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PORT HOSTS FIRST COMMUNITY WORKSHOP FOR LOS ANGELES WATERFRONT'S WILMINGTON PLAN



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SAN PEDRO, Calif. – The Port of Los Angeles is hosting a series of four community workshops to discuss the creation of the Wilmington Waterfront Plan. The first workshop is scheduled for Saturday, April 1, from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., at Banning's Landing Community Center, located at 100 E. Water Street in Wilmington.

Working with the Wilmington community, the Port has undertaken a master planning and design effort that will bring new public amenities, waterfront access and redevelopment opportunities to the area.

Over the next year, local stakeholders and the project team will work together to shape the 95-acre project intended to improve the quality of life for Wilmington residents by constructing a buffer between the community and Port operations. Initial public outreach yielded consensus for a landscaped 28-acre open "buffer" area and commercial mixed-use district linking Wilmington's downtown district to an expanded waterfront area adjacent to the Banning's Landing Community Center.

Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, who has been instrumental in bringing attention to the needs of the Wilmington community, is closely following the development of the L.A. waterfront. "I'm pleased to see the Wilmington Community is part of the Port's plans to revitalize the Los Angeles Waterfront," he said. "I urge residents and business owners to attend these community workshops and share their hopes and dreams for this important project."

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The workshops are designed to include activities for the whole family. While the adults are participating in small, informal, discussion groups about the goals and objectives for the waterfront, their children will be enjoying a variety of supervised activities including face painting, arts and crafts, and jumper rooms.

Community members will also be asked to share their perspectives on how the waterfront project area should look and feel. Packets of images will be handed out and attendees will have the opportunity to express their preferences. Information gathered from the workshops will be used to shape the project and ensure that community's needs and desires are integrated into the planning process.

Free food and drinks will be available. Spanish translation will be provided. For more information, call the Los Angeles Waterfront Information Center at (310) 732-3567, or visit the Port of Los Angeles website at www.portoflosangeles.org.

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