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Hello Angelenos, Please find below a message from Mayor Eric Garcetti.

Dear Harbor Angelenos,

I hope this message finds you well. As I prepare to leave on my first foreign trade mission as Mayor, this one to Mexico, I wanted to update you on what I've been working on in the last few weeks and we're going to start doing this regularly.

One of the core values of my administration is focusing on how technology can improve the quality of our city services and the quality of our lives here in Los Angeles. To that end, I'm delighted that Peter Marx, an L.A. native and incredible tech entrepreneur and innovator, who most recently hails from Qualcomm, joins my Administration as Los Angeles' first Chief Innovation and Technology Officer.

Peter has a breadth of experience, not just in cutting edge technology, but also in improving the user experience, so he represents a perfect combination to increase efficiency and customer service at City Hall.

I remain focused on the basics--on building a Los Angeles that is safe, prosperous, well-run, and livable. We completed the first round of our Neighborhood Blitz program, which dispatches a city repair truck to spend a day in each L.A. neighborhood to fill potholes and make curb and sidewalk repairs, based on input from local residents and neighborhood councils. And since we launched the initiative shortly after I took office, we've hit all 99 Neighborhood Council areas in the city — and we've already begun round two, hitting every neighborhood again over the next few months.

We're moving swiftly not just to put the recession behind us, but to reinvigorate our city. I recently directed the departments of Building & Safety and Planning to consolidate key functions to cut red tape. Just this month we saw this can-do approach in action as we broke ground on the Metropolis project downtown, a \$1 billion+ hotel, retail, and residential project that we got off the ground just four months after we received the application to build. Together with the Guinness Book of World Records achievement of the biggest continuous concrete pour in human history for the Wilshire Grand Hotel foundation two weekends ago and the receipt of the first federal grant for a subway in 17 years in Los Angeles to build the Downtown Regional Connector, we've had a \$3.4 billion, 40,000+ jobs February -- and this is a short month!

Lastly, I was proud to host with Governor Brown at City Hall the second meeting of President Obama's Task Force on Climate Preparedness and Resilience, on which I serve. Joining us were the Chair of the White House Council on Environmental Quality, the head of the Environmental Protection Agency, Gov. Quinn of Illinois, and local leaders from across the nation. Due to my recent work on dealing with the impact of drought and reducing emissions in our air, Los Angeles is becoming one of the greenest cities in America and leading the conversation nationwide. I discussed the urgency of this work to a national audience on [This Week with George Stephenopoulos](#) last weekend.

We will regularly include in these emails some of my press appearances and community discussions, such as a great [conversation at Occidental College with Christopher Hawthorne](#), the Los Angeles Times' Architecture critic, on the future of our city's planning, transportation, and design, and a fun conversation at [Good Day, L.A.](#)

Until we connect again, remember that we are always here to be of assistance, and we welcome your input and advice. Feel free to respond to this email or reach out to Octaviano Rios anytime. And don't forget to sign up on my [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [lamayor.org](#) pages as well.

Many thanks.

-Eric



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