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Long Beach Announces Queen Mary Annual Membership Program

Long Beach, CA – The City of Long Beach, in partnership with Long Beach Heritage, in collaboration with Evolution Hospitality, LLC and the Queen Mary Heritage Foundation, will offer the first-ever annual membership opportunity for the RMS *Queen Mary*. Membership dues will be tax-deductible and will support the ongoing conservation and restoration efforts of the historic landmark.

"We hope this first of its kind membership opportunity will continue the public's excitement and anticipation as we move closer to reopening additional amenities onboard the ship next year," said Mayor Robert Garcia. "This also gives community members the opportunity to contribute to the ongoing preservation of the ship through their membership fee donation." Currently available membership opportunities include the Tourist Class Membership – the first tier of the membership program at \$150 – with additional tiers to be implemented in spring 2023. Members will begin receiving benefits once additional elements and amenities begin to reopen in the spring of 2023 and the membership will be honored for a year thereafter.

Tourist Class Annual Membership benefits include:

- General admission for member with limited block out dates.
- Two (2) general admission Day Passes annually.
- Hotel guest pricing for Tour/Exhibit/ Attraction tickets.
- 24-hour presale on *Queen Mary* Signature Events.
- Discounted Ticket pricing during the presale of *Queen Mary* Signature Events.

"The *Queen Mary* truly is a treasure that is beloved near and far," said First District Councilwoman Mary Zendejas. "This new membership program gives people from all over the opportunity to play a part in the ongoing preservation of the ship, while getting great benefits."

"The *Queen Mary* is a Long Beach treasure, and I am thrilled to announce the reinstatement of the Queen Mary Heritage Foundation," said Queen Mary Heritage Foundation Historic Resources Advisor John Thomas. "The Foundation looks forward to continuing its mission and is excited to welcome the new membership program to our efforts, where community members can personally contribute to the ship's preservation through this annual membership opportunity."

To purchase a membership, make a donation and for more information, visit the Long Beach Heritage website at <u>lbheritage.org/queen-mary</u>.

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