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### **LOS ANGELES CRUISE SHIP PROMENADE OPENS WITH GREAT FANFARE, FREE PUBLIC PARTY**

**SAN PEDRO, Calif.** – Today Mayor Jim Hahn officially opened the Los Angeles Cruise Ship Promenade, the newest open space and first public boardwalk at the Port of Los Angeles. Staying true to maritime christening fashion, Mayor Hahn and Councilwoman Janice Hahn each broke a bottle against an aqua-colored compass rose medallion – a signature element featured throughout the area.

“The Los Angeles Cruise Ship Promenade marks only the beginning of one of Southern California's greatest public infrastructure projects,” said Mayor Jim Hahn. “It symbolizes the endless possibilities that stretch out before us when communities and government work together. This Promenade is a fulfillment of a pledge that I made in 2001 to return this *Bridge to the Breakwater* area back to the community.”

“Today is definitely one of the greatest days in San Pedro's history. After years of waiting, we are finally able to walk on our waterfront and enjoy our Harbor,” said Councilwoman Janice Hahn. “I envision people from all over Los Angeles, and from all over the world, to come to San Pedro and walk along our waterfront while enjoying the instant entertainment of our incredible working port.”

This morning's official opening will be followed by a twilight public party, from 4 to 8 p.m. Tonight's event will offer food from local San Pedro restaurants Downtown Subs & More, San Pedro Brewing Company, San Pedro Fish Market and Whale & Ale.

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## **L.A. Cruise Ship Promenade Open to Public 2-2-2**

Featured live entertainment throughout the evening will be performed by mariachi band Trio del Alma, Jerry Butera Blues Band from San Pedro, Jumpin' Joe's Swing Band playing hits from the '40s and Susie Hansen Latin Band, a Port of Los Angeles Lobster Festival favorite.

From the Bon Voyage Plaza at the Promenade, tonight's celebration will include a grand departure for Royal Caribbean Cruise Line's *Monarch of the Seas*, which homeports at the Port of Los Angeles and makes weekly calls to Ensenada, Mexico.

Tomorrow evening at 6 p.m., the Promenade will provide front row seating for the 42<sup>nd</sup> annual Los Angeles Holiday Harbor Afloat Parade, a colorful parade of lighted, holiday-decorated boats.

The Los Angeles Cruise Ship Promenade includes four acres of prime waterfront property, situated between the Vincent Thomas Bridge and World Cruise Center in San Pedro. The Promenade is located at the intersection of Swinford Street and Harbor Boulevard and is easily accessible from the Harbor Boulevard off-ramp of the I-110 and CA-47 freeways.

For more information on the Los Angeles Cruise Ship Promenade, call (310) 732-3508 or visit [www.portoflosangeles.org](http://www.portoflosangeles.org) or [www.sanpedrowaterfront.com](http://www.sanpedrowaterfront.com).

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