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## **PMA Chief Hails Historic Waterfront Contract Extension Vote; Labor Agreement Would Run Through 2022**

**SAN FRANCISCO (July 28, 2017)** – With voting by longshore workers complete, early returns show a majority of International Longshore and Warehouse Union members agreeing to a three-year contract extension with the Pacific Maritime Association. This contract extension, which would be the first of its kind, would cover workers at all 29 West Coast ports. The contract, previously set to expire in 2019, would extend to July 1, 2022, subject to final confirmation by the ILWU, expected next week.

In light of the ILWU vote, PMA President James McKenna issued this statement:

“Earlier this year, PMA proposed a contract extension with the intent of creating long-term certainty for West Coast ports and all stakeholders. Early voting returns show strong ILWU support for our proposal, which would ensure labor stability through 2022. This historic agreement will be great news for the maritime industry, as well as our customers, workers, port communities, and the U.S. economy.

“With this contract extension, the West Coast waterfront has a tremendous opportunity to attract more market share and demonstrate that our ports and our workforce are truly world-class. We are fully committed to delivering the highest standards of reliability and productivity for years to come.

“I look forward to working with ILWU President Bob McEllrath in the months ahead to ensure that the West Coast sets the standard for service and efficiency, and is the destination of choice for cargo entering and exiting the United States.”

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