



News Release

Drummond Named Harbor Commission President Board also welcomes new member Farrell

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The Long Beach Board of Harbor Commissioners elected Doug Drummond as its new Board President on Tuesday night, Dec. 17, and welcomed newly appointed Commissioner Lori Ann Farrell to her first meeting. Composed of Long Beach residents, the Board oversees the Port of Long Beach.



The Board also voted Rich Dines as Vice President and Farrell as Secretary. The election of board officers was conducted following the departures of former President Thomas Fields and former Vice President Nick Sramek last month.

Drummond, a former Long Beach City Councilman for the 3rd District and retired Long Beach Police Department Commander, was appointed to the five-member Harbor Commission in 2011 by Mayor Bob Foster.

"It's my goal to promote a spirit of cooperation among the Board and the staff of the Harbor Department. The Port of Long Beach is a leading international seaport, and I know that all of the commissioners take our responsibilities here very seriously. We intend to work together to make this Port even stronger and better able to compete in the international marketplace," Drummond said.

In her first meeting, Farrell said she looked forward to her new role as a Harbor Commissioner. Farrell, who has a long record of public service, is a former Chief Financial Officer for the City of Long Beach and currently works as the City of Huntington Beach Finance Director. She will remain in her position at Huntington Beach. Serving on the Commission is a civic role

that offers only a \$100 stipend for each meeting. Farrell is a 14-year resident of Long Beach and formerly served on the Long Beach Transit Board of Directors as Secretary-Treasurer.

"I just wanted to say how thankful I am for the opportunity to serve our community once again. I love this city and I love our community," Farrell said. "I'm hoping that together with the other commissioners we can really take our Port to the next level."

With the seating of Farrell, the board has four members including Susan E. Anderson Wise, who will serve as Assistant Secretary. The fifth commissioner will be appointed by Mayor Foster and confirmed by the City Council.

The Harbor Commission directs the 450-person staff of the City of Long Beach Harbor Department in development and promotion of the Port of Long Beach, which is one of the world's premier seaports and a primary gateway for trans-Pacific trade. A trailblazer in innovative goods movement, safety and environmental stewardship, the Port handles trade valued at \$155 billion each year and supports hundreds of thousands of jobs in Southern California.

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