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**PORT NAMES COMMUNITY AFFAIRS DIRECTOR
Carl Kemp to Improve Community Relations**

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In an effort to enhance its relationship with the community, City Council, and the state and federal government, the Port of Long Beach has created a new position: Director of Community Relations and Government Affairs. To fill the post, the Long Beach Board of Harbor Commissioners voted unanimously Monday, Nov. 15, to approve Executive Director Richard Steinke's recommendation to hire Carl Kemp, former Manager of Public/Government Affairs for the City of Long Beach.

"It's an honor and a privilege to continue my service with the City of Long Beach through the Harbor Department," said Kemp. "I am excited about joining such a successful team, and I look forward to assisting the Executive Director and the Board in the implementation of their vision of greater community partnership and legislative success."

The focus of the new position will be developing better links between the Harbor Department and the community, through attendance and participation at key community meetings, and keeping the Council and community partners involved and informed about Harbor affairs. Additionally Kemp will manage county, state and federal advocacy efforts, including developing, tracking and providing position recommendations on key legislation to the Executive Director and Board.

"Carl has been a tremendous asset to the City Manager's Office and the entire City," said City Manager Gerald R. Miller. "He is well liked and highly respected from Long Beach to Sacramento to Washington, D.C. His legislative acumen and political intuition are extremely impressive and will serve the Port of Long Beach into the future."

"We're proud of the success we've had at the Port, but successful organizations are constantly reexamining themselves, looking for areas for enhancement and reinvention," said Steinke. "This is one of those opportunities and we are fortunate to have someone with the energy, experience, and enthusiasm Carl brings to the table."

"This is a benefit for the Harbor Department and the City," said Councilman Dan Baker, whose Second District encompasses much of the Port. "As Chair of the State Legislative and Environmental Affairs Committee, I've seen Carl in action and have been impressed with his grasp of the issues and focus on moving the Long Beach agenda. I'm sure he will do well in his new position. The Port is to be applauded for realizing the need for this new position."

"There are some major issues on the horizon for the City and our Harbor Department," said

Councilman Frank Colonna, Chair of the Federal Legislative and Environmental Affairs Committee. "Carl is the perfect guy to help guide the Port through regional community efforts and assist in the crafting of legislation that makes our Port a model, especially as it relates to the environment."

For the past six years, Kemp has served in the City Manager's office under the direct supervision of the City Manager, Gerald R. Miller. During his time there, Kemp helped implement many new programs and legislative initiatives, including the development of the state and federal legislative agendas, the crafting of important legislation, such as the creation of the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy, the protection of local revenue by way of involvement in the planning for Proposition 1A, and aiding in the securing of over \$15 million in federal and state funds.

Kemp is 32 years old and received his Bachelors in Liberal Arts and Masters of Public Administration from California State University, Long Beach. He has worked for the City of Long Beach for 7 1/2 years. He is a proud resident of Long Beach and resides in the Wrigley Neighborhood.

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