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## MAYOR VILLARAIGOSA APPOINTS DAVID ARIAN TO THE LOS ANGELES BOARD OF HARBOR COMMISSIONERS

With Decades of Experience as a Leader in the Harbor Area, David Arian Will Help the Harbor Commission Implement Their Goals to Expand and Green the Port of Los Angeles

**LOS ANGELES – Sept. 27, 2010 -** Mayor Villaraigosa today appointed David Arian to the Los Angeles Board of Harbor Commissioners.

"Having proudly served as a longshoreman in San Pedro, like his father before him, David Arian brings an inherent understanding of how the Port can function more efficiently as well as the needs of the surrounding community," Mayor Villaraigosa said. "His decades of experience at both the local and national level will help our team at the Port build off the success of the Clean Truck Program and Clean Air Action Plan to ensure the economic vitality and environmental sustainability of our Harbor community for generations to come."

"I'm extremely pleased that the Port of Los Angeles will be able to tap into David Arian's expertise of the maritime industry and knowledge of the Harbor Area," said Port of Los Angeles Executive Director Geraldine Knatz, Ph.D. "I've known Dave for many years and he was an active participant in the Clean Air Action Plan (CAAP) stakeholder meetings. I look forward to his leadership on the Harbor Commission."

Mr. Arian, a native of San Pedro, began his career as a longshoreman in 1965 and has been an active member of the International Longshore & Warehouse Union since then. In 1991, he was elected International President of the ILWU. Following his term, he returned to the docks at the Port of Los Angeles where he worked until his retirement in 2009.

Mr. Arian has been an active member of the San Pedro community for decades working with organizations like the San Pedro Boys & Girls Club and the Harry Bridges Institute, where he serves as the President of the non-profit.

As a member of the Board of Harbor Commissioners, Mr. Arian will assist in the Commission's ongoing efforts to green and grow the Port of Los Angeles, while also

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increasing security measures, and exercising strong fiscal oversight of the Harbor Department.

Mr. Arian's full biography is below.

## **Biography:**

David Arian is a proud citizen of San Pedro and the Harbor Area. Dave grew up on 8th Street in San Pedro—he went to Cabrillo Elementary, Dana Jr. High and San Pedro High. He played at the San Pedro Boys Club (and supports the Boys & Girls Club to this day).

Dave has been an active member of the community, from his days opening the San Pedro Community Action Center in 1966 to his more recent support of many local community organizations, including the Toberman Settlement House, the Harbor Interfaith Shelter, and the San Pedro Boys & Girls Club. In 2006, Mayor Villaraigosa asked him to sit on the joint port advisory for the Port of Los Angeles and Long Beach's Clean Air Action Plan.

He is proud to have been a longshoreman. Like his father, Lou Arian, before him, Dave started working on the docks in 1965. Dave served as an officer of ILWU Local 13 many times, including three stints as Local President. Finally, in 1991, Dave was elected International President of the International Longshore & Warehouse Union. When his term was up, he went back to the docks in LA. Dave retired from the waterfront and the ILWU after 44 years on January 1, 2009. Since then, Dave has served as President of the Harry Bridges Institute, a San Pedro-based non-profit dedicated to community organization.

Dave has two children, a son Sean and a daughter Justine, and two grandchildren, Jadyn Rose and Destan.

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