

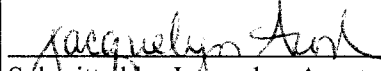


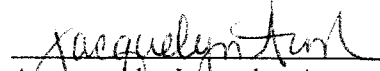
# City of Carson

## Report to Mayor and City Council

December 3, 2013  
New Business Consent

**SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 13-114 OPPOSING THE TRANS-PACIFIC PARTNERSHIP FREE TRADE AGREEMENT AND THE FAST TRACK PROCESS THAT HAS BEEN ADOPTED BY CONGRESS**

  
Submitted by Jacquelyn Acosta  
Acting City Manager

  
Approved by Jacquelyn Acosta  
Acting City Manager

### **I. SUMMARY**

This item is on the agenda at the request of Councilmember Gipson.

Cathy Familathe, President of the International Longshore and Warehouse Union (ILWU) Southern California District Council forwarded a copy of ILWU's resolution opposing the Trans-Pacific Partnership (T-PP) agreement and Fast Track process to Councilmember Gipson (Exhibit No. 1 and 2). President Familathe requests the City Council adopt a resolution similar in nature. Tonight the Council is requested to take action on Resolution No. 13-114 (Exhibit No. 3).

### **II. RECOMMENDATION**

TAKE the following actions:

1. WAIVE further reading and ADOPT Resolution No. 13-114, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, REQUESTING CONGRESS TO OPPOSE THE TRANS-PACIFIC PARTNERSHIP (T-PP) FREE TRADE AGREEMENT AND THE FAST TRACK PROCESS THAT HAS BEEN ADOPTED BY CONGRESS"
2. DIRECT staff to transmit an executed copy of the resolution to Cathy Familathe, President ILWU Southern California District Council.

### **III. ALTERNATIVES**

TAKE another action the City Council deems appropriate.

### **IV. BACKGROUND**

The 2005 Trans-Pacific Strategic Economic Partnership Agreement (TPSEP or P4) is a free trade agreement among Brunei, Chile, New Zealand, and Singapore. It aims to further liberalize the economies of the Asia-Pacific region. Since 2010, negotiations have been taking place for the T-PP, a proposal for a significantly expanded version of TPSEP. The T-PP is a proposed free trade agreement under negotiation by (as of August 2013) Australia, Brunei, Chile, Canada, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Peru, Singapore, the United States, and Vietnam.

The T-PP is intended to be a "high-standard" agreement specifically aimed at emerging trade issues in the 21st century. These ongoing negotiations have drawn criticism and protest from the public, advocacy groups, and elected officials, in part due to the secrecy of the negotiations, the expansive scope of the agreement, and a number of controversial clauses in drafts leaked to the public.

In order to pass the T-PP, President Obama is asking Congress for Fast Track (now called Trade Promotion Authority). This would give the President the power to send a negotiated agreement to Congress for an 'up or down' vote without hearings, debates or amendments. Many feel this will undermine the possibility of a democratic process.

**V. FISCAL IMPACT**

None.

**VI. EXHIBITS**

1. Letter from Cathy Familathe, President, ILWU Southern California District Council. (pg. 3)
2. ILWU Resolution Opposing T-PP Free Trade Agreement. (pg. 4-5).
3. Resolution 13-114. (pgs. 6-7)

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Reviewed by:

City Clerk	City Treasurer
Administrative Services	Public Works
Community Development	Community Services

**Action taken by City Council**

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Action \_\_\_\_\_



# INTERNATIONAL LONGSHORE & WAREHOUSE UNION SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA DISTRICT COUNCIL

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October 28, 2013

The Honorable Mike Gipson  
Carson City Council  
701 East Carson Street  
Carson, CA 90745

**RE: TRANS-PACIFIC PARTNERSHIP (T-PP) FREE TRADE AGREEMENT &  
FAST TRACK PROCESS**

Dear Councilman Gipson,

I write to ask that you present to your colleagues and support a resolution similar to the one that was adopted at the ILWU International Convention on June 7, 2012 – opposing the **Trans-Pacific Partnership Free Trade Agreement** (copy attached) as well as the **FAST TRACK** process that has been adopted by Congress.

I have included several articles concerning this Free Trade Agreement and the Fast Track process that give the many arguments to oppose yet another agreement and the process. I am sure you will agree with us that the past Free Trade Agreements have been disastrous for workers and our communities. I know that the information I am send you will clearly lay out the many reasons to have the Carson City Council adopt a similar resolution.

We hope that you will consider this request and I am available to assist with the presentation and adoption of a resolution. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns or need additional information.

Sincerely,

Cathy Familathe, President  
ILWU Southern California District Council

EXHIBIT NO. 11

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International Longshore and Warehouse Union  
Thirty-fifth International Convention  
San Diego, California  
June 4 – 8, 2012

m/s/c/u  
6/7/12 pm session

Resolution # R-4

INSTRUCT CONGRESS TO OPPOSE THE TRANS-PACIFIC PARTNERSHIP (T-PP)

FREE TRADE AGREEMENT

- WHEREAS: NAFTA (North American Free Trade Agreement), the WTO (World Trade Organization), CAFTA (Central America Free Trade Agreement), and more recent NAFTA-style “free trade” schemes enacted by Congress have contributed to unemployment and de-industrialization in the U.S.; and
- WHEREAS: those trade schemes lack prohibitions against exploitation of workers or the environment and lack guarantees against human rights abuses; and
- WHEREAS: the AFL-CIO, on behalf of 60 unions representing approximately 13 million Americans, claims that millions of U.S. jobs have been lost due to corporate-friendly free trade schemes like the proposed T-PP; and
- WHEREAS: the latest so-called free trade agreement, the Trans-Pacific partnership (TPP) is currently under negotiations, and it continues the NAFTA/CAFTA/WTO model in spite of decades of negative experience; and
- WHEREAS: a solid majority of Americans oppose so-called “free trade” schemes;
- THEREFORE BE IT
- RESOLVED: that this 35<sup>th</sup> Convention of the ILWU goes on record as opposing the Trans-Pacific Free Trade Agreement; and BE IT FURTHER
- RESOLVED: that the ILWU call upon its friends in the Pacific Rim Unions and community allies to formulate a plan of action to expose and fight the creation of this secret agreement in order to insure that workers’ interests are not once again silenced by the corporate interests and the politicians they own in the name of so-called “Free Trade”; and BE IT FURTHER
- RESOLVED: that the ILWU work with other unions and community groups to mobilize for the upcoming round of T-PP negotiations taking place in San Diego, July 2, 2012; and BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED: we call on Congress to represent we the people, and to oppose the T-PP and other corporate-friendly free trade schemes; and BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED: if Members of Congress believe free trade schemes like the T-PP are good for the people of our nation, let them bring their beliefs to the communities in which we live, and to the court of public opinion; and BE IT FINALLY

RESOLVED: because of the importance of this topic we call on Members of Congress who support the T-PP and similar free trade schemes to facilitate pro and con debates in their Districts or States that are accessible to the public and where public advocates such as Global Trade Watch shall be guaranteed equal time to present arguments in opposition to the T-PP and other NAFTA-style deals.

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RESOLUTION NO. 13-114

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, REQUESTING CONGRESS TO OPPOSE THE TRANS-PACIFIC PARTNERSHIP (T-PP) FREE TRADE AGREEMENT AND THE FAST TRACK PROCESS THAT HAS BEEN ADOPTED BY CONGRESS

WHEREAS, the Southern California District Council of the International Longshore and Warehouse Union (ILWU) believes North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), the World Trade Organization (WTO), Central America Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA), and more recent NAFTA-style "free trade" agreements enacted by Congress have contributed to unemployment and de-industrialization in the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, ILWU has reported that those trade agreements lack prohibitions against exploitation of workers or the environment and lack guarantees against human rights abuses; and

WHEREAS, the AFL-CIO, on behalf of 60 unions representing approximately 13 million Americans, claims that millions of U.S. jobs have been lost due to corporate friendly free trade agreements like the proposed Trans-Pacific partnership (T-PP); and

WHEREAS, the latest so-called free trade agreement, the T-PP is currently under negotiations, and it continues the NAFTA/CAFTA/WTO model in spite of decades of negative experience; and

WHEREAS, the City of Carson opposes the so-called "Fast Track" or "Trade Promotion Authority" agreements because this process would not allow for hearings, debate or amendments;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the City of Carson goes on record as opposing the Trans-Pacific Free Trade Agreement; and that Carson calls upon other cities in the South Bay consider passing a similar resolution in their city; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: we call on Congress to oppose the T-PP and other corporate-friendly free trade agreements; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED: because of the importance of this topic we call on Members of Congress who support the T-PP and similar free trade agreements to facilitate pro and con debates in their Districts or States that are open and noticed to the public in which the public be given ample time to present arguments in opposition to the proposed T-PP.

**PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_ day of December, 2013.

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Mayor Jim Dear

ATTEST:

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City Clerk Donesia L. Gause, CMC

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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City Attorney

