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SB 399 (Hall) Tidelands and Submerged Lands: City of Los Angeles
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ISSUE

The Port of Los Angeles and the surrounding San Pedro-Wilmington communities are closely linked to the history and commercial activity along its waterfront. Over the years, due to an expansion in port activity and a reduction of other commercial or residential development, the waterfront area now offers only isolated areas of successful visitor-oriented commercial enterprises amidst a growing inventory of abandoned, vacant or underutilized areas.

To address this inconsistent land use, the City of Los Angeles and the Los Angeles Harbor Department initiated the LA Waterfront planning and development program. This program is focused on establishing a framework for enhancing the San Pedro-Wilmington communities by providing waterfront access with landscaped boulevards, promenades, parks, and urban squares as well as development opportunities that will provide one-of-a-kind experiences for both tourists and residents alike.

Unfortunately, major public and private stakeholders, including the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation (LAEDC), have concluded that having the ability to exceed the current 50-year regulatory restriction on franchises, permits and leases granted for port and waterfront area activities is necessary for the success of the LA Waterfront program. For the program to realize its full potential of generating new community benefits and private development opportunities, restrictions on lease terms must be addressed.

SOLUTION

SB 399 will provide the City of Los Angeles with a regulatory tool to promote new waterfront related enhancements, development and economic opportunities, while maintaining the integrity of the State Tidelands Trust.

This bill will support bold actions taken by the City of Los Angeles to improve and better connect the Los Angeles waterfront area to tourists and the community, generate enhanced public and private investments, promote transit use, create jobs and increase public access to their waterfront.

SUPPORT

Los Angeles City Councilman Joe Buscaino (Sponsor)
City of Los Angeles
California Assn. of Harbor Masters and Port Captains

California State Lands Commission
California Yacht Brokers Assn.
Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce
Los Angeles/Orange County Building and Construction Trades Council
Marina Recreation Assn.
National Marine Manufacturers Assn.
Pacific Merchant Shipping Assn.
San Pedro Chamber of Commerce
SBCC Thrive LA (including iHeart Wilmington)
Worldwide Boaters Safety Group

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