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PORT CELEBRATES PROMENADE GRAND OPENING WITH "HAPPY HARBOR HALLOWEEN" CELEBRATION SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29

*Opening Ceremony Will Feature Councilwoman Janice Hahn and
a Host of Costumed Visitors*



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SAN PEDRO, Calif. - Kids in costumes, carnival games, food, aquarium displays, and crafts along the waterfront set the stage for the grand opening of the Harbor Parkway promenade on Saturday, October 29, at the Port of Los Angeles. Councilwoman Janice Hahn will preside over the festivities, which start at 11 a.m. with the grand opening dedication ceremony.

The Happy Harbor Halloween festival will run from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the new pedestrian promenade adjacent to Harbor Boulevard, between Santa Cruz Street and 5th Street, in San Pedro. Co-sponsored by the Port of Los Angeles and the Los Angeles Recreation and Parks Department, the festival will feature a children's Halloween costume parade at 1 p.m. plus free games, face painting, walking tours of the mile-long stretch, crafts and fun for all ages. Food will also be available for purchase.

The Cabrillo Marine Aquarium will have its "Octobus" at the festival with interactive displays and hands-on activities, and rides on the "Spooky" Red Cars will be free for the entire weekend in celebration of the promenade opening. Free parking is available at Harbor Boulevard and 1st Street.

"We have all been looking forward to the creation of our waterfront promenade and the opening of this new phase is another step toward creating the world-class destination we envision. Now, visitors will be able to walk all the way from the Lane Victory to 5th Street along a beautiful new walkway," said Councilwoman Janice Hahn. "I hope that people will come from all over to celebrate the opening of this new phase of our grand promenade."

The Harbor Gateway promenade is part of the Port's eight-mile waterfront revitalization project in San Pedro. This portion of the promenade continues the Cruise Ship Promenade, completed in December 2004, down Harbor Boulevard and closer to downtown San Pedro, ending at 5th Street.

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