

LABORERS' INTERNATIONAL UNION of NORTH AMERICA LOCAL 942

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Visitor Industry Task Force Members:

My name Trenton English and I am the Southeast Business Representative for Laborers Local 942. I am writing today as a longtime member of this community who enjoys sharing my hometown with tourists from around the world and truly believe through the work of TBMP and urban planning we can resolve most concerns.

I encourage this task force to seek infrastructure improvements which can be made to solve our congestion issues, rather than a visitor-ship cap likely to invite unnecessary litigation. Let's hear solutions.

Providing shore power at all berths will allow ships to refrain from idling while in port is one feasible option. A new dock at the sub port with a passenger loading facility could remove countless busses from the downtown core. Let's find solutions to keep Juneau a vibrant thriving community.

I've heard valid concerns from members of this community, this is what TBMP was created for. I've also read the threats of civil disobedience should this task force not resolve a few particular concerns. These threats are inappropriate. They are far from the design of civil engagement intended by our founders. Juneauites are not bullies, and we don't want to be known as such. Creating regulations aimed at hampering tourist's ability to access portions of our community serves only to hamstring our economic opportunities and the quality of the local experience we are known for.

Our quality of life and economic wellbeing depends heavily on our tourism revenue. Please uphold Juneau's unique identity as a welcoming place to live and visit and look to our future economic development opportunities.

Respectfully,

Trenton English

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