

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 260

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAYHAM

A RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Port of New Orleans to hold town hall meetings in each St. Bernard Parish Council district regarding the proposed Louisiana International Terminal.

WHEREAS, the Port of New Orleans is seeking to invest \$1.9 billion in a new container terminal project to be known as the Louisiana International Terminal; and

WHEREAS, according to the Port of New Orleans the proposed terminal would serve vessels of all sizes; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Louisiana International Terminal will impact every part of the entire St. Bernard community; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Louisiana International Terminal may affect the Orleans parish and Plaquemines parish communities as well; and

WHEREAS, the effects on the local communities and the infrastructure needs associated with the Louisiana International Terminal are matters of great public interest; and

WHEREAS, local residents have concerns related to maritime vessel safety, which are especially relevant based on the recent barge collision incidents at Galveston Bay in Texas and at the Patapsco River in Baltimore that are indicative of the types of catastrophic scenarios that could potentially occur in the vicinity of the Louisiana International Terminal; and

WHEREAS, the people in the impacted communities deserve an opportunity to give testimony and be presented with information about the Louisiana International Terminal prior to its construction in their vicinity.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Port of New Orleans to hold town hall meetings in each St. Bernard Parish Council district to engage the residents within a twenty day period by September 30, 2024.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Port of New Orleans should consider the input received by the residents in the area of the proposed Louisiana International Terminal.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the board of commissioners of the Port of New Orleans and the president of the Port of New Orleans.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES