

JUNEAU CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL

American Federation of Labor-Congress of Industrial Organizations

Alaska Public Employees Association/AFT
Alaska State Employees Association/AFSCME Local 52
General Teamsters Local 959, State of Alaska
Inland Boatmen's Union of the Pacific, Alaska Region
International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 1547
International Long Shore Warehouse Union Local 200
International Union of Operating Engineers Local 302
Laborers International Union of North America Local 942

Juneau Career Fire Fighters Association Local 4303, IAFF
Marine Engineers Beneficial Association, District 1
Masters, Mates & Pilots, Pacific Maritime Region
Pacific Northwest Regional Conference of Carpenters, Local 1281
Plumbers & Pipefitters Local 262
Public Employees Local 71
Public Safety Employees Association/AFSCME Local 803
University of Alaska Federation of Teachers/AFT Local 2404

"Doing Alaska's Work, Living Alaska's Lives, Making Alaska a Great Place to Live"

26 September 2013

Greg Busch, Chair,
Members of the City & Borough of Juneau
Docks & Harbors Board, and
Carl Uchytel, Port Director
155 South Seward Street
Juneau Alaska 99801

RE: Project Labor Agreement needed for Cruise Ship Dock Project

Dear Chairman Busch, Board Members & Director Uchytel:

Please allow the Juneau Central Labor Council, AFL-CIO, comprised of the above listed local unions and their Juneau area members, workers and residents, to request your reconsideration of the apparent decision to undertake the \$50 million cruise ship dock project without benefit of a Project Labor Agreement (PLA).

PLAs have long been a cornerstone of CBJ construction projects, and have served our community very effectively, insuring quality construction results and maximum employment of local residents to perform local construction work. PLAs insure that fair wages on major construction projects are paid to all project workers and, since PLAs allow a lawful emphasis on local hire, PLAs help encourage that those wages will be earned by local members of the community and spent in the community, thereby enriching and building our community and facilitating maximum internal stimulation of our local economy.

PLAs emphasize employment of apprentices, which provides training and work opportunities for our younger generation and allows our youth to learn their careers while working and gaining the experience to attain journey-level status and qualification in their chosen trade.

Finally, PLAs are the official preferred policy of the City & Borough of Juneau, having long ago been designated by the CBJ Assembly as a desired aspect of all substantial construction projects in our community.

On behalf of the above-listed labor unions, their members and in the best interests of providing a quality construction project for our community, please review your dock project program, make it a Project Labor Agreement and enhance the potential for construction of a quality new dock that will not only provide service to cruise ships, but will also be a facility invested in and built by our community, including our young apprentices who will be working, living and raising their families here in Juneau throughout and beyond the life of this dock project.

Please make the new dock a true investment in all of Juneau, especially in the residents and the community of Juneau.

Cordially,

Pete Ford
President, Juneau CLC

cc: Mayor Merrill Sanford
Members of the CBJ Assembly
Kim Kiefer, CBJ Manager
Amy Mead, CBJ Attorney