RILA Advisory – ILWU Local 26 watchmen’s Union – Strike Authorization

Good evening,

Today, members of the ILWU Local 26 watchmen's union voted to authorize a strike, which could possibly begin at the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach as soon as Sunday, November 1.

Though the union's membership is approximately 250 members (or 2% of the ports' workforce), the labor action would affect as many as six (possibly eight) terminals that handle a significant volume of the ports' cargo—and could cause additional disruption as other unions have pledged to honor picket lines.

The six affected LA/LB terminals include: APM Terminals (APMT), Long Beach Container Terminal (LBCT), Total Terminals International (TTI), SSA at C-60, A-90, LB 206, Pacific Container Terminal (PCT), and OH 55.

Negotiations have been ongoing since July 2025, and the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service (FMCS) has been engaged, however the parties reportedly remain far apart on key points.

Read the Pacific Maritime Association (PMA) statement on the strike vote here.