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ELYSE LANIER
Commissioner

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Chairman Jim Edmonds
Port of Houston Authority
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Dear Chairman Edmonds:

I know that you will agree with me, when I say that the Port needs to do everything possible to restore and maintain public confidence in it. Without such confidence, it will be difficult for the Port to generate voter backing for bond issues that are the life blood of our business.

Along these lines, I have some suggestions, and I hope that the Port can vote on these items in the very near future:

- 1) That all meetings be recorded, preferably by video, or at the very least by audio. In making this request, I note that Houston City Council, Harris County Commissioners Court, and the Metropolitan Transit Authority all video record their meetings.
- 2) That the Port Commission return the spending authority of its CEO from \$50,000 back to \$25,000.
- 3) That we make our deliberations more public and open by discussing more items in public sessions rather than executive sessions.
- 4) I am willing and able, as always, to talk you about these issues, or others, that you think can make the Port the best it can be.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Elyse Lanier'. The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name 'Elyse Lanier'.

Elyse Lanier

Cc: Port of Houston Commission Members
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