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**PEREZ REAPPOINTED TO TRADE COMMISSION
Harbor Commissioner to Remain on State Trade Board**

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Carmen O. Perez, a member of the Long Beach Board of Harbor Commissioners for nearly 12 years, has been reappointed by Gov. Gray Davis to another term as a member of the California State World Trade Commission.

Perez, first appointed to the World Trade Commission in 2000, has been involved in a wide range of international trade issues. She was named to the Long Beach Board of Harbor Commissioners by former Long Beach Mayor Ernie Kell in 1989, and reappointed in 1997 by Mayor Beverly O'Neill.

As a harbor commissioner governing the Port of Long Beach, Perez has headed trade delegations to Asia, Europe and Latin America, marketing the port and convincing customers to ship their goods through Long Beach. She has worked on issues including the \$2.4 billion Alameda Corridor rail expressway, tightening port security since Sept. 11, and community relations. She also serves as the patient support services director for Rancho Los Amigos Medical Center in Downey.

The California State World Trade Commission is responsible for coordinating activities to expand international trade for the state, including representing, or assisting in representing, the state in foreign countries. The World Trade Commission is a public-private advisory board to the governor's International Trade and Investment Division.

The governor and Legislature appoints trade commissioners for two-year terms. Members do not receive a salary. These positions do not require state Senate confirmation. The World Trade Commission holds public meetings throughout the state on a quarterly basis.

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