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The speakers focused on the successes and prospects of both the Los Angeles International Airport and the Port of Los Angeles in terms of trade. Los Angeles is the top-ranked American trade district, with total transactions of \$348.02 billion, \$242.75 billion of that being imports and \$ 105.26 billion being exports. The speakers discussed job creation and competition, and initiatives aimed at keeping Los Angeles robust in both areas.

Mr. Lawson noted that the Los Angeles International Airport is the seventh busiest in the world and third busiest in the U.S. He emphasized the need to “bring the airport into the 21st century” through infrastructure changes designed to accommodate the numbers of passengers arriving and departing LAX.

According to Ms. Miscikowski, the Port of Los Angeles and the Port of Long Beach together rank number one in the U.S. and number seven in the world. Ms. Miscikowski spoke about the construction taking place to deepen the harbor to allow more ships and container space. The 300 million-dollar project has been in the works for thirteen years and will allow the Los Angeles port to remain competitive as well as create new jobs.