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PORT OF LOS ANGELES ANNOUNCES THE GRAND OPENING OF THE WILMINGTON WATERFRONT INFORMATION CENTER



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After 5:00 p.m.:

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San Pedro, Calif. – The Grand Opening of the Port of Los Angeles' Wilmington Waterfront Information Center will be held on Saturday, September 9, 2006, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The bilingual-staffed Information Center is located at 218 E. Anaheim Street in downtown Wilmington business district, and will serve as the central point of information in the community regarding all aspects of the Port's Wilmington Waterfront Development project.

Community members are invited to visit, view displays of planning/design concepts and talk with informed staff to receive the most up-to-date information about the Wilmington Waterfront Development. Free refreshments will be provided at the Grand Opening event, as well as face-painting and balloons for children.

Working closely with Wilmington residents and businesses, the Port of Los Angeles has undertaken a master planning and design project to bring new public amenities, increase waterfront access, and provide redevelopment opportunities to the Wilmington community.

The objective of the Waterfront Development Program is to improve the quality of life in Wilmington by:

- ◆ Creating a cohesive Master Plan that links the surrounding neighborhoods and commercial corridor with the waterfront through distinctive design features and infrastructure improvements. The Master Plan area extends between C Street and Harry Bridges

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- ◆ Boulevard, Lagoon Avenue to Broad Avenue and between Broad Avenue and Marine Avenue south to the waterfront.
- ◆ Constructing a 30-acre landscaped “Buffer” between the community and Port operations. The 30-acre “Buffer” area extends north of Harry Bridges to C Street, from Figueroa to Lagoon Avenue.
- ◆ Providing a catalyst to spark further revitalization in the area.

The Wilmington Information Center is open on Thursdays from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m., Saturdays from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m., and Sundays from noon – 6 p.m.

For more information about the Wilmington Waterfront Development Program, please call the Port of Los Angeles' LA Waterfront Information Line at 310-732-3567.

The Port of Los Angeles is America's premier port and a recipient of two Environmental Protection Agency awards in 2006. As the leading container port in the nation and a critical hub in the international supply chain, the Port generates 259,000 regional jobs and \$8.4 billion in annual wages and tax revenues. A proprietary department of the City of Los Angeles, the Port is self-supporting and does not receive taxpayer dollars. High priority is placed on responsible growth initiatives combined with high security, environmental stewardship and community outreach. The Port of Los Angeles - A cleaner port. A brighter future.

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