



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Mayoral candidate Peter Shahid releases statement on State Ports Authority's decision to defer the Union Pier project**

Charleston City Councilmember Peter Shahid, a candidate for mayor, released the following statement regarding the State Port Authority's (SPA) announcement that it is deferring its proposed plans for redeveloping Union Pier.

"I commend Barbara Melvin for slowing down the process of redeveloping the Union Pier site. This is a wise decision; however, it is also quite telling of the current administration's lack of past engagement on this critical project for our community.

"The mayor has had more than ample opportunity to be a leader by creating the high standards expected for a project of this magnitude. Now, almost a year after the plans were first revealed, the mayor is finally ready to 'get to work.' Our city deserves a mayor who will use common sense to lead and not be a passive reactionary.

"Waiting until after the mayoral election in November assures our citizens that a new leader, one with sound judgment like me, will collaborate with all parties and direct this project to ensure its highest level of excellence.

"Despite the SPA's announcement, I will still host my monthly constituent meeting tomorrow at 10:00 a.m. at Founders Hall at Charles Towne Landing, where representatives from organizations for and against the project will speak. I encourage people to attend so they can learn some potential updates to the plan from SPA officials. I will also discuss the latest on the proposed plans for the Sumar Street site ahead of Tuesday's City Council meeting."

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