

## Pioneering Port Leader Feted for Feats



*Dr. Geraldine Knatz (left), Photo by Melanie Nelson, 2016*

Since she sailed into the Port of Los Angeles in 2006, Dr. Geraldine Knatz has rocked the boat with industry, changing environmental initiatives that lowered diesel emissions roughly 80 percent, navigating the port into a record-high capital development era to expand and modernize cargo facilities, and initiating the development of a world-class public waterfront.

On December 5, 2014, WTS Los Angeles honored trailblazing Port of Los Angeles executive director with a special reception at the port to acknowledge her outstanding accomplishments and her retirement.

Many joined the festivities to honor the first woman ever to helm the nation's largest container port, including Congresswoman Janice Hahn, POLA Chief Harbor Engineer Tony Gioiello, POLA Harbor Engineer-Chief of Design Dina Aryan-Zahlan, and POLA Deputy Executive Director External Affairs Cynthia Ruiz.