



News Release

Farrell Approved for Long Beach Harbor Commission Mayoral Appointee Unanimously OK'd by City Council

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The Long Beach City Council voted 8-0 Tuesday evening to confirm Mayor Bob Foster's appointment of the City's former Chief Financial Officer (CFO) Lori Ann Farrell to the Board of Harbor Commissioners, which oversees the Port of Long Beach and the staff of the City's Harbor Department.



Farrell, a 14-year resident of Long Beach, will fill one of two vacancies on the five-member Harbor Commission. The commissioners are appointed by the mayor to a maximum of two six-year terms and are compensated \$100 per board meeting.

Farrell will fill the seat vacated by Nick Sramek, who left the board on Nov. 21. The mayor is expected to appoint another commissioner to fill the vacancy left by the Nov. 19 departure of Thomas Fields.

Prior to her current position as the City of Huntington Beach's Director of Finance, Farrell was Long Beach's CFO from 2007 to 2010, and before that she was the Long Beach City Controller from 2006-2007.

Farrell will be the 65th Long Beach Harbor Commissioner since the current commission structure was formed in 1925. She will be the fifth woman to serve on the Board, and her appointment also marks only the second time in the Port's history that the Board has had two women members at the same time.

"I look forward to my new role as a Harbor Commissioner. This is a great opportunity to serve the community and do all I can to help the Port and the City of Long Beach to prosper," Farrell said.

Farrell received a Master's in Public Administration from Columbia University School of International and Public Affairs in New York, and a Bachelor's in Anthropology from Barnard College at Columbia University.

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