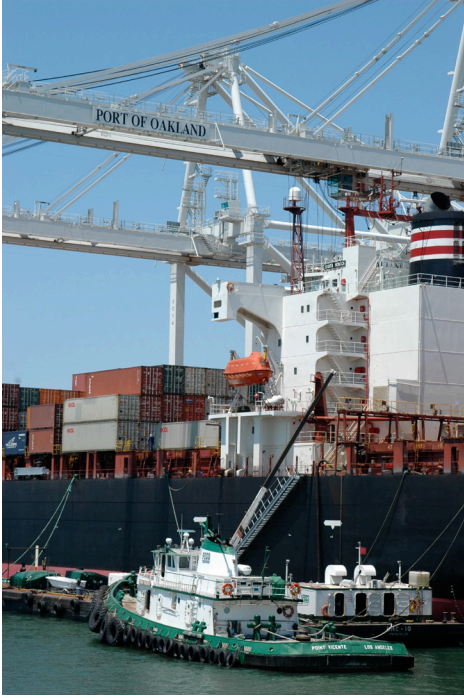


# Keep Our Port Open

## An Open Letter to Our Community from the Port of Oakland



### **From dockworkers to engineers, truckers to office workers— the Port of Oakland is where the 99% work.**

Together with our tenants and customers across aviation, maritime, and real estate, the Port of Oakland generates over 73,000 jobs in the region and is connected to more than 800,000 jobs across the country. This year, the Port has a *1,000 Jobs Plan* that is on track to create one thousand new, direct, port-related jobs in the region.

So does it make sense to shut down the Port of Oakland? *Again?* Occupy groups have called for a “total west coast ports shutdown” on December 12th.

Port of Oakland maritime operations were partially shut down on November 2nd. What did that accomplish? Lost work hours, lost shifts, and lost wages for workers and their families. The impact was not just one day; it is lasting. We have lost cargo and could continue to lose more, because these actions send a message that Oakland is not a place to do business.

**Shutting down the Port of Oakland is a bad idea.** Another shutdown will only make things worse—diverting cargo, tax revenue, and jobs to other communities. It will hurt working people and harm our community.

We understand the frustrations and issues at the heart of the Occupy movement. We are volunteer public servants appointed by local government representatives in one of the most progressive regions in this country. We take our public oath of office and fiduciary responsibility very seriously. That’s why the Port works day-in and day-out to invest in our community, fix aging infrastructure, and bring more business and jobs to the region.

That’s why we urgently call upon our partners in business, the community, government, faith organizations, and labor:

**Join us to keep the Port open, keep people working, keep tackling our shared challenges, and keep creating jobs!**

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