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### **LOS ANGELES BOARD OF HARBOR COMMISSIONERS APPROVES NEW LOOK FOR WILMINGTON WATERFRONT**



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**SAN PEDRO, Calif.** – With unwavering support from both Wilmington and San Pedro residents, the Los Angeles Board of Harbor Commissioners today approved the community's conceptual plan for development of the Wilmington Waterfront, which includes 75 acres of land along the Avalon Boulevard Corridor, between Harry Bridges Boulevard and C Street.

Approved by the Port of Los Angeles Community Advisory Committee (PCAC) in March 2004 and endorsed by the Los Angeles City Council in June 2004, the "Preferred Community Alternative Plan" focuses on open space and waterfront accessibility.

"I want Wilmington residents to enjoy the waterfront they are so close to, and this project will create the open space and access to make sure they can," Mayor Jim Hahn said.

Continuing the theme of "front-row seating" on the harbor, three guiding principles for Wilmington stakeholders include operational buffer zones, direct waterfront access and community development along Avalon Boulevard. Other Wilmington Waterfront Development efforts include the Port's development of Avalon Triangle Park and enhanced waterfront access from Banning's Landing Community Center.

"This is a great day for Wilmington and the community deserves to be congratulated for all their hard work and persistence," said Councilwoman Janice Hahn. "The Harbor Commission approved this today because a united community insisted on having their voices heard. I am looking forward to working together to make the Wilmington Waterfront plan a reality."

## **Wilmington Waterfront Moves Forward 2-2-2**

“It was raining last night, but the rainbow came out for Wilmington today,” said an emotional Ken Melendez, a lifelong Wilmington resident and member of the PCAC Wilmington Waterfront Subcommittee.

Earlier this year, the Port embarked on the first milestone of the *From Bridge to Breakwater* San Pedro Waterfront Development Project, a long-term plan to develop along the west side of the Main Channel, from the Vincent Thomas Bridge to the Federal Breakwater.

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