

MAYOR FOSTER TOOK A WRONG TURN ON THE ROAD TO CLEAN AIR

The Port of Long Beach wants to expand, so they unveiled a scheme, called it green, and voted on it the very next business day. In the harbor commissioners' haste to grow, they rejected all the strong environmental standards to keep dirty diesel trucks off the road. If the Port is serious about cleaning the air, why are they asking low-wage workers to buy and maintain the new modern fleet?

Perhaps that's why the profit-driven shippers and trucking companies that make up the \$300 billion industry are celebrating – taxpayers and individual truck drivers who average \$11 an hour will still pay the real cost for deadly pollution.

Don't be fooled: Environmental and public health groups oppose the Long Beach truck scheme.

Port truck pollution makes children sick and kills two people a week. Before industry expands, the community needs a comprehensive and sustainable emissions-reduction plan.



It's a disgrace to let corporate pressure influence a clean-air plan. Kids in Long Beach are needlessly suffering from asthma all so Wal-Mart and Target can sell a cheaper TV set in their stores.

Working families are united behind all the environmentalists, public health groups, and community advocates that are urging Mayor Foster to enact a real solution to end pollution and poverty at our ports.

It's going to take bold action, not band-aids, to make Long Beach a cleaner, safer and better place to live and work.

—Manny Valenzuela, Teamsters Union



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