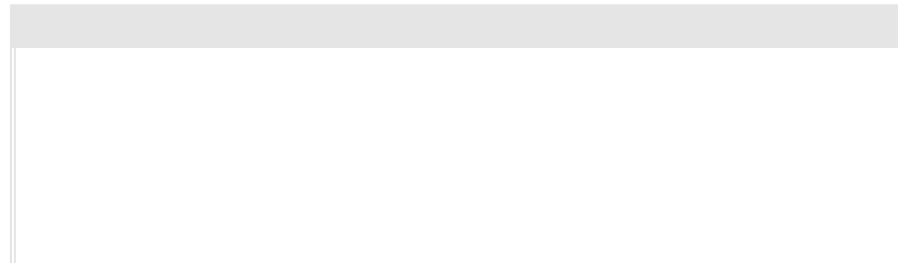
Please include the attached letter and resolution in the documents at
<http://www2.oaklandnet.com/Government/o/CityAdministration/d/NeighborhoodInvestment/OAK038485>

Sincerely,

Josie Camacho



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Adopted by Executive Committee and Delegates

Read before Oakland City Council 9/21/15 by Kim Moses SEIU 1021 Port Chapter President

Josie Camacho, Executive Secretary-Treasurer



Alameda Labor Council, AFL-CIO



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October 6, 2015

Honorable Mayor Schaaf
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Dear Mayor Schaaf and City Councilmembers:

RE: Opposition to Coal Coming Through Oakland for Export

On behalf of the Alameda Labor Council, AFL-CIO representing 109 affiliated local unions composed of 100,000 union members, I am writing to express opposition to the export of coal through Oakland and specifically, the Oakland Global Trade and Logistics Center at the former Oakland Army Base. We are concerned about the public health and safety impacts on workers and the community.

We call upon you to reject the export of coal through the Oakland Global project, to not take funds from Utah to secure use of the terminals for coal, and to execute a binding agreement or adopt an ordinance that will bar the export of coal from this public land.

Sincerely,

Josie Camacho
Executive Secretary-Treasurer

Attachment: Resolution Opposing the Export of Coal

From: [Derrick H. Muhammad](#)
To: [City Clerk](#); [Cole, Doug](#)
Cc: [Kalb, Dan](#); [Guillen, Abel](#); [McElhane, Lynette](#); [Campbell Washington, Annie](#); [Gallo, Noel](#); [Kaplan, Rebecca](#); [Reid, Larry](#); [Brooks, Desley](#); jbetterton@portoakland.com; [Office of the Mayor](#)
Subject: Re: ILWU position on Oakland Coal Exports
Date: Monday, October 05, 2015 4:49:02 PM
Attachments: [100515_ILWU_Comments_against_coal_2.pdf](#)

Dear Mr. Cole:

Please accept for filing the attached letter.



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and Warehouse Union
Local 10**
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October 5, 2015

Via Electronic Mail:

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RE: Oakland Coal Exports

To the Oakland City Council:

My name is Derrick Muhammad. I'm a longshoreman and elected Business Agent at the International Longshore and Warehouse Union, Local 10. My union brothers and sisters at ILWU Local 10 and I have researched the possibility of exporting coal at the former Oakland Army Base. After much discussion, we voted to oppose coal as a cargo at the property. In accordance with our democratic vote, I testified against the export of coal – but in favor of the building of a bulk export facility – at the City Council meeting on Sept. 21, 2015. My comments below reflect my personal statement as well as the position of the rank-and-file members of ILWU Local 10.

Above all, I encourage you to not buy into the false “health versus jobs” dichotomy that the pro-coal side is perpetuating. The simple fact is that we can – and must – have both.

Developers and marketers of port projects regularly promise jobs to needy communities and then claim to have the only possible solution to the community's need for jobs. I assure you that bulk shipping *without* coal is a lucrative business, as our 25,000 longshore brothers and sisters can attest as they work in all West Coast ports from Bellingham, Washington to San Diego, California handling grain, gravel, potash, salt, steel, and many other bulk commodities. If the developers keep looking for better cargoes to export, they will find them.

One point I did not hear at the September 21st meeting, but that's important: Other cargoes are not only safer, but more financially stable than coal. The coal industry is on shaky ground worldwide. On June 25, 2015, the Washington Post published an article titled “The (possible) slow death of coal,” and on July 25, 2015 an industry article titled “Bankruptcies starting to pile up in coal industry”¹ included these points:

After decades of strong financial numbers and dominance in the electric power sector, coal producers are starting to fall apart faster than anyone could have anticipated. ... The only way out – exporting coal abroad to energy hungry countries like China – is also quickly closing off. Oversupply on international markets is depressing prices, and even China is showing less of an appetite for coal than many anticipated. For example, for the fiscal year ending in June 2015, China posted a 31 percent decline in imported thermal coal. China's economic growth is slowing, but it is also implementing air pollution measures that are reducing its demand for coal. Moreover, China is propping up domestic producers to the detriment of coal miners abroad, such as those in the U.S. So far 2015 has been a horrendous year for coal, but the ugly forecast keeps getting worse.

On the health front, we agree with the testimony of our neighbors in Oakland who sounded the alarm over the health impacts a coal terminal would have on the local community. Oakland residents already deal with highway emissions, asthma and other concerns. The community doesn't want or need nine million tons of coal added to their list of worries.

To be clear about the ILWU's pro-terminal and anti-coal position: Longshore workers have been looking forward to the building of a bulk commodities terminal on the site of the Oakland Army Base for several years. We still support the building of the terminal and believe that bulk shipping is the most beneficial use of that property – but coal is wrong for our community and our docks.

I and the members of ILWU Local 10 urge the city and the developers to commit to a “no coal” pledge. There's a finite amount of deep berth dock space available along the coastline for use. There's a whole continent's worth of agricultural, mineral and other bulk goods to export – and hungry markets for those valuable products all around the world. Oakland and the East Bay community need good jobs, but we don't need coal to make them happen.

Thank you for hearing our comments against coal, and in favor of a *coal-free* bulk terminal in Oakland.

Sincerely,



Derrick Muhammad

Business Agent, ILWU Local 10

¹ <http://oilprice.com/Energy/Coal/Bankruptcies-Starting-To-Pile-Up-In-Coal-Industry.html>

From: [Marie Walcek](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Cc: [DL - City Council](#); [Office of the Mayor](#); [Cappio, Claudia](#); [Monetta, John](#); "BParker@oaklandcityattorney.org"
Subject: ALC Resolution Against Coal Exports
Date: Monday, October 05, 2015 9:29:06 AM
Attachments: [ALC- ResolutionOnCoalExports 9-18-15.docx](#)

Please find attached for consideration.

Thank you,
Marie

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Opposing the Export of Coal through the New Oakland Global Trade and Logistics Center**

September 18, 2015

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