



# Hankla Takes the Helm

*Former L.B. City Manager Serves As New Board President*

**T**he Long Beach Board of Harbor Commissioners has elected Commissioner James C. Hankla, a former Long Beach City Manager, as the board’s president for a one-year term.

As the new board president, Hankla will preside over the commission’s weekly board meetings, make committee appointments and act as chief spokesperson for the Port of Long Beach.

“This is a great honor and a great opportunity,” Hankla said.

At the Board’s July 10 meeting Hankla outlined his priorities as board president for the upcoming year, which include furthering the Port’s ongoing environmental and security efforts.

“On the environmental front, the focus needs to be on the Green Port Policy, the new Clean Air Action Plan and the metrics, or scientific measurements, that will be used to

judge the success of these programs,” Hankla said.

“On the security front, we must strengthen our efforts to protect the Port while ensuring we are prepared for any emergency scenario.”

Hankla served as Long Beach city manager for 12 years, retiring in 1998 to head the Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority. As ACTA CEO, Hankla oversaw construction of the \$2.4 billion Alameda Corridor, a 20-mile rail expressway between the ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles and transcontinental rail yards near downtown Los Angeles. He resigned from ACTA in 2003 to join the harbor commission.

“There’s a lot to look forward to this year: the Clean Air Action Plan; the dockside emissions treatment testing; groundbreaking on our first shoreside electricity project; truck retrofitting; boosting the vessel speed reduction program, and much more,” Hankla said. “Together we will make a great Port even better.”

## **The Long Beach Board of Harbor Commissioners:**

**James C. Hankla**  
President

Appointed to the commission in 2003

**Mario Cordero**  
Vice President

Appointed to the commission in 2003

**Doris Topsy-Elvord**  
Commissioner

Appointed to the commission in 2003

**John W. Hancock**  
Commissioner

Appointed to the commission in 1995

**Dr. Mike Walter**  
Commissioner

Appointed to the commission in 2005