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DLBA INSTALLS 2015-2016 BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

New leaders share growing vision for organization and Downtown.

LONG BEACH, Calif. (October 8, 2015) –The Downtown Long Beach Associates (DLBA) announced today its new Board of Directors and Executive Committee for the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year.

"When I first joined the Board, it was because, given my property, I had a stake," said Michelle Molina, Chair of the DLBA Board of Directors. "I wanted to know what I was paying into. That perception has since grown into a desire to become more directly involved, to become a leader for the Downtown—and I am honored that it is partly because of this organization that I have decided to do so. It is that type of leadership and influence that has created what is unquestionably a board of leaders."

Among the Executive Committee members elected were Toliver Morris of Manulife Properties, who will serve as DLBAs Chair-elect. In this role, Morris will serve as Chair of the Board Development Committee, which is charged with recruiting new Committee and Board members for this year and who will transition as Chair in 2016-17 fiscal year.

"It is really powerful to note that more than 75 community members volunteer their time to serve on our Board or Committees," added Morris. "It is the combination of talents, backgrounds and expertise of this group that makes DLBA effective as a community based organization."

In June, the DLBA reached out to the Downtown community and solicited nominations for openings on its Board. A slate of candidates was approved by the Board of Directors earlier this year and sent to thousands of Downtown stakeholders who ratified the selections.

On October 5, in addition to naming the Chair-elect, the Executive Committee was elected. On October 8, the Executive Committee met and elected its Officers for the new fiscal year.

Executive Committee
Chair: Michelle Molina, Millworks, Standard PBID Area
Chair-elect: Toliver Morris, Manulife Properties, Premium PBID Area
Past Chair: Hilda Sanchez, Minuteman Press, North Pine DPIA Area
Secretary: Ryan Altoon, Anderson Pacific LLP, Standard PBID Area
Treasurer: David Cannon, PBID Residential Representative
City Representative: Juan Lopez Rios, City of Long Beach
EC Member: Tony Shooshani, City Place, At-Large *

Rounding out the 2015-16 Board are:

Downtown Parking Improvement Area (DPIA) Representatives
Rand Foster, Fingerprints Records, East Village *
Justin Hectus, Keasal, Young & Logan, West Gateway
Chris Krajacic, Pier 76, Pine Avenue *
Rose Barrantes, DDR, Waterfront

Property Based Improvement District (PBID) Representatives
Mike Wylie, FAMCO, Standard Area *
Julia Huang, Intertrend, Premium Area
Ken McDonald, Long Beach Transit, Premium Area
James Stephenson, Cohn Restaurant Group, Premium Area
Silvano Merlo, Courtyard by Marriott, Standard Area

At-Large Appointed Directors
Allison Kripp, Den Salon *
Alan Pullman, Studio One Eleven *

Downtown Residential Representative
Derek Burnham, Downtown Resident from First Council District
Lauren Haverlock, Downtown Resident from Second Council District

Advisors and Honorary (non-voting appointments)
Brian Ulaszewski, City Fabrick, Advisor
Greg Parkin, LB Convention & Entertainment Center, Advisor *
Ina Parker-Hicks, WE Labs, Advisor *
Lou Anne Bynum, LBCC, Advisor
Gio Ferraro, Groundwork Fitness, Advisor *
Bryant Francis, Long Beach Airport, Advisor *
Mary Stephens, CSULB, Advisor
Vice Mayor Dr. Suja Lowenthal, 2nd Council District, Advisor
Councilmember Lena Gonzalez, 1st Council District, Advisor
Diane Arnold, Honorary
Don Darnauer, Downtown Resident, Honorary
Nick Edwards, Queen Beach Printers, Honorary

* denotes new members to Board beginning October 5, 2015

The Board of Directors meets on the third Wednesday in even numbered months, while the Executive Committee meets monthly on the first Thursday. All DLBA Board of Directors and Committee meetings are open to the public and welcome members of the community to attend and participate.

For more information about the DLBA, please call (562) 436-4259 or visit www.downtownlongbeach.org.

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About the DLBA: The Downtown Long Beach Associates is a non-profit organization operating on behalf of the residential and commercial property owners and tenants of the Property and Business Based Improvement Districts. It is dedicated to the management, marketing, security, maintenance, advocacy, and economic and community development of the assessment districts in cooperation with the City of Long Beach and the private sector. For additional information, please see www.downtownlongbeach.org.