



Ports Welcome Resumption of Talks Officials call for a quick resolution to labor action

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Officials at the Port of Long Beach and the Port of Los Angeles welcomed news Friday that representatives for the ILWU Local 63 Office Clerical Unit and the Harbor Employers Association have returned to negotiations.

“We have some of the best and most efficient cargo facilities and workers in the world,” said Port of Long Beach Executive Director J. Christopher Lytle. “A quick resolution is critical to maintaining our status as the country’s premier gateway for trans-Pacific trade and we urge the parties to come to an agreement soon.”

“Both sides in this dispute understand the critical importance of keeping cargo moving through the San Pedro Bay complex,” said Port of Los Angeles Executive Director Geraldine Knatz, Ph.D. “Time is of the essence and we urge a mutually agreeable resolution as soon as possible so that we can return to full operations.”

Combined, the Port of Long Beach and the Port of Los Angeles move 40 percent of all containerized trade in the country. The more than \$300 billion worth of goods that flow through the two ports annually help support close to 3 million jobs across the country, including dockworkers, truck drivers, rail yard workers, warehouse clerks and others up and down the supply chain.

ILWU Local 63 Office Clerical Unit members began striking on Tuesday, November 27, and as of Friday, November 30, seven of eight container terminals at the Port of Los Angeles and three of six at the Port of Long Beach were closed.

Please visit the ports’ websites for more information and updates:

- Port of Los Angeles – www.portoflosangeles.org

- Port of Long Beach – www.polb.com

Contact information for the negotiating parties can be found at:

- Harbor Employers Association - www.harboremployers.com
- ILW Local 63 O.C.U. - www.ilwulocal63ocu.com

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