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GERALDINE KNATZ CONFIRMED BY LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL AS NEW PORT OF LOS ANGELES EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



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SAN PEDRO, Calif. – With a unanimous show of support, Geraldine Knatz was confirmed Wednesday as the Port of Los Angeles' new executive director. Her first day on the job at the Port will be Monday, January 23.

"We are looking forward to having Geraldine at the Port. It's great to see a woman in this job," said Janice Hahn, 15th District Los Angeles Councilwoman representing the Harbor area. "She has already laid out an aggressive environmental agenda and has pledged to get our waterfront promenade completed quickly. She has my full support to accomplish these ambitious goals. Together, I hope to I look forward to working with her to reach mutual goal."

Knatz, started her port career in the environmental division at the Port of Los Angeles, was most recently the Managing Director at the neighboring Port of Long Beach, where she oversaw 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 quality compliance programs, hazardous waste assessment, and wildlife enhancement projects.

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.

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