



News Release

City College Executive to Join Harbor Commission City Council approves mayoral appointee Lou Anne Bynum

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The Long Beach City Council has approved the appointment of longtime Long Beach City College executive Lou Anne Bynum to the Long Beach Board of Harbor Commissioners, the body that governs the Port of Long Beach.

Bynum, who is expected to attend her first meeting as a Commissioner on Tuesday, May 27, was appointed by Mayor Bob Foster to fill the seat left vacant by the Nov. 19, 2013, departure of Thomas Fields. The unexpired term will end June 2015.



Bynum is the Executive Vice President of College Advancement and Economic Development for Long Beach City College, where she has previously served as Vice President and Administrative Dean.

"I've long worked with representatives of the Port of Long Beach to develop educational and job opportunities in support of economic and workforce development in the region, and I look forward to continuing those strong ties between the Port and the educational community," Bynum said.

In addition to her duties at LBCC, she is also very active in leadership roles in civic and community affairs. Among other roles, she serves as a board member for the Pacific Gateway Workforce Investment Network, Downtown Long Beach Associates, St. Mary Medical Center Hospital Advisory Board, Memorial Medical Center Community Trustees, and the Advisory Board for the Los Angeles County BizFed Institute. In the past she

has served as chair of the Long Beach Area Chamber of Commerce, vice chair of the Long Beach Economic Development Commission and president of the Southern California International Business Association.

Bynum is set to become the 66th Long Beach Harbor Commissioner since the current commission structure was formed in 1925. She will be the sixth woman to serve on the Board. When Bynum joins the board, it will be the first time that the five-member Board of Harbor Commissioners will have three women – a majority – serving at the same time. The other women commissioners are Susan E. Anderson Wise and Lori Ann Farrell.

Bynum earned a bachelor's degree in history from California State University, Long Beach, and a master's in applied linguistics/TESOL (teaching English to speakers of other languages) from UCLA.

Harbor Commissioners can be appointed to a maximum of two six-year terms and are compensated \$100 per board meeting. Generally, there are two board meetings each month.

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 \$180 billion each year and supports hundreds of thousands of jobs in Southern California.

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