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MAYOR VILLARAIGOSA ISSUES STATEMENT ON THE RESIGNATION OF HARBOR COMMISSIONER JOE RADISICH

Mayor thanks Radisich for his service and the many accomplishments achieved by the Port of Los Angeles and the Harbor Commission since his appointment

LOS ANGELES – Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa today issued the following statement on the resignation of Joe Radisich from the Board of Harbor Commissioners.

“On behalf of the City of Los Angeles, I want to personally thank Joe Radisich for his many years of dedicated service to the Harbor Commission, the Port of Los Angeles and the communities in the Harbor region,” Mayor Villaraigosa said. “Joe’s in depth knowledge of the San Pedro area and his unyielding commitment to grow and green the port have proven to reap many benefits for our international seaport. Thanks to Joe’s leadership, expansion projects were approved, environmental initiatives passed and thousands of jobs were created.”

Joseph Radisich was one of the five original Harbor Commissioners appointed by Mayor Villaraigosa. Joe and his fellow Los Angeles Harbor Commissioners partnered with the Long Beach Board of Harbor Commissioners to take unprecedented action and approve the landmark San Pedro Bay Ports Clean Air Action Plan in November 2006. Their efforts yielded the first joint meeting of the leaders of the two ports since the 1920s.

Joe stepped up and built broad support for the plan along the West coast and with International Longshore and Warehouse Union (ILWU) locals. The Clean Air Action Plan provides a comprehensive strategy for reducing air emissions from port operations by nearly 50 percent over a period of five years.

“Since his appointment to the Harbor Commission five years ago, Joe contributed many strong and valuable insights to our board and staff, especially in terms of his understanding of labor, the cargo business and San Pedro community

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values,” Port of Los Angeles Executive Director Geraldine Knatz said. “We thank him for his time and commitment to the Port and the City, and we wish him all the best in his future endeavors.”

"In the year that I had the pleasure of working with Joe as a fellow harbor commissioner, he provided valuable, no-nonsense perspective about the complex dynamics of port operations and the things we should focus on in order to maintain our competitive edge, continue to deliver jobs, and affect meaningful change in the Harbor Community,” Harbor Commission President Cindy Miscikowski said. “He served the Port and City well, and for that we owe him our gratitude.”

Joe also helped launch the campaign for a 20 percent reduction in ocean going emissions of major containerships that burn bunker fuel at the port. Thanks to his leadership and ILWU support, Maersk Line shipping company agreed to using a low sulfur fuel for the last 25 miles in or out of the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach.

Joe served as International Vice President, Mainland, of the ILWU from 2006 to 2010. A longtime leader in the labor community, he also served as president of the Southern California District Council of the ILWU and vice president of the Los Angeles County Federation of Labor.

Joe has served as national strategic coordinator for recent ILWU negotiations. He has also served as vice president of Local 13 and as a member of the ILWU political action committee since its inception.

Joe Radisich’s resignation will be effective as of September 14, 2010.

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