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Port To Host Neighborhood Forums throughout Long Beach 'Let's Talk Port' Series to Debut January 16 at Dooley School

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Long Beach residents are invited to learn more about the Port of Long Beach, ask questions and share ideas in a casual setting during "Let's Talk Port," a series of community forums debuting January 16.

The Port will host the "Let's Talk Port" informal neighborhood get-togethers throughout Long Beach.

The first session will be Wednesday, January 16, at 7 p.m. at Dooley Elementary School, 5075 Long Beach Blvd. The second will be Wednesday, January 30, at 7 p.m. at Franklin Middle School, 540 Cerritos Ave.

The forums will offer a convenient way for Long Beach residents to find out more about their Port. The subjects will include the Port's environmental programs, development projects and security. Port staff will be on hand to answer questions, provide information and to listen to comments from residents.

"This is another way we are reaching out into the community to discuss what is happening with our environmental programs, security, trade and more," said Harbor Commission President Mario Cordero. "I encourage residents to come to our 'Let's Talk Port' meetings with their questions and suggestions."

The Port will host "Let's Talk Port" workshops throughout the year, each at a different location in Long Beach. Look for the schedule at www.polb.com. The evening sessions will begin with brief introductions and an update from the Port and then will be opened up for questions and comments.

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