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### **MAYOR VILLARAIGOSA, COUNCILMEMBER HAHN ANNOUNCE FIVE-YEAR PROJECT LABOR AGREEMENT AT THE PORT OF LOS ANGELES**

*The PLA Covers 95 Percent of the Port's Projected \$1.5 Billion Five-Year Capital Budget*

**LOS ANGELES** – Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa and Councilmember Janice Hahn announced today that the Los Angeles Harbor Commission approved a Port-wide, five-year Project Labor Agreement (PLA) to ensure safety, quality, and timely construction on the Port of Los Angeles' capital projects that will provide job and apprentice opportunities for local and disadvantaged residents.

"Today's approval of the Project Labor Agreement means new, career-track opportunities for thousands of local workers," Mayor Villaraigosa said. "We are maintaining our commitment to getting Angelenos back to work and providing the necessary vocational training for those who are ready to enter the workforce."

The PLA will serve as a blanket agreement between the Harbor Department and the construction trade unions affiliated with the Los Angeles/Orange Counties Building and Construction Trade Council working on the designated Capital Improvement Projects. The PLA covers 95 percent of the Port's projected \$1.5 billion five-year capital budget.

"The only way that we are going to get our economy back on track is by creating more good-paying, middle-class jobs," said Los Angeles Councilwoman Janice Hahn, whose district includes the Port. "One way we are working to create more good jobs in our City is by expanding and greening our Port, and ensuring that all construction is done through this Project Labor Agreement."

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The PLA states that at least 30 percent of total work hours must be performed by local residents within targeted areas of Los Angeles focused primarily on residents within 10 miles of the Port. At least 10 percent of the total PLA work hours will be performed by disadvantaged workers residing within Los Angeles. Additionally, at least 20 percent of total work hours will be performed by apprentices to advance the skills of the local labor pool, and at least half of these apprentices will be local residents.

“Project Labor Agreements have been successful for decades and I’m certain this will be the case at the Port of Los Angeles,” said Richard Slawson, Executive Secretary of the Los Angeles and Orange County Building and Construction Trades Council. “For the local residents who live near the Port, this agreement means more jobs for skilled workers and more apprentice opportunities for those seeking to enter the work force.”

Provisions of the Port-wide PLA include a no-strike/no-lockout clause, standardized work rules for all covered trades, a uniform dispute resolution mechanism, a training and apprentice program, and a requirement for all contractors working on a project to pay prevailing wages and benefits and hire most labor through local union hiring halls.

The Port of Los Angeles is America’s premier port and has a strong commitment to developing innovative strategic and sustainable operations that benefit the economy as well as the quality of life for the region and the nation it serves. As the leading seaport in North America in terms of shipping container volume and cargo value, the Port generates 919,000 regional jobs and \$39.1 billion in annual wages and tax revenues. A proprietary department of the City of Los Angeles, the Port is self-supporting and does not receive taxpayer dollars.

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