



**ERIC GARCETTI**  
**MAYOR**

May 4, 2017

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the City of Los Angeles, welcome to the 91<sup>st</sup> Annual World Trade Week. Over the years, World Trade Week has grown into a month-long celebration, paralleling Los Angeles's exponential growth into a world-renowned metropolis.

Los Angeles serves as one of America's key gateways to the world. Asia and Latin America are at our doorstep and we boast the country's busiest port and second busiest airport. We have a global and cosmopolitan citizenry who speak more than 220 languages. We lead the nation in trade, but we are not complacent. We are making unprecedented investments in our airports, port, infrastructure, and businesses to ensure that trade flows continue to expand and our city prospers in the years to come.

The Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce has for decades championed World Trade Week. Each year it brings together the international trade community, government leaders, and the public to raise awareness of the importance and benefits of global trade for our local and national economy. Together with the City of Los Angeles, I hope that through expansion of global commerce, we can further strengthen our ties to the rest of the world while improving the lives of all Angelenos. I extend my sincerest wishes for a successful World Trade Week.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "E. Garcetti".

ERIC GARCETTI  
Mayor