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Agenda Item: Supplemental S-19 #4: An Ordinance Authorizing The City Administrator To Negotiate And Execute An Up to Thirty (30) Month Sublease With Oakland Maritime Support Services (Or A Related Entity) For Truck Parking And Truck Services On Up To 11.7 Acres Of Land On The Port-Owned Portion Of The Former Oakland Army Base.

Dear City Council,

My comments are in "support" of this ordinance.

Rodgers Trucking Co is a proud 150 Teamster members organization in San Leandro. With all due respect to my Teamster Brothers Marty Freitas and Doug Bloch, I am writing today to support Bill Aboudi and OMSS and the valuable services they provide to the Oakland Port Trucking Community. I have heard many disparaging remarks about Bill's character and how he supposedly operated his business. I am not privy to the matters of the law suit, nor do I have firsthand knowledge of how he interacted with his drivers. What I do know about Bill is his dedication to the trucking community at large and his efforts to make our industry and Port better.

I have sat with Bill in many meetings and committees with all the various stake holders in the Port of Oakland. Bill asks tough questions and demands efficiencies of those in power who have the ability to make the Port a better place to work. He cares about the "little" guy, the independent trucker, the employee trucker, the union trucker and the environment and how it affects the residents of West Oakland. I believe that there is room at the Port for "all" types of trucking companies, and I believe Bill is in agreement with me.

Bill provides a vital service to our company and many others at the Port. Parking of trucks and equipment is at a premium. We take full advantage of this as it makes our operation run more efficiently. He does more than just offer a parking space. His operation provides security and supporting services that benefit "all" of the trucking community. Some of these are weighing services, tire and maintenance services, mini mart, and OT411. OT411 has been at the forefront as resource for "all" truckers and companies. The BAAQMD, CARB, Health Services, and many more have used this facility as a place to outreach to the trucking community. Bill did this all on his own. It was his vision. I believe, that you will get the biggest bang for your buck by agreeing to offer the contract to Bill Aboudi, and OMSS.

Our company needs the services that Bill provides.

Thank you

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