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**LOS ANGELES HARBOR COMMISSION CONFIRMS
APPOINTMENT OF GERALDINE KNATZ AS NEW EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR AT THE NATION'S LARGEST CONTAINER PORT**



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SAN PEDRO, Calif. – Less than one week after Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa endorsed Geraldine Knatz as the next Executive Director at the Port of Los Angeles, the Board of Harbor Commissioners at their last meeting of the 2005 calendar year voted unanimously in favor of her appointment. Pending final confirmation by the Los Angeles City Council, Knatz will become the first female chief executive in the history of the Port of Los Angeles.

“Our board is very impressed with Ms. Knatz’s knowledge, energy and commitment to finding solutions to the problems and challenges facing our port,” said Los Angeles Harbor Commission President S. David Freeman. “We have a new Mayor, a new Harbor Commission, a new Executive Director, and a new attitude on how to grow our business while reducing pollution. Together, we’ve got a lot of work to do, and we look forward to a parade of progress in 2006 and beyond.”

Knatz, who started her port career in the environmental division at the Port of Los Angeles, is currently the Managing Director at the neighboring Port of Long Beach, where she oversees a \$2.3 billion capital improvement program. Her strategic oversight and policy recommendations at the Port of Long Beach have shaped numerous high-profile programs and initiatives in recent years, including the Port’s Green Port and Truck Trip Reduction programs. In her previous role as Planning Director for the Port of Long Beach, Knatz was responsible for developing land use, transportation and air

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quality compliance programs, hazardous waste assessment, and wildlife enhancement projects.

A New Jersey native, Knatz earned a bachelor of arts in zoology from Rutgers University, a master of science in environmental engineering from the University of Southern California, and a doctorate in biological sciences also from USC. In addition, she teaches in the civil engineering department at USC. She resides in Long Beach with her husband and two children.

The Port of Los Angeles is America's premier port. As the leading container port in the nation and a critical hub in the international supply chain, the Port generates thousands of stable jobs and billions of dollars in annual wages and tax revenues. The Port of Los Angeles also places a high priority on responsible growth initiatives combined with high security, environmental stewardship and community outreach. The Port of Los Angeles is a proprietary, self-supported department of the City of Los Angeles. The Port of Los Angeles - A cleaner port. A brighter future.

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