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Pacific Merchant Shipping Association Announces Senior Management Succession Plan for 2024

OAKLAND, CALIF: The Board of Directors of the Pacific Merchant Shipping Association (PMSA) have adopted a plan to ensure continuity and stability in its senior management in 2024. After 28 years as PMSA President, John McLaurin has informed the PMSA Board of his intent to step down early next year. The Board has selected Mike Jacob, current PMSA Vice President and General Counsel as its next President. Jacob will assume this PMSA leadership role upon the retirement of McLaurin.

“The Board thanks John McLaurin for his dedication, commitment, and unwavering representation of PMSA, including a successful consolidation of US West Coast maritime organizations,” stated Mark Johnson, Vice President of Government Affairs for SSA Marine and longstanding member of the PMSA Board. “To continue these efforts, the PMSA Board has determined that Mike Jacob is the best person to succeed John and serve as the organization’s next president. Mike’s intellect, dedication to the maritime industry, and his extraordinary efforts on behalf of PMSA made it clear that he is the ideal candidate to lead our organization into the future. Mike will lead an exceptionally talented team of dedicated professionals as they provide effective representation and advocacy for the industry.”

PMSA leads efforts to protect the jobs and businesses that support the West Coast goods movement sector, including the export of agricultural and technology products and the import of critical products that supply the regional economy. “I look forward to my new role with PMSA and working closely with John and the Board over these upcoming months to ensure a smooth transition,” stated Mike Jacob. “I will continue to pursue and build on PMSA's successes and efforts under John's leadership to enact policies that encourage economic and investment growth, market share protection, and a feasible, sustainable transition to a cleaner environment.”

“Mike is ideally positioned to lead PMSA into the future during a time of profound change in the industry,” added McLaurin. “He has been a trusted partner and friend for almost 20 years. His strategic vision is relied upon by PMSA member companies, decision-makers at multiple levels of government, supply chain partners and PMSA staff. “

Mr. Jacob has been with PMSA since 2005. He is a graduate of the University of California, Berkeley, and U.C. Hastings Law School, now referred to as University of California College of Law, San Francisco.

For a link to Mike Jacob's bio, link [here](#).

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About the Pacific Merchant Shipping Association (PMSA)

The Pacific Merchant Shipping Association (PMSA) is an independent, not-for-profit association focused on global trade. PMSA operates offices in Oakland, Long Beach and Seattle, and represents owners and operators of marine terminals and U.S. and foreign vessels operating throughout the world.