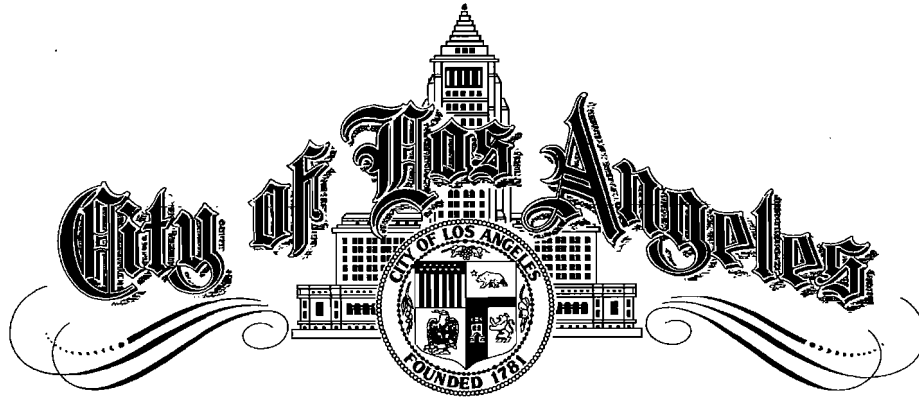


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Dr. Geraldine Knatz, Executive Director  
Port of Los Angeles  
425 S. Palos Verdes Street  
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Dear Dr. Knatz:

The disturbing event surrounding the use of force against a member of the media at this morning's press conference with Mayor Villaraigosa has compelled me to write and request that you conduct a swift and full investigation into the matter.

The press corps deserves and expects unobstructed access to public officials at events, especially media opportunities like this morning. At first glance, it seems as though the reaction by a Los Angeles Port Police officer was severe and extremely uncharacteristic for such a respected agency. It is your responsibility, therefore, to investigate the circumstance so that proper protocol be established for the future.

I'm sure you take this matter as serious as I do, and I look forward to your swift action.

Sincerely,

  
JANICE HAHN  
Councilwoman, 15<sup>th</sup> District  
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CC: John Holmes, Deputy Executive Director  
Ron Boyd, Chief of Port Police