

TO: Mr. Carlos Braceras,
Senator Gregg Buxton
Mr. Stuart Clason,
Ms. Nicole Cottle,
Ms. Lara Fritts,
State Representative Frances Gibson,
Mr. Ben Hart,
Councilman Michael Jensen,
Mr. Derek Miller,
Commissioner Garth Ogden,
SLC Council Member James Rogers

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Dear Utah Inland Port Authority Board Members,

We attempted to deliver this letter at the June 18th meeting that ultimately wasn't convened. It is still relevant, and we are anxious to hear your response to our requests:

As you embark on the momentous responsibilities of your new positions, we ask you, individually and collectively, to strive toward developing a model global port for the future. To be successful will require a firm foundation among stakeholders built upon trust, honesty, and mutual respect. Therefore, we urge your commitment to the following procedures, policies, and principles:

- **Openness, transparency and accountability in the operation of the Port Authority.** This includes holding board meetings at times and places accessible to the public and public access to government information and records including board member compliance with conflict of interest provisions.
- **Broad participation in organizational decision making.** This includes setting aside time during board meetings to receive public input; appointing non-voting Port Authority Board members; and creating an advisory board with members representing a wide range of interests. This includes affected communities & neighborhoods, professionals in public and environmental health with expertise in air quality & pollution, local school districts and higher education, and experts in environmental conservation with knowledge of water quality, wildlife and the Great Salt Lake ecosystem.
- **Commitment to “mitigate any negative impacts on and enhance opportunities for surrounding communities” and “to promote a high quality of life for residents of the area, the region and the state.”** (SB 234 S02) This includes conducting a comprehensive, programmatic environmental impact analysis with emphasis on avoiding negative impacts on communities (including the new prison) and the environment; and determining the best practices to minimize, manage and mitigate negative impacts. The Board needs to establish a process to implement this commitment. This includes

adhering to the development guidelines outlined in Salt Lake City's Northwest Quadrant Master Plan.

- **Commitment to develop a non-polluting port and the process to achieve this.** Air pollution is a serious problem in the Salt Lake Valley. Utah's Department of Environmental Quality reports it's likely we will be unable to meet federal air quality standards in 2019. Only by 2024 do they see relief from this threat to our health – but this modeling doesn't include the enormous pollution that comes from a diesel-powered port and increased rail and truck traffic. Thus, the port needs to be built in an energy efficient way and not be used for the storage/transport of polluting fossil fuels. Currently ports around the U.S. and globally are engaging in expensive retrofitting to reduce emissions. Utah should commit to doing it right from the beginning.
- **Commitment to protect the unique and globally important migratory bird habitat of the Great Salt Lake** As many as 7.5 million birds from over 300 species rely on Great Salt Lake and the adjacent land. In addition, the Great Salt Lake generates \$1.32 billion annually in economic development including 7,700 jobs and \$ 375 million in total labor income. The new law recognizes the importance of protecting this area and its habitat. Port development needs to reflect best practices in this area including measures to monitor and track ecosystem health.

Respectfully,

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Jordan Meadows Community Council

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Glendale Community Council

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