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West Coast longshore workers ratify contract extension; New agreement will continue until July, 2022

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (August 4, 2017) – The ILWU’s Coast Balloting Committee confirmed today that West Coast longshore workers at 29 ports in California, Oregon and Washington have officially ratified a three-year contract extension with the Pacific Maritime Association (PMA).

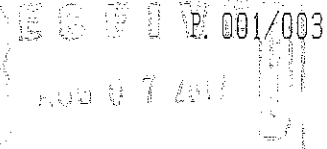
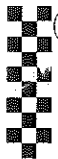
The Committee carefully reviewed balloting results from all longshore local unions and confirmed a tally showing that 67% of members voted in favor of the extension. The current agreement was set to expire on July 1, 2019; the newly approved three-year pact will extend the expiration to July 1, 2022.

The contract extension will raise wages, maintain health benefits, and increase pensions from 2019-2022.

The results followed a year-long debate and democratic decision-making process which allowed every registered longshore worker from Bellingham, Washington, to San Diego, California, to express their views and cast a ballot.

“The rank-and-file membership has made their decision and expressed a clear choice,” said ILWU International President Robert McEllrath. “During the past year we saw a healthy debate and heard different points of view, with concerns raised by all sides. The democratic process allowed us to make a difficult decision and arrive at the best choice under the circumstances.”

The International Longshore and Warehouse Union’s Coast Longshore Division represents approximately 20,000 longshore workers on the West Coast of the United States.



INTERNATIONAL LONGSHORE & WAREHOUSE UNION COAST LONGSHORE DIVISION

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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Longshore Division Locals
FROM: The Coast Committee
DATE: August 4, 2017
SUBJECT: Ratification of Contract Extension Proposal

Please be advised that the Coast Balloting Committee has certified that the contract extension proposal has been ratified by a 67% majority of those voting.

The ratification totals were 5,348 "YES" and 2,634 "NO."

The Coast Balloting Committee Report is attached.

Ratification by Local follows:

LOCAL	PORT	YES	NO	PERCENTAGE YES
04	Vancouver	119	49	70.8
07	Bellingham	7	3	70.0
08	Portland	176	165	51.6
10	San Francisco/Oakland	159	705	18.4
12	Coos Bay	12	9	51.7
13	Los Angeles/Long Beach	2,549	1,203	67.9
14	Eureka	11	1	91.6
18	West Sacramento	25	9	73.5
19	Seattle	466	56	89.2
21	Longview	108	89	54.8
23	Tacoma	537	40	93.0
24	Aberdeen	28	2	93.3
25	Anacortes	3	6	33.0
27	Port Angeles	14	0	100.0
29	San Diego	102	10	91.0
32	Everett	47	3	94.0
34	San Francisco/Oakland	54	74	42.1
40	Portland	47	5	90.3



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LOCAL	PORT	YES	NO	PERCENTAGE YES
46	Port Hueneeme	111	7	94.0
47	Olympia	32	0	100.0
50	Astoria	21	4	84.0
51	Port Gamble	10	0	100.0
52	Seattle/Puget Sound	76	7	91.5
53	Newport	0	10	0.0
54	Stockton	50	32	60.9
63	Los Angeles/Long Beach	584	145	80.1
Totals		5,348	2,634	67.0

Attachment: Coast Balloting Committee Report

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BALLOTING COMMITTEE REPORT

On the Referendum Vote on Contract Extension Proposal

August 4, 2017

The Coast Balloting Committee convened at 9:38 a.m. on August 4, 2017 to certify, per Article VII, Section 4 of the Coast Longshore Division Bylaws, the ballots cast for the referendum vote on the contract extension proposal.

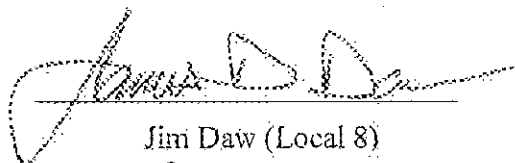
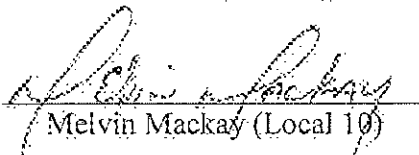
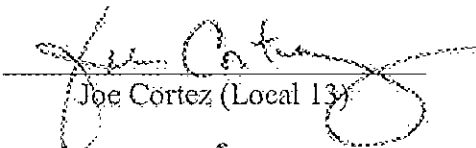
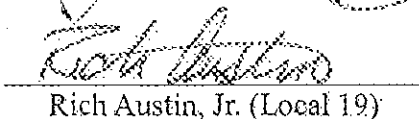
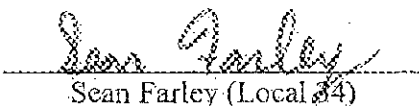
The Committee verified the individual local tallies with one unit vetoing the extension. The Coast Longshore Division Bylaws require 60 percent of the vote to be cast in the affirmative in order to override the veto. The total votes YES equaled 5,348. The total votes NO equaled 2,634. The vote carried by 67 percent.

The Committee noted that although it did not impact the outcome of the vote there were clerical errors made by several locals such as the omission of the date on tally sheets and in one instance an early count. The Committee recommends that the locals be more diligent in their procedures.

The Committee certifies that the vote of the contract extension proposal passes.

Fraternally Submitted,

THE ILWU COAST BALLOTING COMMITTEE


Jim Daw (Local 8)
Melvin Mackay (Local 10)
Joe Cortez (Local 13)
Rich Austin, Jr. (Local 19)
Sean Farley (Local 34)