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**MAYOR GARCETTI ANNOUNCES COMPLETION OF
NEW ROOFTOP SOLAR PROJECT**

*Project at the Port of Los Angeles will produce enough clean energy to power
331 homes in its first year.*

LOS ANGELES—Mayor Eric Garcetti today joined Councilmember Joe Buscaino, the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) and the Port of Los Angeles to announce the completion of a 1.2-megawatt (MW) rooftop solar generation project at the Port.

The project is part of the City of Los Angeles' rooftop solar Feed-in Tariff (FiT) program, the largest of its kind in the nation. FiT enables building owners to host large-scale rooftop solar projects and sell the power they generate to LADWP for distribution on the City's power grid.

"L.A. is a global sustainability leader because we are committed to producing clean, renewable energy in new and innovative ways," said Mayor Garcetti. "The FiT provides solar power locally and gives Angelenos the tools to make our City more sustainable by utilizing the roof-tops of their own businesses."

Hosted by Crafted at the Port of L.A. — a local handmade crafts market — the project brings the City closer to meeting several goals outlined in Mayor Garcetti's Sustainable City pLAN, including the expansion of local solar resources. It also moves the Port of L.A. closer to its own solar power goal. In its first year, the project will generate 2 million kilowatt-hours of electricity, enough to power approximately 331 homes and cut 37.6 metric tons of carbon emissions.

"I am thrilled that the Port of L.A. is moving another step closer to its commitment to provide 10MW of solar power on port property by 2018," said Councilman Joe Buscaino, who represents the council district that includes the Port of Los Angeles and its surrounding communities. "The Port is the most appropriate place for the adoption of technological advances and should be the industry leader in green-tech. I am proud that the L.A. Waterfront is playing a significant role in guiding the City forward in its implementation."

The solar installation will add power to the grid without any up-front capital cost to the City. A private retail energy supplier will own and operate the solar power system, and LADWP will purchase the electricity generated by the solar panels through a 20-year power purchase agreement.

“Feed-in Tariff programs like this one maximize the value of existing property by converting unused rooftops into commercial solar projects that feed the City’s grid,” said LADWP General Manager Marcie Edwards. “And what’s more, FiT projects create a financial incentive for developers to begin pursuing green energy solutions for their construction projects. At a pay rate of 14 cents per kilowatt hour, this is the most competitively priced Feed-in Tariff system built to date, providing nearly \$300,000 in revenue per year to the project’s developers.”

The project is the result of a partnership led by the Los Angeles Business Council (LABC). LABC worked closely with the developer and the panel design company to facilitate the public-private collaboration and bring the project online efficiently.

“The LABC has fought hard for the success of local solar programs that benefit property owners, solar developers, and the community,” said Mary Leslie, President of the Los Angeles Business Council. “The installation at the Port of L.A. is a big win, and a step toward meeting Mayor Garcetti’s clean energy goals, while also stimulating economic development in our City. This is a proud moment for Angelenos, and a reflection of the success of the FiT program. We look forward to celebrating many more projects to come.”

Mayor Garcetti’s Sustainable City pLAN, released in April 2014, sets a goal of creating 400 MW of local solar by 2017, with authority for an additional 200 MW. The pLAN serves as an ambitious road map to secure a future for Angelenos that is environmentally healthy, economically prosperous, and equitable in opportunity for all Angelenos. To learn more, please visit plan.lamayor.org. To learn more about solar FiT projects in Los Angeles, visit LADWP.com.

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