April 2021 - Info Expeditor

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## WESCCON 2021 Live and In Person!!

**WESCCON 2021 will be held Oct 14-17, 2021 at**

## ILWU Labor Shortage Looms in Oakland

*Evey Hwang, CBFANC President*

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**Port Congestion and Blank Sailings Continue Unabated**
**Too much and not enough:** Not yet a book but the sad stories of high demand and lack of space/containers! Unbelievably we are 5 months into 2021 and still living the port congestion that has never let up since last quarter of 2020. If anything, May 2021 is the new Peak Season. As of this month, Port of Oakland officially tops LA/LB but not in a positive way!
https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2021-04-19/oakland-tops-l-a-area-as-waves-of-ships-inundate-world-s-ports

**Port Meetings:** Interesting discussion at April 7th Port Efficiency Task Force meeting. *ILWU reported they have 200 member casuals "waiting 7 years" for training. With lack of training and labor pool aging out, catch up is now severe.* That and a worthwhile one on night gate efficiency. Then reported, Port of Oakland reported blank Sailings (14) in April and 6 in May. At April 27th Trade Facilitation meeting, Port of Oakland reported there was actually 20 blank or Oakland skip sailings for April and forecast for same in May. Coast Guard Captain Byrd is retiring! Her replacement will be Taylor Lam. At CBP, some supervisors will rotate but the teams are staying intact.

**Rancho Las Palmas Resort in Rancho Mirage CA. SAVE THE DATE!!!**

## CBFANC Social Media

**Please connect with us!**

**Twitter - @cbfanc**

**LinkedIn - CBFANC**

**Facebook - CBFANC**

## Events Around the Bay

- P.A.E.I - Professional Association of Exporters and Importers
- www.paei.org.
- OWIT NC - Organization of Women in International Trade Check website for updates
- Monterey Bay International Trade Association (MBITA) - Monterey Bay International Trade Association Check Website for updates
- Norcal W.T.C. - The Northern CaliforniaWorld Trade Center Check Website for updates
- PTA. - Pacific Transportation Association Check Website for updates

## CPSC Seminar

CBFANC will present a seminar on CPSC in June 2021. Details and registration information will be announced soon.

## Challenges Raised Against Oakland A's Development at Port of Oakland

*Evey Hwang, CBFANC President*

*CBFANC and East Oakland Stadium Alliance work together to fight for our local port*

On March 29th the Environmental Impact Report came out concerning the Oakland A's stadium development. https://www.oaklandca.gov/documents/draft-eir-for-the-oakland-as-waterfront-ballpark-district-project The deadline for comments was COB on April 27th. On behalf of members, CBFANC was signatory to EOSA comment letter and submitted our own letter. CBFANC joined the East Oakland Stadium Alliance in 2019 to fight the Oakland As hostile takeover bid of Howard Terminal for their MLB ballpark with luxury condos and retail shops. https://www.sfchronicle.com/local/article/Oakland-A-s-expect-to-spend-12-billion-on-16124097.php **As more Oakland community members hear about the As scheme, many more community leaders are joining the fight. There were 54 negative to 5 positive comments at April 21st Draft Environmental Impact Report hearing.** All comments, including the coalition letter and our own CBFANC letter will be posted on the City of Oakland website https://waterfrontballparkdistrict.com/

Got An Extra $855 Million Dollars? Read about it here...

## Pres Biden Chooses Former Richmond Police Chief to be Next Commissioner Of CBP

Chris Magnus, above, who has been the chief of the Tucson Police Department in Arizona since he left Richmond in 2015, is Biden's pick to be commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection. If confirmed as the Customs and Border Protection

commissioner, Magnus will oversee an agency with 61,500 employees.

## PGA Updates on Aphis Core, FWS, CPSC, FDA, FSVP and More

*Mindi Li, MegaBrokers, CBFANC Agency Committee*

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**PGA (APRIL, 2021)**

APHIS Core
Full enforcement on March 15, 2021, the Core Message Set flags in ACE (AQ1 and AQ2) changed the severity from a "warning message" to a "REJECTION". All filers have to submit an APHIS Core Message Set when filing an entry for APHIS-regulated plants, plant products, animal products, or live dog imports.

CPSC -1USG Release Notification
On March 22, 2021, CPSC is fully participated in One U.S. Government Notification Messaging at Import (1USG). Products of interest to CPSC, such as Children's Products (e.g., toys, pacifiers, clothing, backpacks, school supplies, imitation jewelry, cribs, baby carriages, safety gates), Fireworks, Liquid Nicotine, Drywall, Mattresses, Bicycles, Bicycle Helmets, Batteries, Hair Dryers, Power Cords, Holiday Lights, Generators, Lighters, Rugs, Pellet Stoves, Potentially Flammable Adult Clothing Articles and Scarves, will get message like "Under Review", "Hold Intact Notice", "Intensive Exam Request" for CPSC entry review. Upon entry review is completed with no further action is needed, filer gets ACE message "May Proceed", followed by ACE "1USG" full release if no additional requirements and holds placed by other agencies.
Information website: www.cpsc.gov/imports. Email contact for questions: ram-2way@cpsc.gov , 8:00am -4:00pm (for entry related inquires, please allow CPSC with sufficient time to review manifest and entry, wait 3 business days after actual arrival for ocean; one day for Truck and Air before contacting the agency.)

Mindi's PGA Report continues here...

## The Ever Given Keeps on Giving...Headaches

*Evey Hwang, CBFANC President*

The newly freed Ever Given is escorted as it exits the lower Suez Canal

Love that Suez Canal, Ever Given has its own Wikipedia page. "In March 2021, the Suez Canal was blocked for six days after the grounding of Ever Given, a 20,000 TEU container ship. Wikipedia **Cause:** Under investigation **Location:** Suez Canal **Dates:** Mar 23, 2021 – Mar 29, 2021" While global news no longer obsesses over week long obstruction of the Suez Canal which ended March 29th, the 26 crew and it's cargo is still in Egypt. Held until settlement made for an "extraordinary large claim" with Suez Canal Authorities, the extraordinary large ship is stuck at Egypt's Bitter Lake for indefinite time. Besides learning how "General Average" works and what cargo is stuck, the incident has rippled through the ocean supply chain with rather bitter consequences!

## One Billboard Inside Oakland, California

*Jack Hubbard, Editor*

As a member of EOSA, CBFANC is a financial supporter of an excellent, high impression billboard on the Nimitz Freeway which will be visible to drivers heading to downtown Oakland and San Francisco that will run for **6 weeks starting May 2nd!!**

## Critics Cite Gentrification, Lost Jobs As Price of A's Proposed Real Estate Development

*Jack Hubbard, Editor*

**It looks like OZ, but it's really the $12 billion Oakland A's Real Estate Project.** The project includes a 35,000-seat ballpark, up to 3,000 residential units, as much as 1.5 million square feet of office space, a 400-room hotel and a 3,500-seat indoor performance venue.

At the April 21st Planning Commssion hearing in Oakland, it was reported by the San Francisco Business Times that "many commenters said the EIR report failed to adequately study the impact of the A's project on high-paying blue-collar jobs at the port, potential gentrification in West Oakland and how that would require people filling jobs to move further away, traffic congestion in Chinatown, limited changes to busy railroad crossings. Others said the report deferred important mediation measures to an unspecified future.
The project plan from Oakland Athletics Investment Group LLC mentions affordable housing, for example, but fails to say how many affordable units would be on-site, how the A's may offer units off-site or whether the team may opt to pay an affordable housing fee instead. Those alternatives and their potential impacts on transit and other environmental issues were not explored in the draft document, many people at the meeting said."

## CBFANC Continues to Serve Its Constituents

*Evey Hwang, CBFANC President*

Work continued during the pandemic shutdown months. Brighter days are ahead!

**Another busy month and year ahead:** CBFANC is run for and by members to benefit our port community. We are pleased provide topic and informative webinar/events for our members and the trade. So far this year we were pleased to offer webinars on:

February 17, 2021: BIS-Export Webinar which CBFANC co-hosted with WIT-NC

March 23, 2021: CBP-FDA One Initiative

April 22, 2021: Forced Labor Enforcement Withhold Release

May 22nd is National Maritime Day! Save the date for May 20th when CBFANC co-hosts with Propellor Club of Northern California for Export Strategies for Northern California. And in June, we will have a webinar on CPSC.

Save the dates and your attendance requested for the following events:

- Pacific Coast Council's annual Mission to DC is being planned for virtual meetings May 25-26 Join us in attending and make your voices heard!
- WESCCON will being planned for in-person! October 14-18 Rancho Las Palmas, Rancho Mirage, CA – Good News! – for safety protocols, our conference will be the sole event at hotel and Great News! – we'll hope to see you!

## CBFANC Acts As Signatory on AgTC Letter to Transportation Secretary Buttigieg

*Peter Friedmann, OurManInDC*

Peter Friedman, OurManInDC, Executive Director AgTC

Below is the letter sent to Secretary Buttigieg. Nearly 300 US agriculture and forest products companies and associations (including CBFANC) were listed as supporters of this urgent message.

April 27, 2021

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
United States Secretary of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

We are concerned with challenges imposed by vessel-operating common carriers (VOCCs), who are declining to ship U.S. agricultural commodity exports from U.S. ports, and imposing hundreds of millions of dollars of punitive charges already determined to be unreasonable by the Federal Maritime Commission. The burden on hardworking exporters,

manufacturers, farmers, ranchers and our rural communities is overwhelming. We urge the Department of Transportation to utilize all existing authorities to remedy the challenges experienced by U.S. agricultural exporters.

The letter continues here..

## Public Safety Issues Plague Oakland A's Stadium Project

*Content provided by EOSA*

Baseball fans (above) at Petco Park in San Diego exit the stadium after a ballgame.A parked train creates an obstacle which the fans easily breach. This poses huge liability issues. Why would Oakland follow this example?

Per the SF Business Times, the Amtrak Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority has expressed concerns that patrons at the proposed Oakland Waterfront Ballpark will cross the mainline heavy rail tracks at grade at all five nearby railroad crossings. The grade separation problem won't be solved by placing a single pedestrian bridge at Clay Street and fences along The Embarcadero. The whole area is geared towards dispersing fans from numerous exits onto different streets heading north and east. Vehicular traffic remains an unresolved issue. Long freight trains can block multiple crossings regardless of the time of day, and these trains can sometimes be stationary for an extended period of time, during which roadway users (motorists, pedestrians, and bicyclists) would have no access across the tracks and may be tempted to navigate around crossing gate arms and the stationary train unsafely. What behaviors patrons will exhibit before or after events in such a scenario has grave implications for the safety and operations of trains along the entire Amtrak Capitol Corridor route, which runs from San Jose to Sacramento.

Union Pacific RR has concerns, too. Read here..

## Don't Forget! Mother's Day is May 9th

Happy Mother's Day to all you Moms out there!!!!

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