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MAYOR

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Dear Friends:

On behalf of the City of Los Angeles, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the 84th Annual World Trade Week, a national observance of trade conceived right here in Los Angeles.

As one of the most internationally connected cities in the world, Los Angeles serves as an example of the United States' commitment to international trade. The Los Angeles Customs District represents the largest and busiest in the U.S., with nearly one-third of all two-way trade of U.S. markets coming through the Port of Los Angeles and the Los Angeles World Airports. With its internationally-acclaimed educational institutions, Los Angeles has one of the most highly skilled and internationally diversified workforces in the world, and serves as the U.S. headquarters for many global corporations. Additionally, our local leading industries in clean technology, fashion, apparel and tourism, all have a significant international component. International trade is part of our history and futures economic success.

World Trade Week celebrates our achievements and raises awareness about the importance of international trade for Los Angeles and our neighbors.

I would like to thank the 2010 World Trade Week Committee and its Chair Ms. Kaylynn Kim, whose participation and influence have made a lasting impact on Southern California's business environment.

I offer my best wishes for a successful and memorable celebration!

Very truly yours,

ANTONIO R. VILLARAIGOSA
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