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ILA Union Leader Alan A. Robb Appointed Port Houston Commissioner

HOUSTON – On Tuesday, September 19, the City Council of Pasadena, Texas appointed Mr. Alan A. Robb as Port Commissioner of the Port of Houston Authority to serve on behalf of the city beginning October 1, 2023. Current commissioner Roy D. Mease will be stepping down at month end.



Alan A. Robb has been appointed to serve on the Port Commission of the Port of Houston Authority, effective October 1. The President of the ILA, South Atlantic and Gulf Coast District, AFL-CIO, will serve on the Port Commission through February 1, 2025.

A respected labor union leader, Mr. Robb is a 47-year International Longshoremen's Association (ILA) veteran. Mr. Robb currently serves as President of the ILA, South Atlantic and Gulf Coast District, AFL-CIO. The district represents ILA members on the Atlantic Coast from North Carolina to Florida and along the Gulf Coast from Florida to Texas.

Mr. Robb has also served as Assistant General Organizer of the ILA since 2015, was named ILA National Educational Director in 2013, and for the past eleven years has served on the board of the ILA's Civil Rights Committee.

A native of Houston, Mr. Robb began as an ILA longshoreman in 1976, and is a past board member of Houston's East End Chamber of Commerce, the Houston Maritime Museum, Matrix Energy, and the Maritime Workers Emergency Relief Fund.

“We sincerely appreciate the service of outgoing Port Commissioner Roy Mease, and we look forward to having Alan Robb join us as a new Port Commissioner,” said Chairman Ric Campo. “We are confident that Alan’s representation of Pasadena, and the dedicated men and women who help move cargo and goods through the Houston Ship Channel, the nation’s busiest waterway, will contribute an invaluable perspective to the Commission, as we work to shape and guide the future of Port Houston and the Houston Ship Channel.”

“I am deeply honored to have been bestowed this privilege to represent the best interests of the Houston Ship Channel on behalf of Pasadena, labor, industry, and the communities we serve,” said Mr. Robb. “I extend my sincerest appreciation to Pasadena Mayor Jeff Wagner and members of the City Council for this appointment, and I look forward to working with Chairman Ric Campo and the other Port Commissioners as we work together for the greater good.”

Port Commissioners serve two-year terms as unpaid volunteers. Mr. Robb’s tenure as a Port Commissioner is effective October 1 through February 1, 2025.

About Port Houston

For more than 100 years, Port Houston has owned and operated the public wharves and terminals along the Houston Ship Channel, including the area’s largest breakbulk facility and two of the most efficient container terminals in the country. Port Houston is the advocate and a strategic leader for the Channel. The Houston Ship Channel complex and its more than 200 private and eight public terminals, collectively known as the Port of Houston, is the nation’s largest port for waterborne tonnage and an essential economic engine for the Houston region, the state of Texas and the U.S. The Port of Houston supports the creation of nearly 1.5 million jobs in Texas and 3.4 million jobs nationwide, and economic activity totaling $439 billion in Texas and $906 billion in economic impact across the nation. For more information, visit the website at PortHouston.com.

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