



MAYOR ROBERT GARCIA
CITY OF LONG BEACH

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On behalf of the great City of Long Beach, welcome to the 90th Annual World Trade Week!

It's a great time for trade in the City of Long Beach. Our Port is seeing record volume, innovators and entrepreneurs are moving in, unemployment is down and household income is up. Investment and construction is increasing all over town. Our airport continues to win international recognition for its efficiency, aesthetics, and convenience. And, our best days ahead.

Trade is the lifeblood of our local and regional economy. One out of every eight jobs in Long Beach is related to the Port, which comprises about half of what is the largest port complex in the western hemisphere. And we're investing hundreds of millions of dollars – more than any port in the Americas – on capital improvements and expansion, to ensure we remain competitive through the 21st century.

Participants in world trade week understand the crucial importance of economic exchange and vigorous international trade, and your work to promote a healthy economy and support our business sector is important and admirable. Thank you!

World Trade Week is a fantastic opportunity for stakeholders and leaders from throughout California and around the world to share innovative ideas and to benefit our regional, national, and global economies. On behalf of the City of Long Beach, congratulations on 90 years of hard work and success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Garcia".

Mayor Robert Garcia