

THE PORT OF HUENEME
OXNARD HARBOR DISTRICT
2030 STRATEGIC PLAN COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

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(Transcription of Original Video, English Language)

Dona Lacayo:

--Yes, Very good.

Joshua Hurwitz

--Great. Alright, well thank you everyone for taking time out of your life to join us here tonight. This is the Port of Hueneme Oxnard Harbor District 2030 Strategic Plan Community Workshop. It's April 7th, 2021 today and tonight... I'm Joshua Hurwitz with the firm Moffatt and Nichol, we've been hired to assist and facilitate the updating of the Port's Strategic Plan for the coming 10 years and tonight is an opportunity to let you know about the process to date, and then solicit your input and feedback in the development of that plan. So, thank you for being here tonight and I'm going to go over a few meeting details, housekeeping, and then we'll kick off the evening's webinar.

Tonight the webinar is being hosted on Zoom platform. There is a chat feature, if you can find it on your screen there is a chat. It'll be open during the entire presentation for comments questions... Any language that you wish, you can type your chat into it. It'll be seen by all attendees and panelists and feel free to type it in in any language that is comfortable for you.

For listening there is an interpretation button in your screen which will allow you to listen to the main channel or a Spanish or Mixteco simultaneous translation. Again, this is an opportunity for the Port to listen to you and hear your questions and comments and interests, so, and we ask for your patience because we have... this is a digital platform and there's simultaneous translation so we want to go slow enough to make sure that everyone's voice can be heard.

There will be a couple of sections in this evening's presentation where we specifically have some live polls pop up in your screen. You'll be able to select either a multiple-choice answer or either-or answer, hit the submit button and we'll record your answers, and then they'll be other opportunities, again, we'll specify when, for you to put your chat or Q & A, to make sure that your comments can be fully incorporated.

This won't be the only opportunity to make your voice heard, you can send an email at any time to Dona Lacayo or Miguel Rodriguez of Port of Hueneme, and they'll be happy to take your questions off-line and then because we are doing simultaneous translation, please do put your questions or comments in the Q & A or chat features so that we can read them and it can be

available to everyone regardless of language. And if we don't get time to get to your comment live tonight don't worry, this is being recorded and there will be ample opportunity to incorporate it into the strategic planning process, we'll have a record of any chat or Q & A that you put into the meeting tonight.

I'll go over the agenda and then I'll make an introduction. So, again, this is meeting details. We'll cover the Welcome and Introduction, we'll give you an overview of the process of updating the Strategic Plan, what we've done so far and where we're going. The Strategic Plan has certain pillars. We're going to hear from the Environmental Pillar first tonight, actually, because of some logistics details. Then we'll hear the Community Pillar, and after each pillar we'll have the opportunity to do polls and questions and comments and then we'll close with the next steps for each process.

So with that I'd like to give a warm welcome to the executive director and CEO of the Port of Hueneme, Kristin Decas.

[Kristin Decas](#)

--Good evening everyone. It's a pleasure to be with you this evening. It's great to see such a strong turnout and openness and transparency is in our DNA and we really want to hear from as many folks as possible. We've actually been successful in getting 500 community surveys out and so we're really eager to hear more of what the community has on mind in terms of the Port and the future over the next decade and investments and the pillars of our Strategic Plan. I thought I'd open with a statement from Abraham Lincoln that says, "Give me six hours to chop down a tree and I will spend the first four sharpening the ax," and I think that's where we are this evening, sharpening our ax and getting ready to roll out a fine plan that has the input of our great community here in Ventura County. So, with that I'd like to turn it over to the President of our board, Commissioner Jason Hodge, to deliver some welcoming remarks.

[Jason Hodge:](#)

-- Well, I just want to thank everyone for coming tonight. We have a fantastic turnout, that's one of the advantages of having Zoom is that we get more people here than we would our normal meetings so you can see how this process works and you can participate. On behalf of the Port community, our staff and our customers we do want to thank you for being here and we want to let you know that, you know, this is your Port, and there's the old saying that "A rising tide lifts all boats," and we believe that in this Port, the better that we do, the better our community does. We also realize that for a rising tide to lift every boat you have to have a boat, and we want to make sure that everyone in this community is active in this Port and everyone is feeling the benefit of it. So, please make sure your comments are in there, make sure you understand that we are listening. This is one night of many conversations that we're going to have. But, we're going to move forward together, we're going to build a really great future for this community through the Port of Hueneme. So, thank you very much for coming. We appreciate it.

[Kristin Decas](#)

--Thank you Commissioner, and so we just have a couple quick slides before we get into the nuts and bolts of the strategic planning, but just want to make sure that the audience is familiar with the governance structure of our Oxnard Harbor District, which is the owner of the Port of Hueneme, and just to give a little background we have five elected Harbor Commissioners whose mission is to run this port, your port, as Commissioner Hodge indicated and they're really here to serve their constituents, the community, by, through the auspices of the commercial seaport here. And to become a harbor commissioner you need to reside within this Oxnard Harbor District which is our geopolitical boundary and so to become a harbor commissioner you need to live in the city of Oxnard, the city of Port Hueneme or within the incorporated parts of Ventura County, the beach communities. So, we have five Harbor Commissioners. They're elected at large and then they serve four terms, four years and the votes are every two years. So this year we will have a by year in election and then the next election we'll have two commissioners up for reelection, if you could jump to the next slide.

And I think what the true value as I mentioned a little bit earlier in this governance model is that they are voted by you the people and they're here to serve you and make sure that we make the Port a better place to fulfill our ultimate mission, which is not to become a rich Port, but is a mission to enrich our community by creating economic and social good by having access to the world stage for commerce and then being able to deliver back to our community. So that's just a couple of opening remarks here so people understand how the Port operates and who we are. And with that, I think it goes back to Dona to give a couple highlights on the business of the Port and then we'll roll into the strategic planning.

[Dona Lacayo:](#)

--Thank you Kristin for the introduction. Thank you everyone for attending this evening. It's a great turn out as Kristin mentioned and Commissioner Hodge mentioned, we are honored to have you here and I'll go into a bit of a detail of how we did during the last year with COVID happening we weren't really sure how the trend of fresh fruit cargo, which is our predominant cargo, over half of our tonnage year annually is fresh fruit and perishable cargo and we didn't know how the cars were going to perform and Ro-Ro or the automotive cargo that we see here accounts for about 47% percent of our revenue. A lot of our customers had to shut down operations because of COVID concerns and then they adjusted and reopened in a couple of months but a lot of the volume was impacted throughout the months of May and June. So from the revenue standpoint we saw about 30% of our revenue still continued to come through strong shipments of agricultural products exports meaning, locally grown fresh produce overseas and imports, mostly bananas and pineapples, avocados and such. The fresh fruit segment continued to flow. Grocery stores were open, so we were fortunate to see that segment really grow over 33% in the last year by volume. People continue to be able purchase fruit and the Port stayed open 24/7 although much of us were on lockdown the Port's longshore workers were able to be here to work the ships so we're able to see that produce on the shelves for us to buy. Auto segment, the drop that was expected we actually anticipated a lot more of a drop, more like 28 to 30% so it was positive that for last fiscal year it was only 14%. The economic impact of the Port being here is enormous. Jobs that are connected to the Port, direct and indirect and related account for over 15,000 family sustaining jobs. The economy is also really benefiting from the

Port's location here. \$1.7 billion dollars of economic activity is accounting because of the Port's operations of Ventura County. Annual cargo value has also grown over the past couple of years. It used to be \$9 billion, now we are up to \$10.85 billion and all of this is done on approximately 550 acres of Port acreage and off-port acreage or private businesses investing in our county and either leasing, purchasing land and employing people there. We also own the Short and Line Rail, Genesee & Wyoming is operating it, it's the Ventura County Railway that connects to Oxnard Transit Center's location in Oxnard to Union Pacific and we also have on-dock refrigeration facilities that account for about 170 square feet on terminal and off-port footprint accounts for a thousand refrigerated plugs for containers that carry produce. Next slide please, Josh.

And why we do all of this? it's really because the community and the people. The family sustaining jobs is really what drives this Port to be successful. The Port's success is your success, it's very important that we continue to stay competitive and vibrant, and we hear from you, so as we grow we do it in a way that the community benefits. Next slide please, thank you Josh.

[Joshua Hurwitz:](#)

--Okay great, thank you Dona. And that was Dona Lacayo, Chief Commercial Officer of Port of Hueneme.

Now we're going to have a brief discussion of the prior strategic plan, the 2020 plan. It was initiated in 2015, it was a five-year plan, it expired already and that is why we're here, to update it.

The prior plan had five pillars of emphasis: Economic Vitality, the Environment, Innovation and Technology, Community and Marketing. I'm not going to read all this slide but, in five years it's difficult to achieve all your goals if you are ambitious enough in your vision but, it is interesting to note some of the things the Port was able to achieve and some things that are a work in progress. Some of the major achievements include deepening of the channel, as well as some of the berths to 40 feet of water depth which was tremendously helpful for the commercial competitiveness of the Port. It did that in part by receiving over 30 million dollars in federal and state grants between 2007 and 2020. It implemented a Shore Power Electrical System so that vessels could plug-in to the electrical grid while at berth, thereby turning off their auxiliary diesel engines so that they didn't emit diesel particulate matter while stationed at berth.

And they also, that alone helped to reduce diesel particulate emissions in part by up to 85%. They also introduced a system of air-quality monitors throughout the city, so not just on the Port but off the Port as well, and it was, this is a pretty sophisticated system, I'll let the Port describe it in greater detail, but it actually measures the exact, the actual emissions in the air as well as estimated.

On the innovation side they took a program, the MAST program and incorporated it into an entity called Fathomwerks, which is now operating at the Port and it is an incubator program that is a tenant of the Port and provides start up and technology-based incubation for new technology, new ideas. Working with the community the Port has held more than 48 distribution, food

distribution programs handing out more than one million pounds of fresh produce and it has done some educational partnerships to promote jobs and educational training, for instance the Global Trade and Logistics Course.

But of course, it wasn't able to do everything in five years, not all of the berths were dredged, there's still some traffic patterns that need to be addressed and realigned, there's a number of remedial repairs to the infrastructure that were postponed that need to be addressed, there were some off-terminal real estate transactions that were not realized and the Port has made progress in becoming a more transparent community partner but of course that is a process, a continuum and so there's still ways to go in, I mean, it's an ongoing process. And then the environmental goals are really, just kicking off in the last 5 to 10 years, some projects have been realized as we, as I said but there's still more to do.

So, that brings us to the 2030 plan, and we want to talk a little bit about the process to date. We kicked off really in January of 2020, so a year ago, with a Port Operator's Group meeting. It then followed with 12 months of, almost nearly a year, of one-on-one interviews with a diverse selection of stakeholders and interested community members. There were more than 75 groups interviewed, actually, close to 100 participants with more than one participant per group, and those discussions totaled over 200 hours of interviews and discussions. And then most recently the Port held some online and community surveys last month in March with more than 500 respondents.

So, that brings us to this part of the process right here, which are the two workshops tonight and tomorrow. Tonight's workshop is really focused on the Community and Environmental Pillars, and tomorrow we'll have a separate stand-alone workshop dedicated for the Infrastructure Pillar. The next steps would be to draft the strategic plan, fine-tune it, which again, will be a process, intuitive process, there'll be a public hearing on the draft plan and followed by formal board approval, and we're anticipating that that process will culminate during the fiscal year, the Port's fiscal year which ends June of 2020.

Some of the themes we heard from those stakeholder outreach interviews, and the one-on-one sessions were that the environment, the community and transparency are top priorities, that economic vitality and the Port's role in job creation was a top survey result, that social and environmental justice and equity are vital concepts, and that the process of community engagement is important, the process itself. There is a spectrum of engagement and it requires conscious and collective practice to move along that spectrum and there was a desire to have the Port be an active participant and partner.

So, given that feedback and the analysis we are proposing to change two of those five pillars. So Environment, Economic Vitality and Innovation and Technology remain, Partnership is now expanded to cover Social Equity, Community and Partners, and Marketing, because of the success of the Port has been, has evolved into a focus on the Infrastructure, the actual infrastructure of the Port, on and off terminal to ensure that what it offers to the marketplace, participants and the operators and the users and customers is the, an adequate infrastructure to meet their

commercial demands. I would now like to cover the Environmental Pillar now, well I'd like to introduce Giles Pettifor, the Head of Environment at the Port of Hueneme to cover this slide. Giles?

Giles Pettifor:

--Alright, thank you very much Josh. Welcome everyone, thank you so much for attending this evening's presentation. I'm really excited to get to share what I'm going to share in these next few slides with all of you, and I'm a little nervous but, I'm really excited about, you know, sort of where we are and as all of you are aware, the globe, the world, our nation, our society is at a very, very critical junction in our history right now and that is in large part being driven by climate change. We are seeing impacts across the globe due to climate change and that is largely being driven by carbon emissions that come from our world running off of fossil fuels. Our economy, our cities, our communities in large part run on fossil fuels. It enables us to move goods, it enables us travel, enables us to heat our homes, driver our cars, but the reality is we're all recognizing that that is creating all of these consequences and the important point here is that that awareness becomes so critical and so pervasive that the recognition that things need to change has gotten to the highest levels.

The Biden Administration in DC is investing millions and billions in programs in the next set of years to directly address reducing emissions of carbon based fuels, reducing CO2 emissions. The globe is coming to this transition point recognizing that we need to not only generate energy differently, but we need to use that energy differently, and the Port is the place locally where we have this opportunity for this global push and this national push toward clean energy and the use of clean energy to do things like move cargo and provide jobs for people using that clean technology. We have that touching Ventura County through the Port and how that is important is because the community, those roots that have been there for 83 years, are going to be the receivers of the benefits from this transition and this is what we are so excited about, is because yes, this is a very frenetic time right now associated with, you know, competing for grant money and trading out equipment and all of this transition that the whole world and the nation is trying to leap into right now but we want to be for the community. The pointy end of the spear that's pushing into this new world for all of us to bring that into Ventura County, to bring those jobs, to bring that technology, that exposure to our students, our children to see this technology in action, to make sure that it's not just happening in the Bay area, it's not just happening in LA, but that Oxnard gets its fair share of that incentive money, that Oxnard gets its fair share of clean technology. We want to be that means through which that takes place.

As an example of that, the slide you see here before you is talking about clean-air. We understand and we hear from the community how critical clean air is. We all want our children to breathe clean air. We all want to ourselves to breathe clean air, and we recognize that the Port produces pollution as it moves cargo. The challenge becomes in that we can't necessarily say what the local air quality in Oxnard looks like consistently. There have never been high quality air quality monitors anywhere south of 101 in Oxnard. We recognized this fact at the Port and said "How could we collect information about the actual air quality that people are breathing, and how would we share that information with the community about real air quality in South Oxnard?"

And our Board and our directors and management were bold enough to say “We want to put in a very high quality set of air monitoring equipment down in South Oxnard and let's get the real information, let's not rely on models, or estimates, or guesstimates or assumptions. Let's actually measure the air that all of us are breathing.” And so, about a year and a half ago the Port installed a set of what they called reference grade monitors, and it basically means that these are extremely expensive pieces of equipment, you know, they're hundreds of thousands of dollars, but what they do is that they take incredibly high accurate measurements of the air 24-hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year and we're recording all of that information. We have about 14 months of data and in the next few months and weeks myself and Miguel are going to be going out to our community partners, our community groups, our local neighbors and we're going to be sharing this data, this information, this data. It's complicated because it's science-y, it's atmospheric stuff, it's misting layers, and inversion and all these things, but we're going to be providing this information to the community in a way that can help the community to better understand what is the actual air that they're breathing and why does it tend to change the way it changes because what we're seeing is that the air in South Oxnard is really, really very good and that it changes with climate, or seasons I should say, and that the true driving force for bad air-quality, not just in Oxnard but the whole state of California, and in fact all of the western US is a new, sort of, paradigm again being driven by climate change that is wildfire and we are seeing concentrations of air pollutants, 20 or even 100 times higher than the worst readings we get when there isn't a wildfire in those times where there is a wildfire. This is going to be a very important challenge not just for us in the Oxnard area but for the whole state of California.

So stay tuned in the coming weeks through the traditional channels that the Port shares information through. We will have information regarding this data, the presentations around the data and myself and Miguel will be here to answer those questions and help to understand and interpret that information because it's so critical to us. So let's move onto the next slide.

Alright, so as we talked about this excitement that I'm feeling, this transition, this change, it's going to touch on every single thing that's happening right now and all of the things that are happening at the Port, moving heavy things from point A to point B, in very simple terms, that movement of heavy stuff takes a lot of energy, and if we're talking about moving away from fossil fuels we're going to need not just new equipment, not just new cranes, not just new trucks, new trains, new tractors, we're going to need new fuel and that fuel is a really important piece because that fuel is the new technology, battery electric, hydrogen fuel cell. These are the new technologies that are going to begin, that are beginning to change our world, not just from Teslas driving on the freeway, but heavy-duty trucks, class 8, class 7 trucks, things that big rigs move stuff hundreds of miles. This is going to be the place where those sorts of new types of technologies are tested.

As you see on the slide before you, the Port is already putting in place many elements of this transition. We have battery storage; we have zero emission heavy duty cargo handling equipment. The very first pieces of heavy-duty cargo handling equipment ever to be implemented in Ventura County are coming to the Port this month. We are putting in all of the infrastructure, electric systems, transformers, switchgear, conduit, all these technical pieces that

are going to enable us to power all of that future equipment, new cranes to move our cargo more quickly and more efficiently and more cleanly. All of this is going to combine as part of this whole new world that we're stepping into, in that microcosm that is moving a container from point A to point B at the Port is the world in a nutshell when it comes to moving goods, and there's going to be opportunities for our longshoremen, our community partners, our schools, our students, our neighbors to benefit from this transition, and we want to bring all of you with us in this transition and share and connect with our schools, connect with our community colleges. Connect with our trade schools and our technical students and get them exposure to this new technology. You know, in 10 years we're not going to need diesel mechanics anymore, well we might need a few, but largely the state of California is moving away from diesel very quickly. We are going to need electric vehicle mechanics that can work on a battery electric big rig truck. Those are the types of jobs, as an example, that are going to be changing, but there will be many, many more and we're really passionate about that. Now, there's a lot of detail to get into on this transition and one of the things that we really want to get through in the next couple of months to year is working on all of this under a comprehensive clean air, climate action and community plan, and that plan is called PHRESH. You can see it in the upper right-hand corner where it says clean air there, with a PH and that stands for Port of Hueneme Reducing Emissions and Supporting Health and this is going to be a comprehensive plan that talks about not just where we are but where we want to go, how do we get there, how do we change what we do, how much will that cost, how long will that take and what will that do as far as how we do things at the Port. We want to get that right. We want to be very intentional about being really, really robust in that analysis because we don't want to promise you something that we cannot deliver on and so we are working and we are going to find out in the next few weeks if we are getting a grant from the state to help pay for some of the analysis that we are going to have to do in order to come up with those types of dates. When can we get to a zero emission port? I don't yet have an answer to you on that for you because, I want to make sure that our homework is done and that I can show you all of the analysis needed to prove that this in fact is a date that we can get to, and it's going to cost us this much money and take this much time. We wanted to be accurate about, and we want to be intentional about that, but we want to show you and share with all of you that we are doing this every single day, that I am working on bringing in help facilitating clean air, clean equipment into the Port community and that our management, the commissioners, are fully behind us in this transition. We're going to Sacramento, we're going to DC and we're going to be in pursuit of all of this new federal money that is coming in down the pipeline. We want to also connect to our community with our trucking partners, our warehousing partners, our community colleges, all of these and work on all of that together. So it's going to be a long, you know, it's a process, it's going to be a shift where you have a lot of diesel equipment that still operates at the Port. That is an essential part, we can't just change it over overnight because of obvious, the expense the changeover, but it has begun, and it's going to accelerate and we want all of you to come with us as it does so. It's a very exciting time for us and I look forward to answering questions and getting feedback as we go through this.

So thank you very much, the only last piece I really wanted to touch on there, and that Miguel and others of our communities will get into, equity is going to be an essential piece of this because as we go through this technology change and this energy change what will happen with that will

be an opportunity to change business as usual, and to bring in new portions of the community, new communities that have not had exposure to this type of technology previously and we're passionate about making sure that those connections happen and that those conversations happen and that we listen and hear and bring that to all partners of the community. So thank you very much and I look forward to hearing more from all of you this evening.

[Joshua Hurwitz](#)

--Thank you, Giles. Let's move on. We have just a couple of poll questions then we'll get into the environmentally focused comments, there's some great comments that we have seen in the chat. So Dona, why don't we go ahead and lunch poll question one...

[Dona Lacayo](#)

--I have

[Joshua Hurwitz](#)

--Thank you, we see that.

What do you think is the most important environmental focus?

And you may pick more than one, it is multiple-choice.

- A.) Air quality
- B.) noise control
- C.) traffic mitigation, trucks and cars
- D.) building more green infrastructure
- E.) climate change or
- F.) environmental justice and equity.

We'll just take a brief moment to be able to record your selections, hit submit when we have good number of ratings Will close the polls and have Dona click the button.

[Dona Lacayo](#)

--Yeah, let's allow for another half a minute so more people can vote. I'm seeing we're up to 56% of attendees have voted so it's growing. Thank you so much for your participation, this is really good.

Just another 10, 15 seconds, we're up to 71% having voted. I'd like to get as highest possible to get everybody's opinion on this please. As soon as the polling is done, I will share their results with you so you can all see it. We're almost there. Okay, okay I'm going to go ahead and end the polling now and show you the results.

[Joshua Hurwitz](#)

--Ok. Thank you. So 75% of you said the air quality was one of the most important environmental focuses. Climate change was next at 49%, followed closely by environmental equity and justice at 47% and building more green infrastructure at 42%. Thank you very much. Let's close this poll and go to the next environmental question.

[Dona Lacayo](#)

--Yes, we have one more. One second, here we go, I just started it, you should be able to see it now.

[Joshua Hurwitz](#)

--Great, so this question is about how to connect community to environmental priorities. How should the Port involve the community in the Port's environmental sustainability work. Question A, and I'll probably just read it so that the translators can translate it into the respective languages.

- A.) environmental health concerns
- B.) participate in more beach cleanup efforts
- C.) collaborate with groups working on establishing beach access and connectivity
- D.) collaborate with local agencies such as the Air Pollution Control District and nonprofit organizations to look for funding opportunities and continue open and transparent communication with the Port's environmental initiatives. Please pick as many as you wish.

[Dona Lacayo](#)

--Over half of the attendees have voted, we are close to 65% now. Thank you so much for participating in this, I will allow for a little more time so most of you can vote and I'll share the results. Okay, I think we're there. Here we go.

[Joshua Hurwitz](#)

--Great, ok, so, oh, another tie. So really three items jumped to the top. 69% would like to see a coalition of multiple stakeholders, 69% would also like to see greater collaboration with local agencies, such as nonprofits and Air Pollution Control District to go after state and federal grant funding, 66% also would like to continue to see open and transparent communications about the initiatives and also working to establish beach cleanup and access efforts as well. So, thank you, great, so good poll.

I am now going to read off a number of the environmental focused comments and then we'll move on to Miguel Rodriguez to cover the community outreach section of the meeting. So, thank you all, some great comments in here. We have, let's see, I'm just going to scroll through the, again, I'm trying to organize it by environment, thank you.

So there was a comment about reducing emissions by 85%, can we commit zero-emissions instead? So there's a desire to see a goal set for zero-emissions. There was an acknowledgment that Port personnel, such as Giles are top notch and dedicated and they are glad to see that, so I think for the strategic plan we'll continue to emphasize recruiting and retaining highly qualified individuals to work on these goals for you. There is an acknowledgment that air quality is a high priority, so please continue to emphasize that. There was a good question in the Q & A which we can address off-line, it was an observation that with the 14% reduction last year of car imports why are we looking at expanding that, because increasing, there is a premise that increasing a storage will result in additional impacts, environmental and quality-of-life impacts.

There is another great question here, is the Port doing anything to develop electricity, alternative electricity sources under sea turbines, waves, solar, windmills or other alternative energy systems? There was another question in particular about the air quality monitors, how, what are they tracking and how are they tracking pollution that might come from the Port's operations, trains, ships or other Port's business versus non-port sources. Again, an acknowledgment that the air quality monitor that was installed at the Haycox Elementary, so there's a question, so ok, so if those readings show by and large the air quality is clean why are there disparity, health impacts for residents of South Oxnard. There's some good question and discussion in there, but clearly the Port's plan will need to recognize there is an environmental injustice issue in its backyard. There is some questions about the particular percentage of Port equipment that is zero emission or clean energy. So there is a great question there, and I think certainly pursuing electrification of the equipment that's currently diesel is both a regulatory mandate as well as a vision and goal from the Port. And there was another question here about the car regulations, certainly meeting and, or exceeding those car regulations for air quality is going to be an important component of what the Port does over the coming 10 years so the plan is going to have to incorporate that. There's a question about how could you expect to improve air quality when 400 or 500 thousand diesel trucks enter and leave the Port every year?. So there's a question about how the Port's operations and the diesel equipment perhaps is related to the Port's activities are going to be mitigated, how those environmental impacts are to be mitigated and improved. Excellent questions.

And, let's see, the number of operational questions, I think I'll save those to the very end, after we've covered the community slides, with excellent discussion in there, and let me just make sure I've gone through the environmental comments in the chat feature. There's a comment that what the community needs is zero-emission clean air, not just their fair share of advanced technology or funding but really to go, to commit to a goal of zero emissions. There is a reference to the Port of LA, and Long Beach which made long-term zero emissions, net zero emissions goals so there was a desire to see that here as well. Thank you.

There's a question about, oh, so, there's a comment about some of the new, mobile harbor cranes that are coming later this year in addition to the existing mobile harbor cranes and whether they're going to be electric powered or diesel. Has the Port considered purchasing its own power plant or making its own power plant either on its own land or leased land? Excellent question. Okay, there is a question how about the shipping companies, so not just the Port but the shipping companies, how can they be held accountable to transition to zero emissions as well and they are present in our community, and certainly, especially prior to shore power they contributed to the diesel particulate and so, what else beyond the shore power in existence today could be done to make sure that they also are participants in reducing the environmental impacts. I'll put this in the environmental bucket for now.

So there's a community desire to create a public trail along J Street that would connect adjacent Oxnard and Port Hueneme communities to Ormond Beach and the Wetlands and there's a question of how could pedestrian safety at the crossing be insured given foot traffic on Hueneme Road. Excellent question and definitely something that should be considered in development

plans. And let's see, so there is a couple of questions that can be addressed off-line, I think, specific, for instance how do you select truck manufacturers to participate in pilot programs. There are questions about collaborating with the US weather services located on Oxnard, on Del Norte, so excellent question about what possible partnerships could be pursued to pursue the environmental goals. There's a comment about Silverstrand residents hearing noise pollution, loud noises, loading, unloading, especially during night operations, and so there's a question about what to expect going forward, is that going to continue, will there be any changes and there is a desire for some quiet hours or something so that residents can sleep at night. And there is, the final comment that I will include now then we'll move on to the Community Pillar, there are a lot of well-known local agencies in Oxnard and Port Hueneme that contribute to pollution and that are not exactly doing an efforts to address or minimize their carbon footprint, like how the Port is doing. Can you work, can the Port find ways to work with those agencies? And there is also a recognition that there are other, this is actually a great transition into the next slide, so there is a recognition in this comment that there is homeless, there's homeless needs in the community, and is there any way that the Port and maybe some of its infrastructure or equipment, this comment referenced containers, could there be a way that theirs can be sourced and donated to provide some relief or shelter for the homeless situation.

And, okay, one last question that came in, again, is a question about safety, proximity to base beaches, beach access, and, just sort of the marrying between operations and residential uses and there is a desire to make the beaches more accessible for local families and to see that the Port, you know, looks for ways to help with that goal as it continues its long-range planning and development over the years. So, thank you, I think we're going to close this portion of the environmental section but, again, please, you know, all comments are always welcome either in the chat or in the email. But I'm going to move now to the next of the five Pillars, and before I introduce Miguel I'll just describe it again.

We're moving, we've brought in what previously was a Partnership focused Pillar to really encompass Social Equity, Community and Partners. Now when, based on the feedback we thought of four possible categories how to understand what this pillar might mean. It could mean a focus on social equity and justice, it could mean prioritizing communities, it could mean broadening the coalitions with regional, state and national agencies, and then number four there was a recognition that the US Navy as a partner is really key, its fundamental to continued success of the commercial port.

So, with that I'd like to introduce Miguel Rodriguez, who is head of the Community Outreach at the Port of Hueneme, who is going to run through the findings from the online and community surveys that they performed in the prior month.

[Miguel Rodriguez:](#)

--Thank you, Josh and before that, I will start with a little bit of background on the Community Outreach Department at the Port. We actually started a year and four months ago as a response to community concerns regarding transparency and community partnerships and mostly related to communication, equity and environmental concerns. I am proud to say that the office was

started because it was the right thing to do, given the climate crisis and its social impacts on the community surrounding the Port. Through the creation of this department we have been continuously involved in many fronts with a boots-on-the-ground direct approach so that we can meet the neighbors where they are located, so that we can continue bringing food distributions and relief during their times of need, but most importantly so that we can get to know them address these issues as partners and collaborators.

So, first about the results we asked, well, part of the methodology we used some college interns to administer the surveys and we used Survey Monkey to capture all the data efficiently and in one place. Additionally, in the spirit of transparency we have taken the time to ask the questions that many have thought as controversial and more specifically, that can really tell us the peoples' perception of the Port and it's environmental and sustainability work.

As you can see in these slide results, the first two questions were actually local questions that were asked only to people in South Oxnard and Hueneme who responded that their top priorities for the Port were communication and community involvement. This reflects back to people wanting to know more about our activities and our plans. Aside from the local questions the rest of the survey takers were asked what their priorities were as related to the Port of Hueneme. As you can see in job creation, environmental responsibility top the rankings, really at the top, right? And traffic congestion is third on that list, and pulling two whole points below is technology and innovation as well as collaboration with the Navy, so all this feedback is going to be considered as the strategic plan gets formulated. Next slide, please. Josh?

Alright, awesome. And so here you can see that we asked the real tough questions and we asked the controversial topics, right? And as you can see out of the 502 responses the Port expansion was actually pulling at 81% which means that people on the ground, people in the community do see the Port as a local job opportunity creator for also bringing more investments into South Oxnard. This is also addressing some of the perceptions that maybe people have misperceptions around the Port and its plans for potential growth. Aside from that, also, the Port has shown through the peoples' feedback that people feel comfortable about the safety and its operations. We are not having any fuel spills or any major accidents or even as you saw with the ship that got stuck that brings us any type of visibility in that regard that's negative. 78% of the people considered the Port an active member of the community and that supports and gives back regionally. This is a great statistic as well, and the Port supports local good jobs in the area and has a positive impact in the local economy. 78% of those respondents agreed to that and aside from that, the Port's perception of, the Port investing in local high schools and local schools ranks at 73% and this is due to the Port sponsoring kids' art classes at the local elementary schools, through the Global Trade and Logistics class at the high schools and most recently, an investment in a broadband beam forwarding to families in the Rio Elementary School District.

One of the trends that we are seeing, or actually one thing that I would like to highlight is that 76% of the respondents feel comfortable saying that they trust the Port to do the right thing with their community and for their environment. So I think that that speaks very highly of our perception out in the community and you know, one of the trends like we said is that relationship

with the Naval Base is ranked lowest in this community service but it's above 71%, which has been sort of a trend throughout this survey. Next slide, please.

Alright, in terms of performance the Port as an economic engine and job creator having a positive impact in the community ranked the highest; second was the outreach efforts, people are very receptive and open and like to participate and behind that is also our environmental work and last is what we are working on and especially because of the creation because of the reason of the creation of this particular office, which is that we want to address Port issues and communicate with the community directly, openly, transparently as we are doing now. Next slide, please.

So finally, I want to highlight the fact that the Port received 502 survey responses. Out of those 210 were Spanish speakers, I mean 292 we're Spanish speakers, which is 58%, 210 were English speakers. 63% were from Oxnard, 28% from Port Hueneme, 9% were from other areas and really the value in all of this is that we have very community specific data right from our neighbors, from the people that are directly impacted from the Port's activities and even yesterday we received a request for further input and we were able to open the survey so that we got 24 more responses. The beauty of all this is that we are being open, we are being transparent and we would like to, for you to tell us what it is we can do in order to improve and also to partner with us so that we can continue doing some of this work and we are in this together and as a climate crisis approaches we have to be fighting together. With all that said, I'd like to pass it back to Josh who is going to lead us into our strategic direction poll. Thank you.

[Joshua Hurwitz](#)

--Great, thank you, Miguel. Excellent survey. We have just a handful of polls, three polling questions we'd like to run and then we do have a number of good comments so please keep them coming in the chat function and then while Dona, I think, why don't you go ahead and load question two from the poll.

[Dona Lacayo](#)

--Ready. Okay. I'm launching it right now, ranking on priorities.

[Joshua Hurwitz](#)

--Great, alright, so this is a ranking of priorities. Please select the topics that are important to you as they relate to the Port of Hueneme.

- A.) community involvement and communication with the community;
- B.) environmental responsibility;
- C.) economic vitality and job creation;
- D.) traffic congestion and transportation;
- E.) technology and innovation;
- F.) collaboration with government, Navy and businesses.

[Dona Lacayo](#)

--I'm seeing almost 53% now having voted so I will allow a little more time for everyone to have a chance to vote. It's moving. Okay 73% has voted, I will let maybe 10, 15 more seconds go so we have majority having voted. Okay, I will go ahead and close the poll now and I will share the results.

[Joshua Hurwitz](#)

--Great. Okay, so 73% indicated that community involvement and communication with the community was a top priority. Further, 67% indicated environmental responsibility and 60% economic vitality and job creation, and those three were kind of at the top grouping followed by the others so at around 30% or so. Seems to indicate, again, you know, what the Port has selected as the five pillars, community, environment and economic vitality and job creation, so I think that echoes a lot of the feedback that we've been receiving over the course of this project. So let's go on to the next poll.

[Dona Lacayo](#)

--There you go.

[Joshua Hurwitz](#)

--Alright. What should be the focus for community engagement in the next 10 years?

- A.) addressing equitable disparities and help create economic opportunities, could be workforce training for local residents or students, other;
- B.) expand educational opportunities such as the Global Trade and Logistics program or others for youth through partnership with institutions and universities;
- C.) contribute to developing local benefits and programming, this could be the food distribution, school supplies, sponsorships or put down? festival tours or other and
- D.) capital improvements adjacent to the park, so some ideas here pocket park, speed markers or lighting improvements.

Go ahead and select all that are important to you.

[Dona Lacayo](#)

--60% have voted now so we're waiting for a few more people to vote, please, so let's allow a little more time. Okay about 5,10 more seconds and I think we're almost there. Okay, I will go ahead and close it now share the results.

[Joshua Hurwitz](#)

--Okay, great. So 72%, the top choice, addressing equitable disparities and helping to create economic opportunities, strong support for that goal. Then the, so the next three were kind of in line, although 52% was developing local benefits and programming, more or less equal at 49% where the educational opportunities and partnerships, and then at 41%, still decent, strong support for capital improvements adjacent to the park, to the Port. Thank you, okay I think we have one more poll question.

[Dona Lacayo](#)

--We do, we have one more. It's about reach.

[Joshua Hurwitz](#)

--Great. Where should the Port focus its community outreach resources?

Only the areas closest to the Port, Oxnard and Port Hueneme?

Should it be further out, Ventura County or county wide?

Should it be both?

[Dona Lacayo](#)

--Very active voting, thank you. Almost 60% have already voted. Okay, another 10, 15 seconds.

Okay, it stopped moving now so I think most have already voted. Okay, I will go ahead and close it and thank you for your participation. Here we go.

[Joshua Hurwitz](#)

--Okay, so fully 55% of these said both. 36% said focus closely on the areas and just 8% focus only on Ventura County or countywide. So, think there's both strong support for recognizing the full reach of the Port as part of the community and it should focus its efforts broadly but, there is, you know, also strong support to really make sure that its close proximity communities are addressed as well. Thank you, thank you very much.

I will now turn over to some of the chat comments, so please keep them coming, I'll go back also do some of the infrastructure operational related ones as well. There's a good comment here about the quality of the jobs, so, you know, there's a comment that not all the jobs associated with trade and logistics are the best, some are minimum wage, some do not provide benefits and some are non-union. So, in the Port's focus on economic vitality and job creation there is a desire to see that those jobs what are created are really strong jobs to benefit the community. This comment specifically said that they want to see a good union, living wage jobs with benefits.

There was a comment thanking the Port and Miguel Rodriguez noting that through the food distribution programs that they were able to get fresh fruits and vegetables into the hands of the farmworkers on a consistent basis and so there was an appreciation for that effort.

There was a comment about the online surveys which have been a great way to keep the community involved, and there was a question of whether those polls were targeted towards Port workers as well, whether they were invited to participate.

There was a question about the Port's involvement in education. This person commented that she lived in Oxnard. Perhaps it started after 2013, or only the ability to participate was limited to too few Oxnard residents, so I guess, again, so there seems like there was a question about the details but also, whether the Port can focus on expanding the extent of its educational programs.

Okay, there's a comment here that again, talk about the type of jobs, the longshore jobs, and there's a specific reference to the Pacific Maritime Association, there's a wish that they hired more full-time unionized, longshore workers and not just depend on the part-time, non-

unionized longshore workers and I think that comment also reflects the fact that the Pacific Maritime Association, or PMA, is the employer of record for longshore union workers and I think, certainly as part as the Port's 10 year plan, the goal would be to create an infrastructure and a Port community that supports efficient and vibrant working waterfront, but that it is, there are many different actors in that including the Pacific Maritime Association.

There's a question about communication, transparency and outreach, how else will people know about the ideas and plans of the Port. This person had some family members that didn't know about this meeting until she mentioned it and they've been living here since 2002, so again, a desire to continue to the outreach efforts to involve the community and make it aware of what's going on at the Port and also provide it with the space and the opportunity to have input.

So there's a question about what other ways will the Port work towards getting the word out to the community, the online poll was a good tool. What other ways in this 10 year plan will the Port work to make sure that that communication channel is open?

There's a question about how the Port engages with the immigrant or Mixteco speaking community in South Oxnard that many times doesn't have access to technologies like this, and I know that, you know, the Port, so, from the Port, from the organizational perspective its, the plan recognizes that this is an important need, and that quality employees, like Miguel, need to be incorporated into the organization itself, that there is a need for having multilingual capabilities, and access that is not just technology focused and I do know that the survey itself was conducted as well in person, not just online. But that's a good reminder that the communication channels that the Port should plan for, need to be broader than just online. And there was a question about how else could the community become aware of the programs or workshops available.

I'm going to continue going through. Glad to see the Port more involved in the community, hope to see the community events like food distributions continue. There's a comment about the broader problem, not just at the port, but the broader problem of misclassification of workers as independent contractors. This commentor stated this is a big problem within the goods movement industry, perhaps beyond as well. As the Port plans expansion projects with partners or private logistics companies, how can we be sure that good jobs will be created from those projects and I think that's a great observation and question for the Port to grapple with as it pursues its vision down the line.

There is an acknowledgment of the ILWU members, men and women of the ILWU who are also community leaders and contribute to many local organizations and definitely appreciation for their involvement.

There is a, an acknowledgment that the Port and its activities are very important for the community. There is a desire for many South Oxnard residents to be made aware of the Port's plans and there is a comment that it is important for the Port to make that community, bring that community into the planning process through this process as well as all future processes. And

there is a reminder there is a significant Mixteco speaking community, and so there is a request, please continue the outreach, in particular to the Mixteco community, via non-online forms and I know that that is a priority for the Port.

Here is a great comment about partnering, because this is the partnering pillar as well, social equity, partnerships and communities. Among the local benefits the Port could provide would be partnering with the county, cities and the Nature Conservancy to help improve save public pedestrian and bicycle access to Ormond Beach and the Wetlands, and then another local benefit would be partnering with those same entities to help restore Ormond Wetlands. So, some particular groups that have been pointed out that would be good partner, potential partners for the Port to see if they are mutually beneficial projects to pursue in particular for safe public pedestrian access and bicycle.

Again, an acknowledgment of the food distribution program which has been so helpful to many families in need. There's a reference to the Port of Hueneme's Facebook page as a great resource and this person commented that there are many Mixtecos on Facebook, and so that is a good platform, even though it's online it is a good platform for communication with that community.

Again, let's see, I think there are a couple of comments that have acknowledge that, you know they were residents in Hueneme for six years, 2006 - 2012, went to Oxnard College and that there was information from Port available on a regular basis and I think, you know, that echoes some of the findings we had over the prior 12 months, one-on-one stakeholder outreach. The comment was generally that the Port has done a tremendous, has made tremendous progress in the last five or so years, and improving and then as a follow-up there is the reminder that, you know, just because you've improved you can't stop, you need to continue improving and working on your communication and partnership with the community.

Let's see, there's another comment concern about diesel, exposure to diesel, this is environmental related one but also tied into the health and well-being of the workers and the union members and there's, so there's a desire for the Port to hire more worker safety professionals, there is reference to ergonomic concerns but also chemical exposure, and I think either in the community, certainly in one or more of these five pillars, the well-being of the workers and the, all involved participants in the supply chain around the Port, their well-being is important and does need to be considered. I think certainly any project along that lines would definitely fall under or more of those pillars.

For the references to the beach access, so there's a comment that there are a number of Mixteco organizations and so perhaps they could be engaged as partners to help in the outreach to the broader community members and the broader members of the Mixteco community. Here's a commentator who said that they're an educational partner who has been working with the Port and can say that the Port has been very involved in STEM education, (science, technology, engineering and math), for K-12, college and university students and there is a desire to, there's an excitement about keeping that engagement and continuing it. There was a question about

how can the Port prioritize helping develop green spaces in south Oxnard, so I think the idea would be some off terminal assistance in looking at developing green spaces.

There is some discussion in the chat room about access from and to Ormond Beach, so there is, I think there's a desire to look more particularly about the specifics, the parking lot, the quality, the paving in the parking lot and just overall beach access. Make sure it's safe and accessible. There is an expression of thanks for the food distributions, the opportunity to volunteer for both old and young members of the community and internships being offered to the youth and the adolescents. This is a longtime Hueneme resident who is very proud of the work that Miguel Rodriguez and the Port is doing, and so I think again, it's great to hear those comments and I know that the Port is very appreciative and from a strategic plan focus the emphasis, I think, probably, is that the organization is hearing just how important it is to you that there are quality people like Miguel and others at the Port and so to continue to prioritize the quality of the internal organization at the Port of Hueneme. And, okay so, we do have time to open up the floor to any attendee who would like to do their comment verbally instead of by chat. We just ask that you try and limit your time to two minutes or less just so that we have enough room, time for everyone and I'm going to open that up to Dona to open up anyone, I guess, just raise your hand to identify that you would like a moment to say, to pose a question or comment.

[Dona Lacayo](#)

--Yes, thank you. So all attendees if you would like to make a comment just through the raised hand option on Zoom on the bottom of the screen I will be able to see you and make you able to talk so everybody else can hear you. Okay, I'm already seeing some. I will allow for two minutes for each of the speakers. Hopefully we have a few of you that would like to talk and just want to thank everyone for all of the questions that were sent through the chat that Josh just went through. We will record all of them and we'll answer the questions and will email all of the attendees the answers to those questions. So, we really appreciate this and we'll make sure we save this chat and will address all of them. So, I will go ahead and start opening up the floor. First one I have Lorenzo Moraza then I have Raydell Flores, Arthur Valenzuela, and Nedra Bella so far. So I will start with Lorenzo. Okay Lorenzo, I believe were able to hear you now, if you can unmute yourself, please.

[Lorenzo Moraza:](#)

--Can you hear me?

[Dona Lacayo](#)

--Yes we can.

[Joshua Hurwitz:](#)

--Yes.

[Lorenzo Moraza:](#)

--My name is Lorenzo Moraza, I'm a resident of Santa Paula and I would like to thank the Port, specifically Miguel Rodriguez for reaching out and allowing us, allowing me and others here in

particular process. It is important for us here in Santa Paula to have an opportunity to express our interest. We are very interested in having more of our residents be gainfully employed at the Port, and more importantly the Port has been doing a very good job of reaching out to our students in middle school and high school and giving them opportunities to really learn more about what the Port is doing and I would really would like to emphasize the great work that Miguel, through the Port, has been doing, has been doing in feeding the front line workers so thank you in general, again, once again for the opportunity to participate. Thank you.

[Dona Lacayo:](#)

--Thank you for your comments. Thank you very much. Okay, let me take a look and who, who is next, one second. Okay, Raydell Flores, I will go ahead and ask you to unmute yourself please.

[Raydell Flores:](#)

--Hello, can you hear me?

[Dona Lacayo:](#)

--Yes we can hear you, good evening.

[Raydell Flores:](#)

--Perfect, good evening. Hi, just as a long term resident of Port Hueneme just want to really thank the Port, and Miguel Rodriguez for all the work that they have done during the pandemic as far as food distribution, not only in Port Hueneme but county wide. It's been really amazing to see how these individuals really appreciate what's been done and offered by the Port and I just want to thank them and again I don't need for what they're offering as far as what the Port is doing, but these young individuals and community members seeing people come together and help out each other it's just been amazing seeing everybody come together and I think it's just a great learning experience for everybody whose participating as far as just the importance of giving back when you can and working together to make a difference and an impact and thanks to the Port and Miguel I think that that's been something that's also been given to the community as far as just hope and you know just motivation to keep going, so thank you guys, keep it going and we really appreciate it.

[Dona Lacayo:](#)

--Thank you for your comments, we appreciate it. Okay, and next we have Arthur Valenzuela, following Arthur we have Nedra Bella and Miriam Cervantes as well as Lucia Marquez and Shannon Nicollaise. I will go ahead and allow Arthur to speak, Arthur you're able to also start your camera for all of the ones that I'm allowing to speak you're able to do so if you wish, because, well. Arthur, you, we should be able to hear you now.

[Arthur Valenzuela:](#)

--Hello?

[Dona Lacayo:](#)

--Yes, hello.

Arthur Valenzuela:

--Hi, hey, thank you very much.

Dona Lacayo:

--You're welcome.

Arthur Valenzuela:

--One second, yeah, so, I want to say thank you all very much for putting this together. I'm a third-generation worker at the Port, both my grandfather and father have been unionized members, I'm a casual myself five years in, hopefully another 5 to 7 years till I get into the union myself. Very grateful for all the opportunities that the Port has provided for my family and several other families regarding our mobility. Moving forward on this though, I would like to ask that the Port require more of the shipping companies that remain at the Port Hueneme, like Ports America Series and Parkway Row to transition to more environmentally friendly worker equipment. A lot of the stuff there is still diesel ran, and you know, as a worker we breathe that in regularly, not just the particles that come up throughout the community, we get it firsthand and also I guess, in the future, I would like to ask that this outreach will also reach, would go to, like the ILWU and the Teamsters and other workers that take place at the Port, but, thank you very much.

Dona Lacayo:

--You're welcome, thank you for your comments Arthur. We appreciate it. Thank you. Okay, and next, let me see, it was Nedia Bella. Nedia I will go ahead and allow you here to unmute yourself and we should be able to hear you now. Can you hear us? Hello?

Nedia Bella:

--Hi, can you hear me?

Dona Lacayo:

--Yes, we can. Thank you.

Nedia Bella:

--Oh, okay. Hi everyone my name is Nedia, I am a community organizer and also a resident of South Oxnard. I would, yeah, just like to start out by saying that I think in terms of engaging the Mixteco, Spanish speaking immigrant community and yeah, we have developed this vision for a healthy South of Oxnard that includes full transparency on planned projects from the future port development and so I think this is a good step and in addition we also mentioned a commitment to zero emission and we think that if ports like LA and Long Beach can do it, then port like Port Hueneme should be also able to do that, set a standard and also we think that when it comes to environmental justice this is a community that has been impacted a lot and so with one of the ways that our neighborhood could be supported is through developing these green spaces that we have talked about. We've mentioned the Ormond Beach Wetlands, it's a treasure that we have and that we should all have access to and even developing the J Street drain to have more access and more equity for communities. Thank you everyone.

[Dona Lacayo:](#)

--Thank you for your comments. Okay, let me see who's next. One moment. Next we have Miriam Cervantes. Okay, Miriam, you should be able to hear us now. Hello?

[Miriam Cervantes:](#)

--(Spanish) (Hello can you hear me?)

[Dona Lacayo:](#)

--Yes

[Miriam Cervantes:](#)

--(Spanish) (Voy a hablar Español primero. Primero quiero agradecer por ser inclusivos y darnos el espacio de la traducción. Quiero agradecer por informarnos cómo comunidad. Yo pertenezco a una organización de padres que entrenamos o apoyamos a otros padres para que ayuden a sus hijos a tener mayor éxito en la escuela y llegar...)

(I'm going to speak in Spanish first. First I want to thank you for being inclusive and giving us the space for translation. I want to thank you for informing us as a community. I belong to an organization of parents who train or support other parents to help their children be more successful in school and...)

[Dona Lacayo:](#)

--May I ask that you pause so the translator is able to translate live after, after you speak?

[Miriam Cervantes:](#)

--Miriam: ...a la universidad. (... get to university.)

[Miquel Rodriquez](#)

--(Spanish) ¿Puedes pausar poquito para que la interprete... (Could you pause for a second so that the interpreter...)

[Miriam Cervantes:](#)

--Si. (Yes.)

[Dona Lacayo:](#)

--Gracias. (Thank you.)

[Miquel Rodriquez](#)

--(Spanish) Pueda ponerse a tiempo con tus comentarios? (... can catch up to your commentary?)

[Miriam Cervantes:](#)

--Si, gracias. (Yes, thank you.)

[Dona Lacayo:](#)

--Miguel can you please help with that live translation? Thank you.

[Miquel Rodriguez](#)

--Miriam is one of our community participants. She belongs to a group that is geared, that was formed that creating opportunities for parents to get involved in education.

(Spanish) Puedes seguirle Miriam (Can you continue Miriam?)

[Miriam Cervantes:](#)

--Si, el comentario que tengo es específicamente de la limpieza de la Ciudad del Puerto de Hueneme. Como están hablando es muy importante el medio ambiente y mantener nuestras áreas libres de tóxicos. Creo que uno de los más importantes son los parques porque es donde nosotros como comunidad, nuestros hijos es donde vamos a recrearnos y es importante que los parques estén bien cuidados. Yo he visto por estos últimos meses como, tanto la Ciudad de Oxnard como la Ciudad del Puerto de Hueneme. Muchos parques están muy descuidados, tienen los muebles nuevos, el playground no está muy, muy todo muy nuevo, pero lo que es la limpieza, tanto del zacate, los baños, hay una preocupación muy grande por tantas personas que viven en la calle y están viviendo en los parques.

(Yes, the commentary I have is specifically of the cleanliness of the City of Port Hueneme. Since you are talking about how important the environment is and keeping our areas toxic free I think that one of the most important things are the parks because it is where we as a community, our children it is where we go to recreate and it is important that the parks are well kept. I have seen in these last months how the city of Oxnard, how the city of Port Hueneme, many parks are very unkept, they have new equipment, the playground is not everything, it is very new, but the cleanliness, the grass, the bathrooms, there is a very big concern because of all the people that are living on the street and are living in those parks.)

[Miquel Rodriguez](#)

--Okay, what she is saying is that it's great that we are having this conversation around toxic environments and specifically she wants to focus on park access and park cleanliness because she has seen an increase in homelessness and trash happening, being dumped in Oxnard Parks and Port Hueneme Parks and so she wants to bring this up as a priority because she sees that a lot of the parks have new playground structures but they are surrounded by trash.

(Spanish) ¿Puede seguir Miriam, por favor? (Can you continue Miriam, please?)

[Miriam Cervantes:](#)

--Si. Yo sé que como comunidad, pues tenemos que unirnos para que nos escuchen. Por eso estoy aquí para alzar la voz por todas estas personas, esas familias que no tienen la oportunidad de entrar a estos webinars y darse cuenta de lo que está pasando. Yo especialmente he visto como en la Ciudad de Ventura, en áreas donde hay más comunidad involucrada los parques están muy, muy bien específicamente. Y en esta ciudad y en el Puerto de Hueneme desafortunadamente no es así. Tristemente donde están poniendo la vacuna...

(Yes. I know that, as part of the community, well, we have to unite so that we can be heard. This is why I'm here, to raise my voice for all those people, those families that do not have the opportunity to come to these webinars and know what is going on. I have especially seen how

the city of Ventura, in areas where there is more community involvement the parks are very, very well specifically. And in this city and in the Port of Hueneme unfortunately it is not this way. Sadly, where they are putting the vaccines...)

[Miquel Rodriquez](#)

--(Spanish) Disculpa, ¿me deja traducir ese pedazo? (Excuse me, will you let me translate that piece?)

[Miriam Cervantes:](#)

--Si. (Yes.)

[Miquel Rodriquez](#)

--She says that she's very happy that she's able to be the voice for families that may not be able to get involved in webinars like these, but also she has noticed that in other communities like in Ventura where, others come out, where people are more involved, that things are better.

(Spanish) ¿Puede seguir, por favor? (Can you continue, please?)

[Miriam Cervantes:](#)

--(Spanish) Y pues espero que tomen acción, o que haya aquí personas que realmente estén comprometidas con la comunidad y puedan hacer algo para nuestra comunidad, para nuestras familias, para que tengamos nosotros más seguridad de llevar a nuestros hijos tanto en un ambiente social bueno, refiriéndome a las muchas personas sin hogar que hay en los parques, como en la limpieza.

(And well I hope that you take action, or that there are people here that really are committed to the community and can do something for our community, for our families, so that we can have more security to take our children as well as in any good social environment, referring to the many homeless that are in our parks, like in our cleanliness.)

[Miquel Rodriquez](#)

--And she hopes that there are people here that are able to help with some of these situations so that people and families can feel more comfortable in taking their children to the parks and also, you know, getting more people involved in the cleanliness.

(Spanish) Muchas gracias Miriam. (Thank you very much, Miriam.)

[Miriam Cervantes:](#)

--(Spanish) Gracias por la oportunidad. (Thank you for the opportunity.)

[Dona Lacayo:](#)

--Thank you very much. Appreciate the comments. Thank you. Next, let me see, I believe we have Lucia Marquez. Lucia can you hear us?

[Lucia Marquez:](#)

--Yes, can you hear me okay?

[Dona Lacayo:](#)

--Yes.

[Lucia Marquez:](#)

--Hi, good evening. My name is Lucia Marquez and I am a policy advocate with Cause, a community organization that focuses on environmental justice throughout Ventura County in Santa Barbara County but a lot of our environmental justice work has been focused in Oxnard and I appreciated that there was a big focus on environmental impacts and environmental justice throughout. As an organization that has really done a lot of work around environmental justice in the community what was really important to us is that we're looking at the cumulative impacts, the long-term impacts around everything that is impacting our community. If you look at south Oxnard its has more pollution, its burdened by more pollution than 89% of other census tracks across the state. And that's because in south Oxnard we have to realize that this community is impacted by, you know, the cargo ships and trucks and all the technology within the port, but also coastal power plants and pesticides, and the Superfund Site and so when we're trying to set these goals and visions for cleaning of our environment within the port, we hope that you take into consideration the cumulative impacts of everything that's impacting the community, not just what's within the borders of the Port. So, thank you so much and I hope you take that into consideration within the draft of your strategic plan.

[Dona Lacayo:](#)

--Thank you, Lucia, thank you for your comments, we appreciate it. Okay, next we have seven more raised hands. Next is Shannon, sorry I can't see the last name from where, Nicollaise Shannon you should be able to hear us now. Hello?

[Joshua Hurwitz:](#)

--I believe Shannon is still on mute, so, Shannon you should be able to unmute yourself and we should be able to hear you soon as you do that.

[Shannon Nicollaise:](#)

--Yeah, there we go.

[Joshua Hurwitz:](#)

--Great, we hear you.

[Shannon Nicollaise:](#)

--Can you hear me?

[Dona Lacayo:](#)

--Yes.

[Shannon Nicollaise:](#)

--I just want to make a comment that there were very few organizations that spent their time and money during the pandemic but the Port, you know, put in their resources and their time

and were really there for everybody during that time of the pandemic and Miguel Rodriguez he spent all his time, he was so busy and every time I talked to him he was, he was always busy, I don't think this guy sleeps. So, you know, I've been out some of the food shares and I help volunteer during the food shares and this guy is always sweating, I mean he is a hard worker. Anyway, I just want to thank, you know, everybody that's involved in that. I'm an Oxnard resident, obviously, I'm not involved formally within anything, but yeah, I just wanted to make that comment, that the Port was really, really there, so it's appreciated. That's it.

[Dona Lacayo:](#)

--Thank you, Shannon. Thank you for your comments. We appreciate it. Okay, next we have Saul Medina. Saul give me a second, I'll be able to change to the settings here. We should be able to see and hear you if you'd like. Hello?

[Saul Medina:](#)

--Hi.

[Dona Lacayo:](#)

--Hi.

[Saul Medina:](#)

--Well thank, I want thank the Port for giving me this opportunity to speak. I want to thank Miguel for organizing the vaccine for the longshoremen and making sure that they were in-line to get their vaccines just like everybody else. I think that was very commendable to do as well. I'm also, you know, a former Oxnard Planning Commissioner that worked on the 2020 plan and the 2030 plan and from my recollection of those plans there's light industrial to be built around, I believe Hueneme Road and also Pleasant Valley Road. That may contribute to the expansion of the Port utilization of the light industrial. I'm also very impressed with the fact of the food distribution, as well as projects for parks in the area to be built. So, there was another development, the South Shore that went through the environmental process and the planning stages and I think it would've been a very good project because it would've built housing as well as industrial, but I like the fact that the Port of Hueneme has gone Green, has gotten awards for their efforts to go Green as well, and I hope that they continue to do that in the next 10 years to make sure that the environmental impact is reduced. I'm aware of Ormond Beach getting another million dollars. Hopefully they can improve the access to it as well. But, some of the concerns about the parks not being clean is mostly a local issue, such as City Council of Oxnard and Port Hueneme and making sure that some of the funds are not just poured into pensions of police and fire, but is also that their ability to balance their budgets and make sure that the priorities of the residents are being heard. So, I appreciate the Port for providing this platform in order to get those issues across and hopefully some of those council members can hear what the residents are saying so I greatly appreciated your time.

[Dona Lacayo:](#)

--Thank you for your comments Saul, we appreciate it. We have five more attendees that would like to talk. We would like to make some final remarks, so about 7:55 we should have enough

time for each of you to be able to speak for two minutes. Next is Odette Moore, then we have Art, Santiago, Zulette, Lucero, Jose Perez and Richard Fine?. Okay, Odette you should be able to speak now.

[Odette Moore:](#)

--Okay, thank you. Hi, my name is Odette, I'm here with Cause, I was raised and currently live in south Oxnard. Thank you for providing this space for our community. I do wish to see a bit more improvement with transparency, clean space availability and the commitments to zero emissions. I appreciate, once again, the efforts but it's clearly not enough since a lot of my neighborhood did not know about this event and as mentioned, by more attendees, South Oxnard is home to a large Spanish-speaking and Mixteco-speaking only residents. So, transparency and accessibility with our community is largely important and as for green space availability and the commitment for zero emissions I believe that my family and neighbors deserve to walk to Ormond Beach and breathe clean air. Again, I realize that it takes time to get to the goal but would like to see that be the goal. So not only a reduction for 85% but a commitment to zero missions and green space availability. I think it was mentioned in the beginning about port success being our success but I truly think that in order for the Port's success to be our success we need to have those addressed, the transparency, commitment to zero emissions and green space availability, and that's speaking about Ormond Beach. Thank you.

[Dona Lacayo:](#)

--Thank you for your comments, we appreciate it. Thank you. Okay next is Art Santiago. Hello? Can you hear us? Hello? Hello? We may have trouble connecting with him?

[Joshua Hurwitz:](#)

--Perhaps we move onto the next participant?

[Dona Lacayo:](#)

--Yes.

[Joshua Hurwitz:](#)

--And if Art Santiago comes back in.

[Dona Lacayo:](#)

-- Yes, I will let one more participant be able to speak. Just give me one second and then we will close it.

[Joshua Hurwitz:](#)

--While you're doing that, Dona, there were a couple of operational chat questions that I failed to mention earlier, I apologize. One is coming up from Richard Fine who has his hand raised who suggested that the Port incorporate the Channel Islands Harbor, which is in the Oxnard Harbor District. So I just wanted to mention that that was one of two other questions that we'll cover, I'll make sure come back and cover that before we close it.

[Dona Lacayo:](#)

--Thank you, Josh. Now it's time for Zulette Lucero and that will be the last comment of the night as we're coming up here on 8 o'clock and we have some closing comments. Thank you everyone for all of your participation, this has been amazing. Zulette we can, can we, can you hear us?

[Zulette:](#)

--Can you hear me now?

[Dona Lacayo:](#)

--Yes, please.

[Zulette:](#)

--Oh, hi. Good afternoon everyone, my name is Zulette, I'm a community organizer in Oxnard and as I mentioned in the chat I speak and talk with folks in the community everyday and people for a long time have mentioned how the beaches are not accessible or they do not go to the beach because it doesn't look like a tourist beach or doesn't look like the beaches in Ventura and Santa Barbara. So I'm here just ask so, to please ensure that 34 acres at the end of the Saviers and Hueneme Road is used for public good. No private industry, due to its importance as a last only industrialized parcel of the land connecting south Oxnard neighborhoods to the Ormond Beach Wetlands restoration and the ecological importance of this habitat and the life that calls it home. Thank you.

[Dona Lacayo:](#)

--Thank you very much for your comments. I think I will squeeze it at least a couple of three more speakers so I appreciate everybody's patience. Give me one second, there is so much interest I appreciate that you want to make comments so we will make sure that we get as many of you as we can. Just one second. Okay, I believe there was an attendee that wanted to speak and Miguel has advised that he is able to call in somehow. I tried to have him call in earlier but we couldn't hear him. Miguel?

[Miguel Rodriguez](#)

--Yes, so here he is.

[Dona Lacayo:](#)

--Okay, thank you.

[Miguel Rodriguez](#)

--(Spanish) Okay, Roberto ya estas listo para hablar? Ya te están escuchando. Disculpa que tuvimos las fallas con el audio del Zoom, pero si, puedes empezar.
(Okay, Roberto are you ready to speak? They are listening. Please excuse the faults that we had with the Zoom audio, but yes, you can begin.)

[Roberto](#)

--(Spanish) Si, está bien. Voy a hablar Mixteco. (Yes, that's fine. I will speak Mixteco)

Miguel Rodriguez

--Ok, aquí tenemos si puedes hablar poquito, déjalo y él va a traducir lo que tú vas a decir. ¿Ok?
(Ok. here we have if you can speak a little, let him and he will translate what you will say, ok?)

Roberto

--(Spanish) Si. Ok, gracias. (Yes, thank you.)

--(Spanish) Mixteco Translator: Mi nombre es Roberto, soy de Oaxaca y le doy las gracias al Puerto por todo el apoyo que me están dando, o nos están dando a la comunidad en estos tiempos difíciles. Gracias a todos los trabajadores del Puerto, a todas las personas que están haciendo todo esto posible y gracias también por incluir a la comunidad indígena en estas juntas y también da las gracias otra vez de, pues por la pandemia, por los tiempos difíciles que estamos viviendo que el Puerto nos ha dado un poquito de alivio, y gracias por eso y gracias por todo el trabajo que están haciendo.

(My name is Roberto, I am from Oaxaca and I want to thank the Port for all the support that they are giving me or our giving the community in these hard times. Thank you to all the workers of the Port, to all the people that are doing everything possible and thank you as well for including the indigenous community in these meetings and also give thanks again for the pandemic, for those hard times that we are living in that the Port has given us a little bit of relief and thank you for that and thank you for the work that they are doing.)

Dona Lacayo:

--Miguel, do you mind translating please?

Miguel Rodriguez

--(Spanish) Gracias, Roberto. (Thank you, Roberto.)

So, Roberto says that he is from Oaxaca and that he is very grateful for the help that the Port has given and the relief for the Mixteco community during this pandemic and he's very pleased with the work at the port is doing and feels like the Port doesn't get enough credit.

Dona Lacayo:

--Okay, thank you, thank you for the comment. I will, I think the next we have Jose Perez and Richard Fine and that should be it for the night. Jose, I will go ahead and allow you to speak now, you should be able to hear us.

Jose Perez:

--Hello?

Dona Lacayo:

--Hello?

Jose Perez:

--Oh, yeah. Just wanted to say thank you guys for reaching out and appreciate for putting up this platform talking to the community and everything. Just wanted to mention if there is a way that

you guys can make this open information available to the public and if so, where at? I'm kind of data driven so I like to look at data and pretty much look at the information that's putting in front of us, so, if there's like a website or PDF that is available, we would very much appreciate it.

[Dona Lacayo:](#)

--Yes, we will, we'll make it available, absolutely. Thank you for that comment.

[Jose Perez:](#)

-And would that be Port Hueneme website? Or?

[Dona Lacayo:](#)

--We could do so and we also can post it on social media so there's a link to it, so you can load it or view it.

[Jose Perez:](#)

--Okay, okay great. Alright, great. Thank you, for sure.

[Dona Lacayo:](#)

--Yes, or we could e-mail it to all attendees after the meeting with the questions being answered as well. There would be multiple ways.

--Okay, great, great, thank you.

[Dona Lacayo:](#)

--Thank you. Okay, next we have Richard Fine. Okay Richard, we should be able to hear you now. Hello? Richard? I will ask you to unmute yourself please.

[Richard Fine:](#)

--Here we go.

[Dona Lacayo:](#)

--There you go. Hello, good evening.

[Richard Fine:](#)

--Evening, let me start the video.

[Dona Lacayo:](#)

--It's up to you, however you'd like.

[Richard Fine:](#)

--Okay, I'm the one that raised the issue with respect to taking over the Channel Islands Port and basically I'm starting with the fact that the management of the Harbor has been so good in dealing with the Harbor, keeping it in prosperity and being able to contribute to the community and on the other side of it, for those of you that have been following, what's happened to the

Channel Islands Harbor and the problems that we are having with the county running it that I felt it would be a very good idea since the Channel Islands Harbor is within the Oxnard Harbor District that the Harbor take over the Channel Islands Harbor and run it under the auspices of the Harbor and the elected Harbor Commissioners. I think that that would be an excellent idea. I think that the way that the Harbor, that the Port Hueneme Harbor is operating at the present time and the way that it contributes to the community and the transparency that it has and the plan that it has it would be beneficial to both the Oxnard Harbor District and all the people in Ventura County to have the Channel Islands Harbor run under the Oxnard Harbor District. As you know, the Channel Islands Harbor has approximately, I believe, 3,000 slips in it, it has a certain amount of rentals in it and since the Oxnard Harbor District is running rentals at the present time, and it has, it's leasing out part of its harbor, you know, to other people. The concepts are identical and I don't think it could cause any major problem to integrate the Channel Islands Harbor into this because the way that Channel Islands Harbor is set up it has less CDs than release to individuals and it has a channel in it that needs to be deepened, it has all the same problems except for the loading and unloading of large commercial vessels and as I say it, and I'll finish it with saying, I think that to have the Channel Islands Harbor as part of the Oxnard Harbor District would benefit the community, the transparency would be wonderful, there would be direct access to the commissioners through the voting process which means that we would not have to go through the Ventura Harbor Commissioners and with everything that's happening in Ventura and you don't have to have the money siphoned off into Ventura and their problems as to what they maybe doing, where as here money would go right into the district and a direct benefit to the people. Once again, I thank you for everything that you're doing. I'm a resident of Port Hueneme now, and for the last number of years I've been a resident of Oxnard Shores so I've been involved on both sides of it and I just can't compliment you enough on the terrific job that you're doing in running the harbor. When I lived in Los Angeles and I was operating as an attorney I brought the case that really stopped harbors from taking money that should have gone into them and putting it in other places. So I can really appreciate the fiscal responsibility of the Port Hueneme Harbor and how it's operating and that's why I came up with this idea. Thanks a lot.

[Dona Lacayo:](#)

--Thank you, Richard. Thank you for your comments. We appreciate it. Okay, with that, we appreciate all the attendees' comments. Thank you for going live with us, this was really great and I will turn it over back to Josh and Commissioner Hodge.

[Joshua Hurwitz:](#)

--Great, yeah, thank you Dona. Just would like to finish on this next, this slide about the next steps again and provide Dona and Miguel's email address because their e-mail is always open for comments and questions. This is not the end of the process but this is a continuum and so, I want to thank you and before the Port thanks you, I'd like to thank the translators, the interpreters, to have done just tremendous work. I've had to remember to slow down but I know that they've been doing a great job so, thank you very much and now I believe we'd like to turn it over to Commissioner Hodge to the closing remarks.

[Jason Hodge:](#)

--Thank you all for coming tonight. Fantastic comments, questions, it was hard to read them all and want to comment but we want to make sure that our specialists get back to you. You know, what Giles does on the environmental side is really impressive and to understand what we have committed to when it comes to zero emissions to community air standards, it's just too hard to do in a simple paragraph. So what we're going to do is we're going to take this whole thing, we're going to put it on our website, so anyone can view it and we're also going to e-mail everyone that participated today in this conversation, we're going to e-mail them the answers to all of the questions that were given tonight. So, hopefully that will help you move forward with a better understanding of what we do and I also want to welcome you to always participate in our meetings for the third Monday of every month, you can Zoom in and watch what we do every single month, we're very open and transparent about how we participate with the community. Thank you so much for being part of it, hope to see you tomorrow night again doing this, because this is our Port, and we're going to make this a really fantastic place for the future so, thank you very much.

[Kristin Decas](#)

--Okay, I think with that we adjourn. Thank you everyone, we really appreciate your participation and look forward to continued collaboration and partnership.

[Dona Lacayo:](#)

--Thank you very much everyone, great to see you tonight.

[Kristin Decas](#)

--Good night.

[Dona Lacayo:](#)

--Thank you so much. Thank you Martha, thank you Jorge. We appreciate you.

Thank you.

See you soon, bye bye.

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