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## **COUNCILWOMAN JANICE HAHN TRAVELS TO ISREAL FOR PORT SECURITY TRIP**

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### **Councilwoman Shares Trip Experiences with Local Jewish Groups**

Councilwoman Janice Hahn traveled to Israel last month for a port security trip and has been sharing details of her trip with local Jewish groups. The trip, organized by the Port of Los Angeles, provided the Councilwoman with first-hand experience and knowledge of security practices at Israeli ports. While in Israel, the Councilwoman visited a number of ports and met with several security experts.

“Port security is homeland security and I believe we need to do a better job of securing our ports. We know that an attack in Los Angeles would have devastating effects on the local, national and world economies,” said Councilwoman Hahn. “Ports in Israel are, no doubt, the most secure ports in the world. I was able to see firsthand the types of technologies that we should be investing in here in Los Angeles. We were also able to form new alliances with the ports in Israel and will be able to share training and information on security.”

The Councilwoman also visited the town of Sderot, which has recently been the target of missile attacks. While there, she met Mayor Eli Moyal.

“Visiting Sderot was an eye-opening experience. I saw firsthand the daily fears and frustration facing these people. Every day they must live in fear of rocket attacks,” added the Councilwoman.

Following the trip, the Councilwoman has spoken at Temple Beth El in San Pedro and to local Jewish leaders at the Jewish Federation of Greater Los Angeles’ Super Sunday event.

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*[Photo attached of the Councilwoman with Ami Sar-el, Security Director for Israel Ports Development and Assets Company; Port Police Chief Ron Boyd; Paul Lipscomb of the Port Police and John Holmes Director of Homeland Security, standing in front of missiles that has been dropped in Sderot.]*