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About to start this Port Commission meeting, and it looks like there's already a lot of Palestine advocates in the house. Commission has been taking Open Forum first for the large number of speakers, we'll see if that continues during this meeting



Well, looks like we have to wait til the end of meeting for the open forum comments.

Scene from the rally [x.com/oaklandmillie/...](#)

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President Cluver is reading a statement ahead of the Open Forum where People's Arms Embargo proponents will speak.

A raw transcript of Cluver's comments follows:

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as port board members appointed to lead a local government agency, we are also Oakland residents, parents, siblings and members of our broader community.

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Our hearts grieve over war and loss of innocent life. We support a lasting cease fire and condemn any acts of terrorism and genocide in Israel and Gaza respectively.

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Oakland San Francisco Bay airport, known as oak serves as one of the West Coast busiest air cargo hubs, with over 1 billion pounds of air cargo passing through its facilities annually. Our airport is used for passenger travel to visit loved ones, business travel, and for shift shipment of gifts and commercial goods. We are saddened when we learn of shipments from Oak that could be used to cause harm,

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as in the case with all federally regulated public airports in the nation. Oak is legally required to accommodate federally authorized air traffic, including air cargo arranged by the US government on private air cargo providers as well as passenger airlines that carry cargo in their baggage hold areas. It

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has been reported that military components are being shipped by private air cargo operators throughout the United States, including out of oak. One such report prepared by  Palestinian youth movement and the Arab resource and organizing Center and the US Palestinian community network details the shipment of military JET components by the federal Defense Logistics Agency from a facility in Northern California on air car air cargo flights from Oak to other US

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The Port of Oakland has received many inquiries from our community regarding these reported cargo activities and what role the port can play in determining whether specific items can leave our runways.

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Port of Oakland and its board of commissioners do not have the legal authority to determine which legally authorized items a carrier can transport nor where it is destined, due to federal laws and FAA regulations that govern all airports in the United States

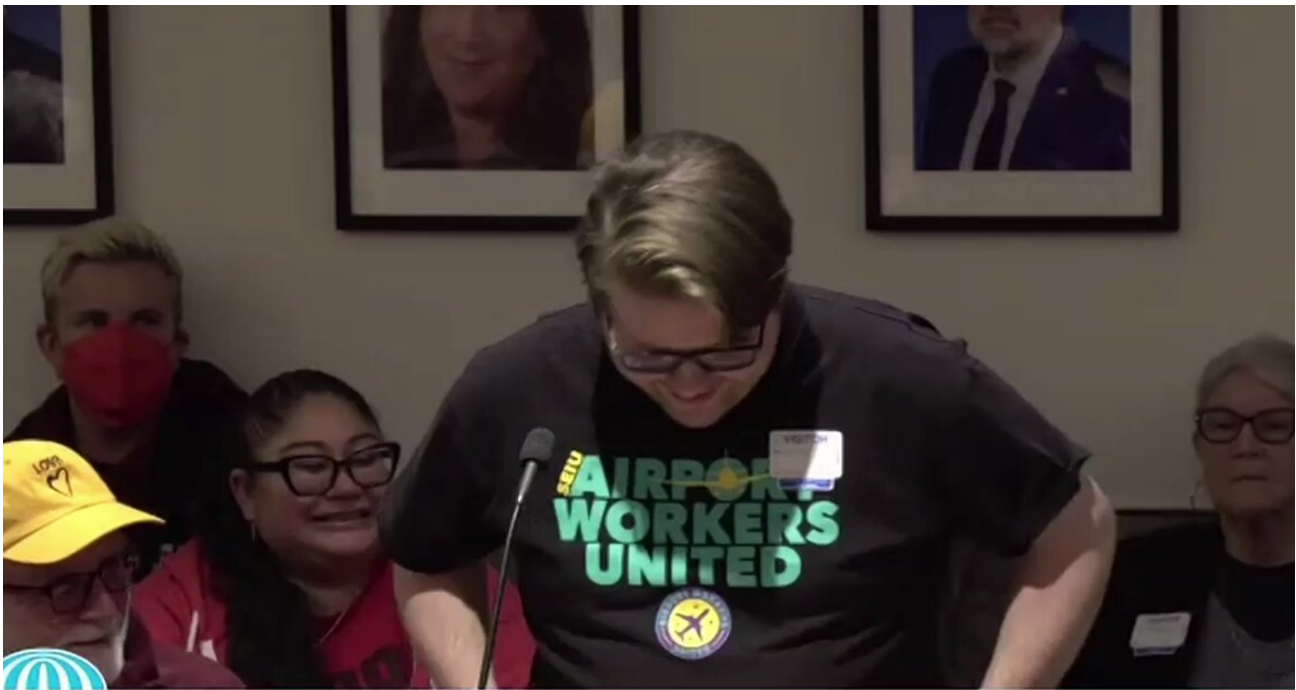
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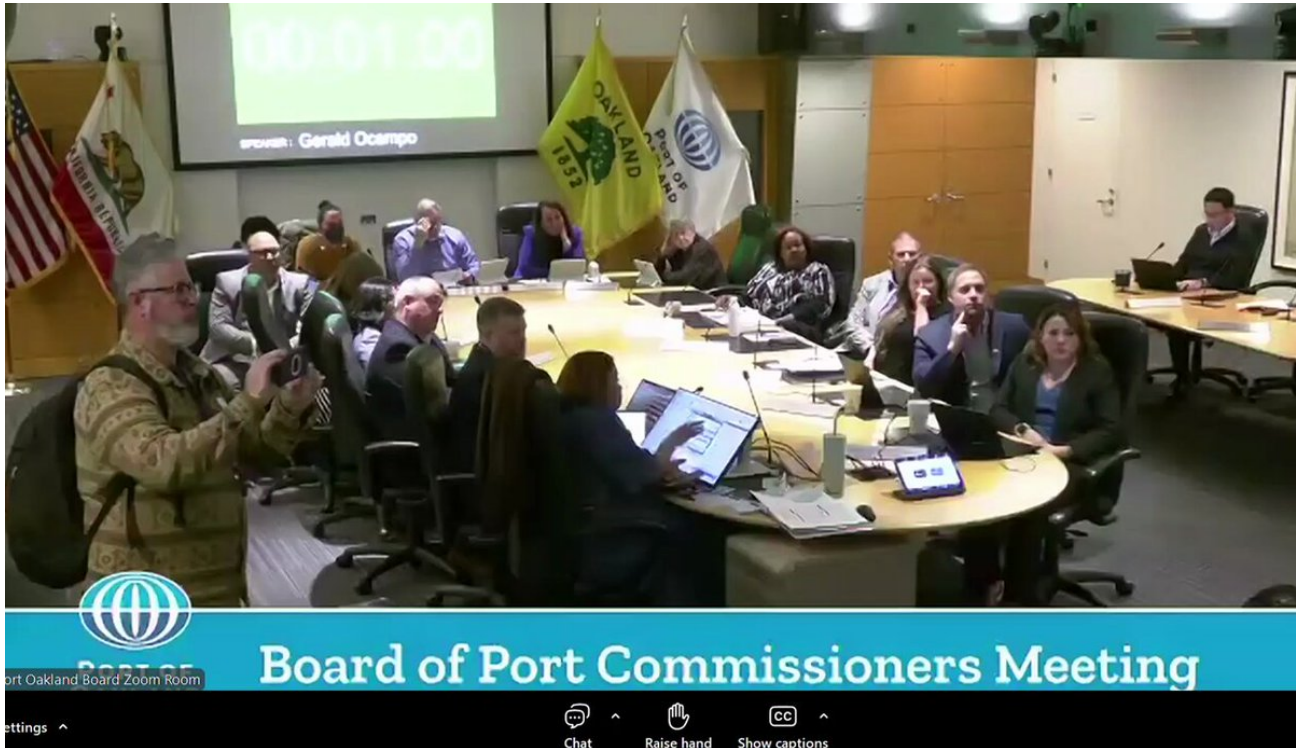
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as it concerns the export of certain military equipment by the federal government. We respect the passion commitment that have prompted the demonstration of support for action on this issue, we must respectfully direct the focus of this action towards the federal policy makers that ultimately set foreign defense, defense policy for our nation. To that end, we strongly support the bill currently pending in Congress, co sponsored by our congressional representative, Latif assignment, HR, 3565, the ban the bombs Act. The port board looks forward to the prompt consideration and passage of this bill and any similar federal legislation which could reduce the loss of human life and is committed to working with local leaders and groups on such federal advocacy efforts.

This is the crux of the Port's position: "Port and board of commissioners do not have the legal authority to determine which legally authorized items a carrier can transport nor where it is destined, due to federal laws & FAA regulations that govern all airports in United States"



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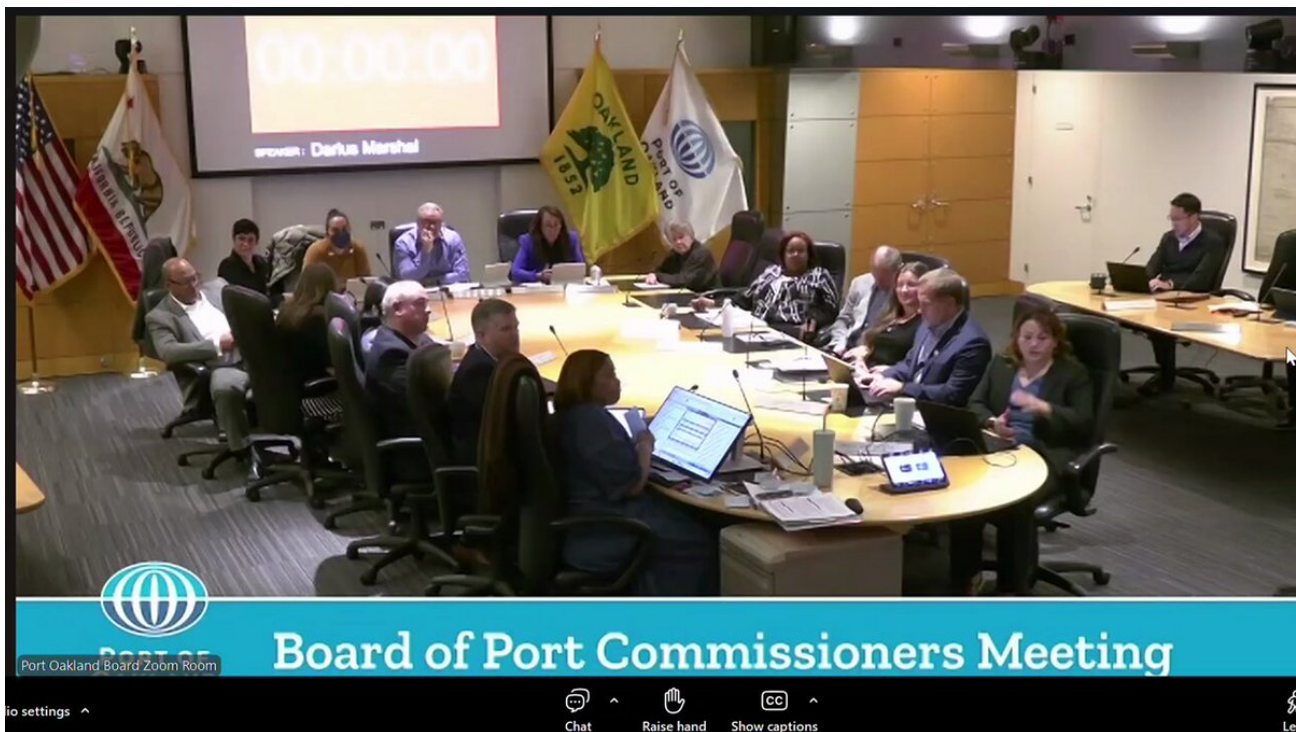
Some unionizing efforts here too

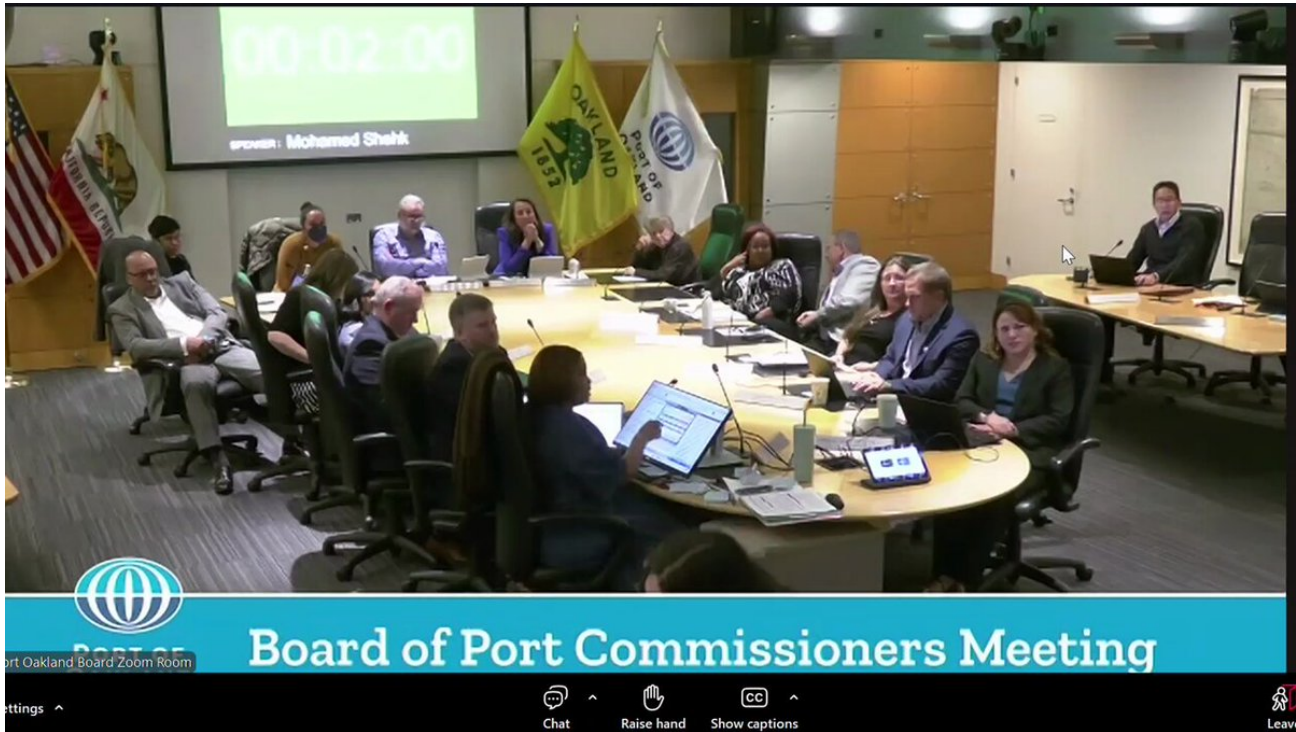




Lots of low wage Oakland airport workers here demanding better working conditions and higher pay. Can't just ignore this, so, bear with me









Members of AROC read in a draft resolution, making public all arms transits going through the airport; they argue that's a charter-directed power they have, despite their claims



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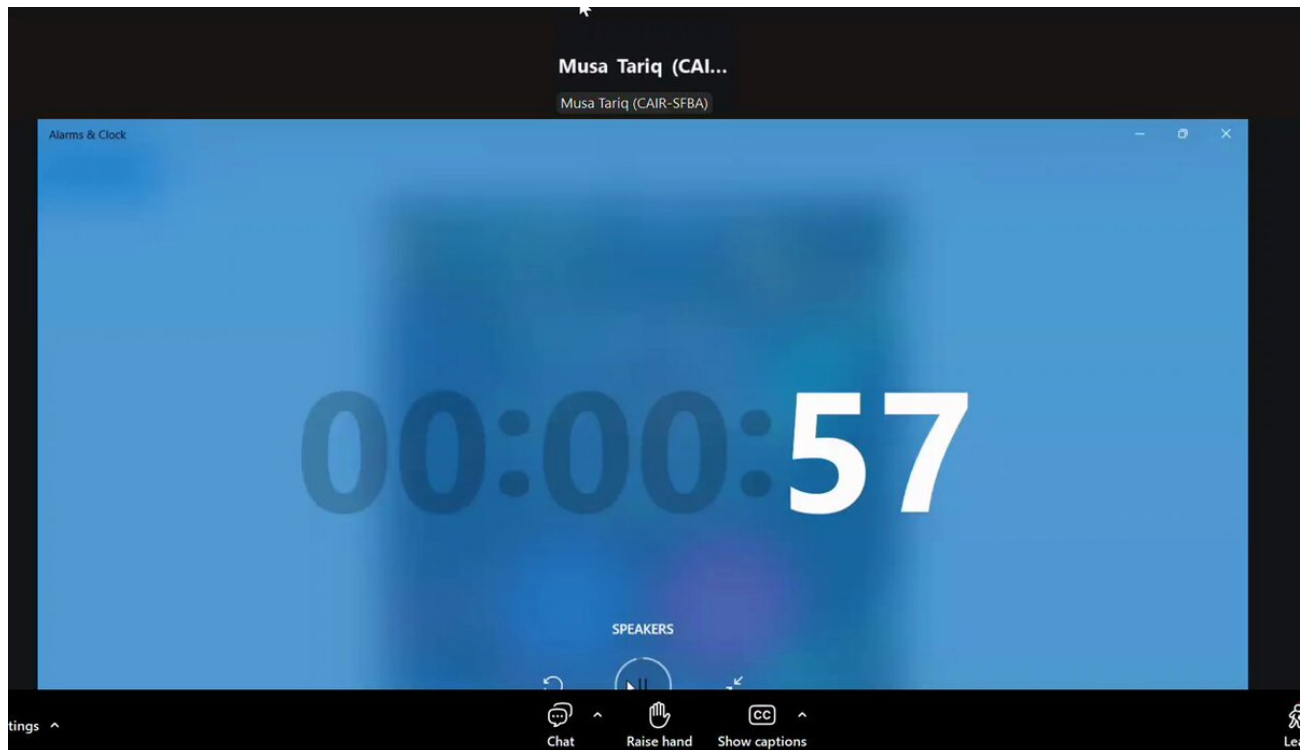
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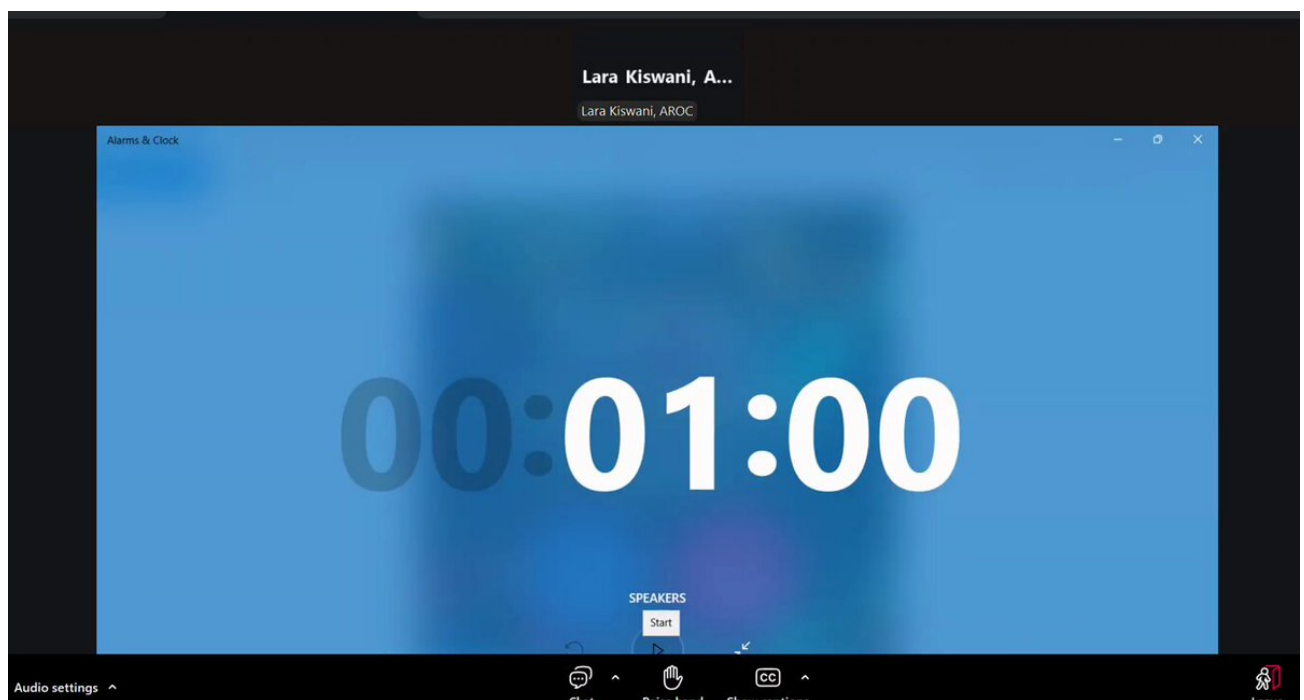
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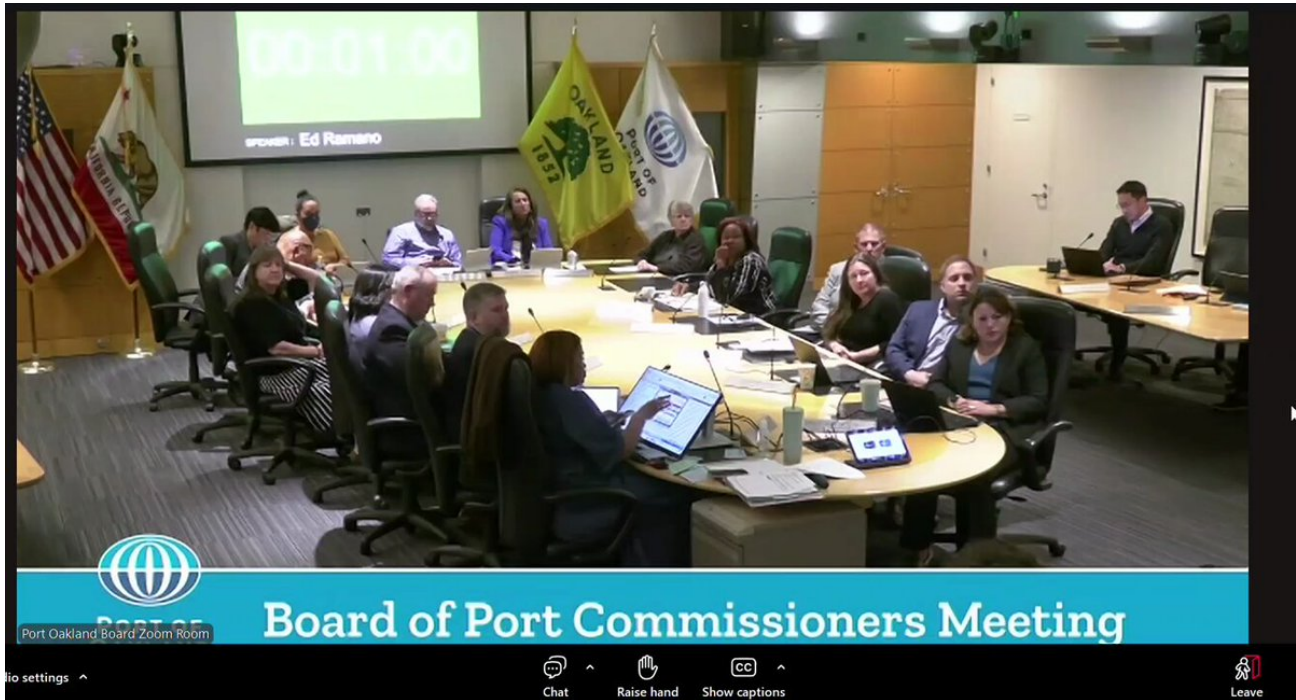
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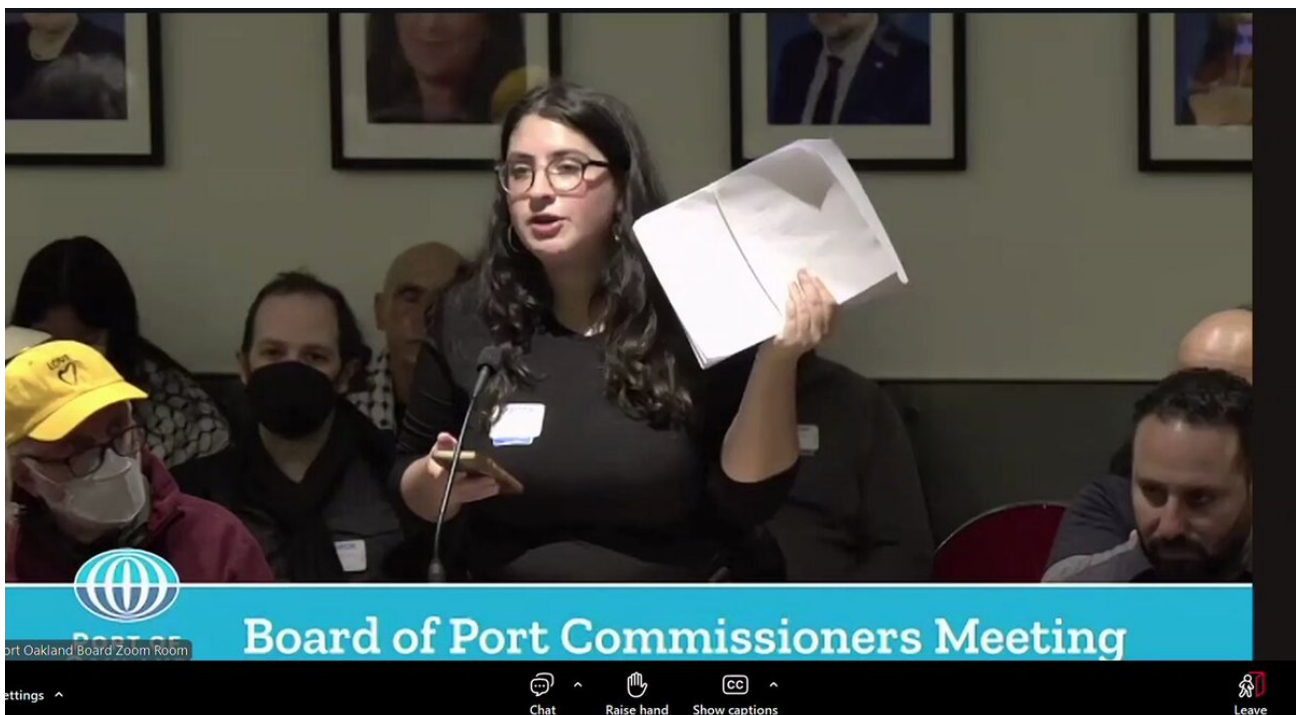
Lara Kiswani of AROC





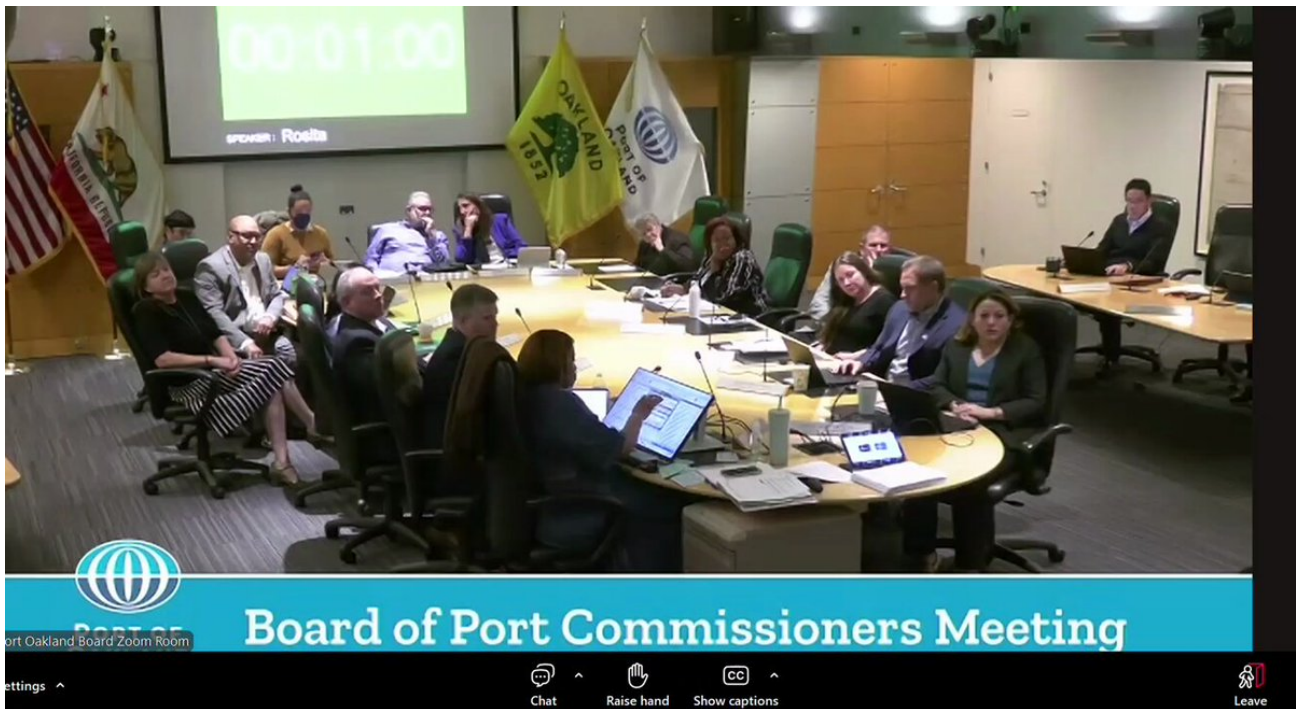


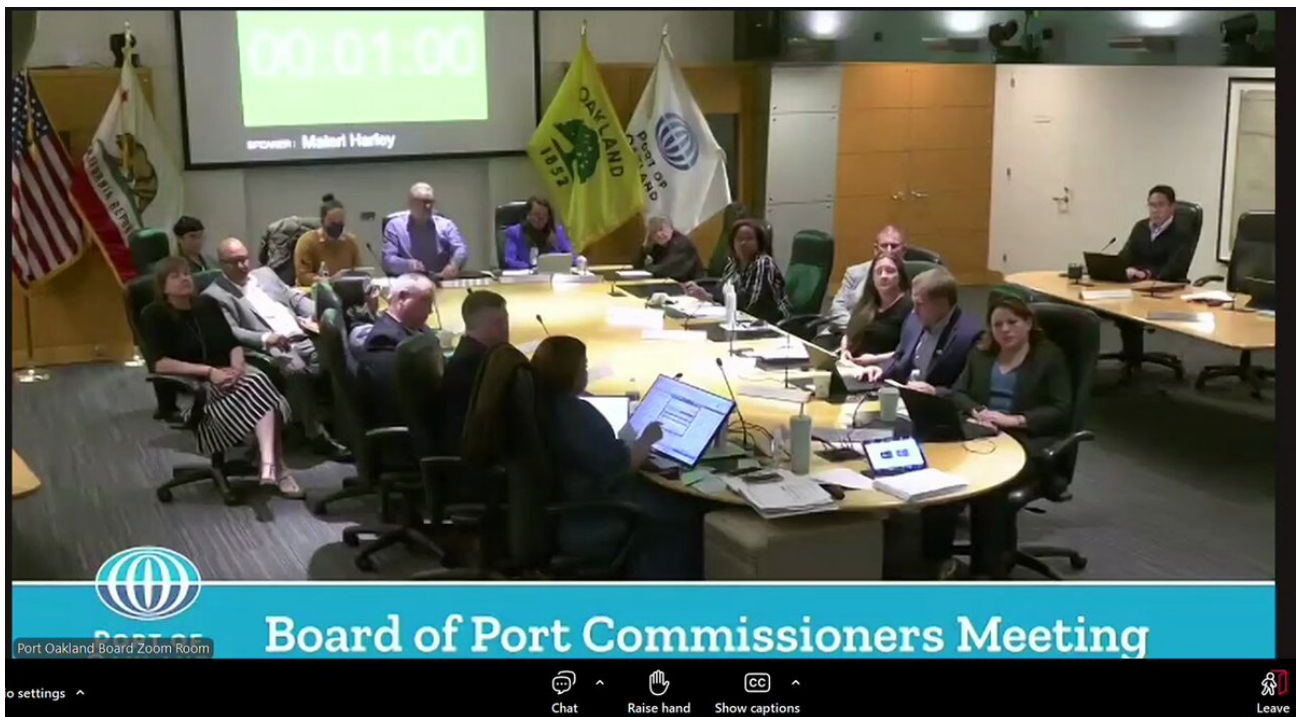
PYM Rep brings 300 pages of signatures, for 10K residents urging an end to the weapons shipments transiting through Oakland airport

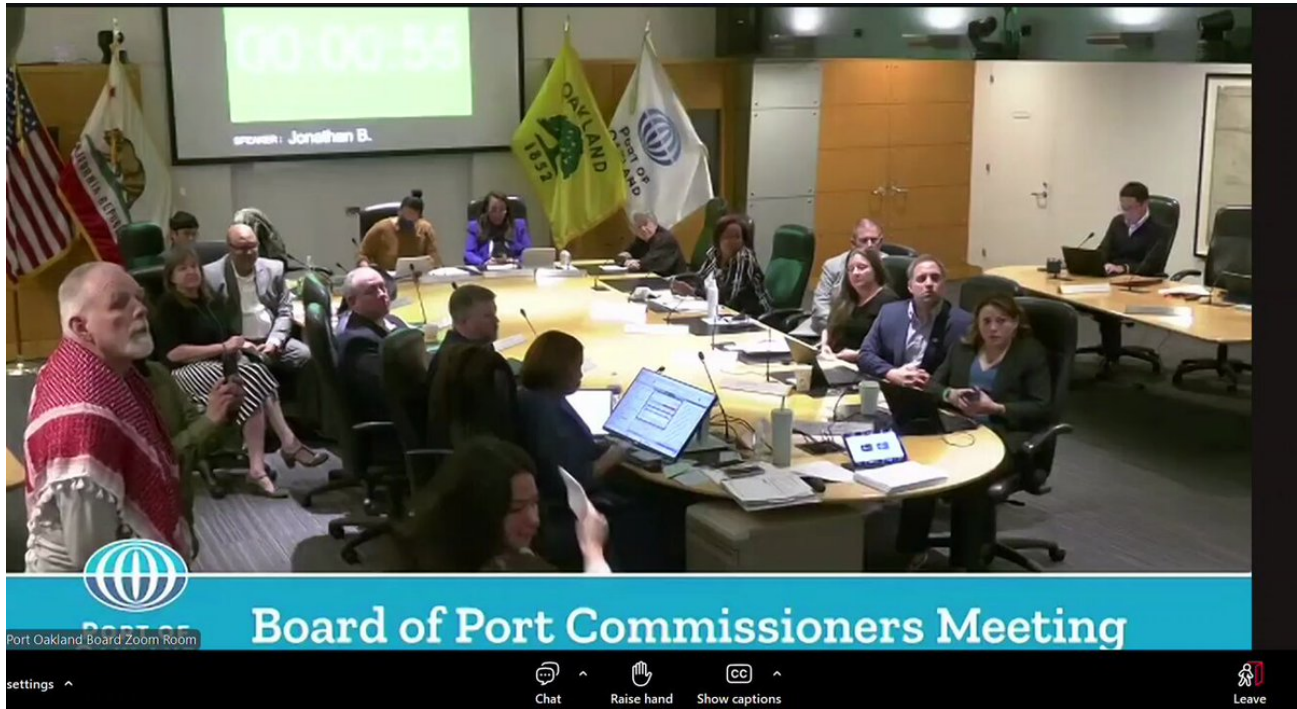




California Nurses Assn rep







Port is about to lose quorum at 6:15





Executive board member of transport workers union 554



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Sanyika Bryant



As the Commission lost quorum, Jahmese Myres told the assembled advocates that she supports their efforts personally, and hopes that the Port is able to create a resolution

responding to the demands



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