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**MAYOR VILLARAIGOSA APPOINTS ROBIN KRAMER
TO LOS ANGELES BOARD OF HARBOR COMMISSIONERS**

***Mayor's Former Chief of Staff Brings Decades of Experience in the Public,
Private, Philanthropic and Nonprofit Sectors***

LOS ANGELES – September 8, 2010 – Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa today appointed Robin Kramer to the Board of Harbor Commissioners and issued the following statement.

“Robin Kramer’s depth of experience is unparalleled and will prove to be an invaluable asset to the Harbor Board of Commissioners. The Port of Los Angeles is an economic anchor to our City - Robin recognizes its significance as well as the importance of protecting the surrounding communities and the environment.

“I’ve worked side by side with Robin for several years and her leadership and strong will has guided many of my administration’s goals and initiatives. With several decades of practical experience in the public and private sector, Robin has the perspective needed to cope with difficult situations and the wherewithal to make the tough decisions.

“Robin loves the City of Los Angeles and has dedicated her career to providing outstanding services to the people and communities of this City. I am fortunate to have worked with Robin and to know her as a friend. I look forward to her continued service to the City of Los Angeles and the Harbor area.”

“We are very pleased to have someone with Robin's depth of experience in government and the private sector as well as her commitment to community issues join the Harbor Commission,” added Port Executive Director Geraldine Knatz, Ph.D. “We're looking forward to benefitting from her expertise and leadership at the Port of Los Angeles.”

The Harbor Board of Commissioners continues to prioritize growing and greening the Port of Los Angeles, increasing security measures at the port, improving the environmental impact of the surrounding communities of San Pedro and Wilmington, and exercising strong fiscal oversight of the Harbor Department.

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Kramer's appointment by the mayor is subject to approval by the Los Angeles City Council.

Robin Kramer's complete bio is below:

Robin M. Kramer

Robin Kramer has been a creative leader in Los Angeles for more than three decades, combining her love of and commitment to the community with varied experience in the public, private, philanthropic and nonprofit sectors.

Robin served as Chief of Staff to both Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa (from 2005 – 2009) and Mayor Richard Riordan (where she began service as Deputy Mayor and was Chief of Staff from 1994 -97) --the first woman to serve in this 24/7 post for one Los Angeles mayor, let alone two! Here she had leadership responsibility for the administration's overall initiatives, priorities and strategies to provide outstanding municipal services to the people and sectors of Los Angeles in order to support accessible, safe, healthy neighborhoods in which to live and to work, and to vitalize the city's human and institutional assets as a global economic powerhouse and innovator.

From 2003 - 05, Robin was Senior Director at The Broad Foundation, with responsibility for the foundation's novel strategy to deepen the capacity of school boards, the wherewithal of progressive teacher unions, and pilot programs in alternative teacher compensation -- all aimed at advancing dramatic improvement in student performance in the nation's largest urban school districts. She also led other foundation endeavors to advance the arts and cultural tourism in Los Angeles and to grow and strengthen local civic engagement and leadership.

Beginning in 1997, Robin divided her time between service as the California Community Foundation's first Senior Fellow and as an independent management and organization consultant for public and private sector clients and nonprofit ventures -- ranging from child welfare and school reform advocates to major cultural organizations. In addition to anchoring the foundation's strategic planning, she created *Ambassadors Within*, an experimental program created as a response to the lack of intermediary civic organizations in Los Angeles, and to build solution-brokering skills of and relationships between local emergent community leaders in their thirties with one another and with the city's "Greatest Generation" elders.

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Robin was Senior Vice President at Marathon Communications from 1991-93. Among other responsibilities, she was design manager for the Los Angeles Educational Partnership's successful New American Schools project, the first program director of the New Leaders Project, and was part of the team directing the political campaign to secure passage of Los Angeles Police Department reform measures, set forth by an independent commission chaired by Warren Christopher.

From 1981–85, she was Executive Director of the Coro Foundation, the 68 year-old civic affairs leadership training organization. Under her tenure, this non-partisan Southern California educational institute grew in scope and capacity, expanding its unique experiential leadership development programs to Orange and Ventura County, to senior citizens, and to African American women in mid-career, Hispanic law students and emerging leadership in the Asian/Pacific Islander community.

Kramer previously worked for two members of the City Council who represented the Eastside and parts of the San Fernando Valley, respectively --as Chief Deputy for Councilman Richard Alatorre (1985-90) and for Councilman Bob Ronka (1978-81).

From 1976 – 78, she was Director of the Democratic Party of Southern California, and a part-time teacher at the Harvard School during those same years.

Robin holds a BA in Political Studies and Journalism from Pitzer College and an MA in Urban Studies from Occidental College. As an undergraduate, she was editor of the *Claremont Collegian*, the daily newspaper of the six Claremont Colleges. She was a Coro Fellow from 1975 – 76 and a Wexner Fellow in Los Angeles from 2002 – 04.

In July, 2008, Robin became Pitzer College's first alumna to chair its board of trustees.

She also has been a long-time volunteer in several community-building nonprofit enterprises, including the Breed Street Shul Project, the Daniel Pearl Foundation, California Tomorrow, and Angel's Flight (the shortest railway in the world). She is a member of the advisory board of the Public Policy Institute of California. Over the past two decades, she served as president of Women in Public Affairs, and chaired the boards of Coro's Southern California Center, Temple Israel of Hollywood and the arts technical services organization, ARTS, Incorporated.

Robin and Neil Kramer live in Los Angeles and have three terrific sons, Ben, Daniel and Gabe.

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