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Jaime L. Lee, President
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Dear President Lee,

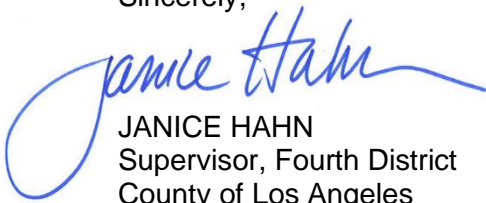
During the last few weeks there has been a lot of discussion about the five recommendations made on twitter by Ryan Petersen, CEO of San Francisco-based company Flexport, which aim to solve our supply chain disruptions. Some of the recommendations are worth exploring-- but one of them must be off the table and that is the suggestion of relaxing the ordinance that limits the stacking of empty containers in our communities.

We passed this ordinance in 2005 when I was on the Los Angeles City Council. Back then, there were neighborhoods in Wilmington where the sun set an hour early because of how completely surrounded they were by containers. The ordinance now prevents stacking of containers more than 20 feet high and has provided some relief to the Wilmington community.

I know that Long Beach already relaxed some of their container stacking rules in response to these tweets, but I am urging Los Angeles not to. It will not solve the empty container traffic jam. It will just relocate it to a low-income community that has already suffered too much from the long-standing problems associated with our goods movement industry.

I am asking every member of the Los Angeles Harbor Commission to stand firmly against any attempt to relax the container stacking ordinance.

Sincerely,



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