

International Longshore and Warehouse Union
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Resolution # R-40

ORGANIZING SECURITY GUARDS IN LOS ANGELES/LONG BEACH HARBOR AREA

WHEREAS: in 1958 THROUGH EARLY 1960, Harry Bridges forced Matson and SSA to recognize Local 26 ILWU as union representative for security guards in the joint ports of Los Angeles/Long Beach; and

WHEREAS: this representation grew from 45 ILWU Local 26 members to approximately 200 members and 200 casuals today working for SSA Terminals, APM Terminals, CUT, Hanjin, and LBCT; and

WHEREAS: Local 26 Watchmen have seen their work opportunity reduced as a result of the loss of cruise ships, the banana dock, Fred Noonan Auto Lot, U.S. Lines and Indies Terminals; and

WHEREAS: the employers as APL, Evergreen, Yang Ming, Trepac, and ITS hire a non-union security workforce; and

WHEREAS: permitting this non-union workforce to remain non-ILWU puts Local 26 under constant competition with inferior wages, benefits, and working conditions; and

WHEREAS: the National Labor Relations Act prohibits the traditional organizing of security guards into a union representing production and maintenance workers;

THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED: that the ILWU engage in every and all means possible to bring security guards at the identified terminals under the umbrella of the Local 26; and BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED: that such recognition include the ILWU Watchmen's Agreement with the PMA 2008-2014; and BE IT FINALLY

RESOLVED: that steps be immediately taken by the ILWU and its affiliated locals to make this happen.