

**Imperial Beach City Council Special Meeting on March 2, 2022
Agenda Item 11.b City Council Consideration of the reappointment of
Dan Malcolm as the City of Imperial Beach Representative on the
Board of Commissioners of the Port of San Diego. (0150-70)**

Transcript of Rick Bates Unite Here Local 30

Thank you, Mayor. Yeah, I'm a resident of district two. Pro Tem Fisher by the way, Mayor Medina councilmembers. Mr. Manager, it's great to see you tonight. My name is Rick Bates and I am speaking today not just as a resident of Imperial Beach, but also as the Director of Policy and Environmental Affairs for Unite Here local 30 which is the San Diego Regions Hotel hospitality workers union.

And regarding Port Commissioner Dan Malcolm we at Unite Here Local 30 we would like to express our excitement and appreciation for his recent formation of an exploratory Ad Hoc Committee on Labor project construction in jobs at the San Diego Port Authority.

As you may know, the Port Authority is not just an environmental steward of our state tidelands but in fact it is also a very powerful economic driver for our region. The port district generates 10s of 1000s of jobs, many 1000s of those jobs are actually lower wage service sector and tourism jobs. And in fact, many of the hotel workers that work up and down the working waterfront of the Port District actually live right here in Imperial Beach as the Port Commissioner said up here earlier tonight.

So it is our hope that Commissioner Malcolm's ad hoc committee to explore labor standards will provide an equitable pathway for the creation of good quality middle class jobs on our working waterfront that can sustain working families, including those right here in our ever increasingly expensive community in Imperial Beach. Our public tidelands should serve as a benefit not just to the port tenants which we love our port tenants but also to the thousands of workers that actually make up the port our port authority to help it to be the economic driver that it is. **So we appreciate Commissioner Malcolm's leadership in this matter, it is unprecedented at the port. And with this in mind, we support Commissioner Malcolm's reappointment to the Port Authority. Thank you.**