



The Port's New Executive Director

We're excited to announce that the Port of Long Beach has named a new Executive Director to begin in May and we couldn't be happier about the choice.



Cordero has strong ties to the Long Beach community; he is a Long Beach resident and raised his family here, graduated from Cal State Long Beach, taught at Long Beach City College, has practiced law in the city for more than 30 years and previously served as a Long Beach Harbor Commissioner from 2003 to 2011 (from 2007 to 2008 as President of the board).

Cordero helped to spearhead the Port's pioneering Green Port Policy, a policy guide for integrating environmental stewardship with economic growth to achieve long-term, sustainable port development. Cordero has forged relationships with maritime representatives around the world, and he is poised to build consensus as new alliances change the face of the shipping industry.

Mario Cordero was appointed via presidential nomination to serve on the Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) in 2011 and served as chairman from April 2013 until January 2017. His term on the FMC board is set to expire in 2019.

[Read more about his appointment here.](#)

Upcoming Events

The Port of Long Beach is proud to host and/or sponsor these events! Click on the event for more information.

[Earth Day Litter Patrol at Longview Point](#)

Friday, April 21
3 - 4 p.m.
Longview Point, Willow Springs Park
2745 Orange Ave.
Long Beach, CA 90806

[Green Prize Festival](#)

Saturday, April 22
11 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Houghton Park
6301 Myrtle Ave.
Long Beach, CA 90805

[I Dig Long Beach - Dooley Elementary School*](#)

9 a.m. - Noon
Saturday, April 22
Dooley Elementary School
5075 Long Beach Blvd.
Long Beach, CA 90805

[Great LA River CleanUp](#)

Saturday, April 22 and 29
9 a.m. - noon
Various Locations

[Beach Streets](#)

Saturday, April 29
11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Atherton St. / Bellflower Blvd. / Los Coyotes / Spring St.
Long Beach, CA 90815

**For more information about the tree plantings and to participate, please contact the Neighborhood Services Bureau at (562) 570-6866*

Earth Day Volunteer Opportunities



The Port of Long Beach is recognized internationally and locally as the Green Port due to our [various ground-breaking efforts to reduce pollution caused by Port operations](#) and commitment to our community.

We're happy to sponsor a variety of events on Earth Day weekend that better our city. Looking to volunteer? Check out these Port-sponsored opportunities:

Friday, April 21

[Earth Day Litter Patrol at Longview Point](#)

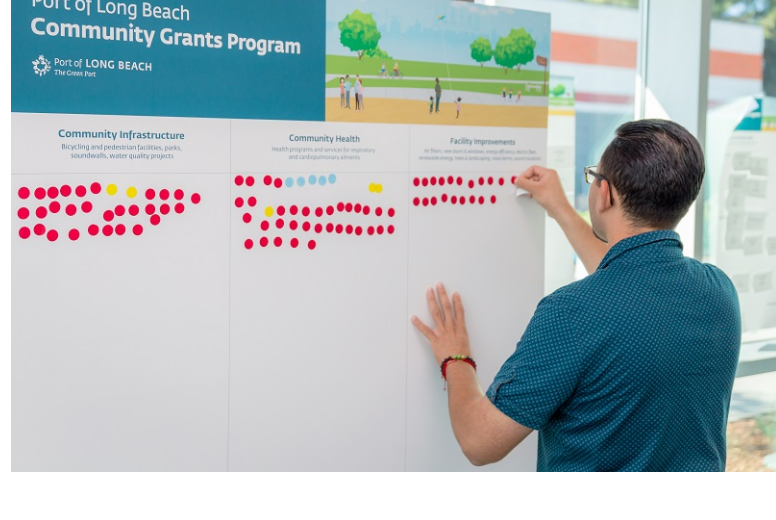
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Community Grants Program Funding Workshops



Two separate workshops will be held on Wednesday, April 19, at the Port of Long Beach Interim Administrative Offices at 4801 Airport Plaza Drive, Long Beach 90802.

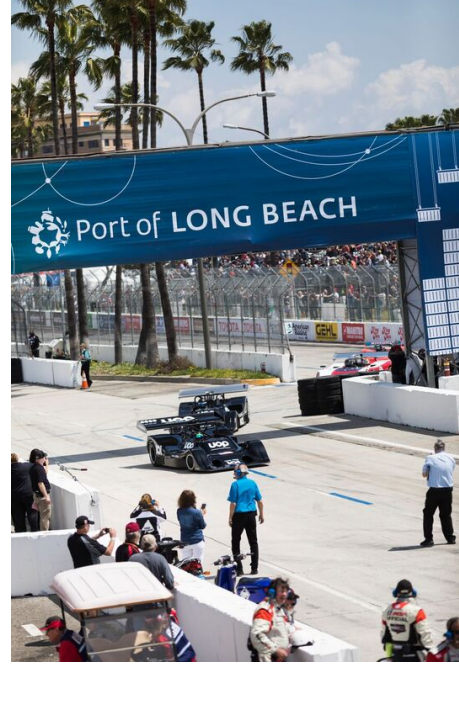
Air filtration projects: 2-3 p.m.

Health care programs: 3:30-4:30 p.m.

You can RSVP at grants@polb.com or by calling (562) 283-7133 or watch a live webcast of the workshops at polb.com/webcast.

[Click here for more information.](#)

Grand Prix Photos



The Toyota Grand Prix of Long Beach came and went once again! It is the biggest event in Long Beach and we have been happy to sponsor this signature weekend in our city every year.

Thanks to everyone who stopped by our booth. If you took a picture in our special GIF photo booth, you can find your picture at the links below.

[Photos from Friday, April 7](#)

[Photos from Saturday, April 8](#)

[Photos from Sunday, April 9](#)

[We also have behind the scenes photos on our Facebook.](#)

Major Weekend Road Closures for New Bridge Construction



Plan ahead if your commute takes you across the Gerald Desmond Bridge! The Ocean Boulevard overpass at Pico Avenue is scheduled to be demolished the weekend of April 21-24, which will temporarily close several traffic routes around the Gerald Desmond Bridge Replacement Project.

The eastbound Ocean off-ramp to Pico will close, as will the westbound Ocean exit to Pico. Both of those routes are part of long-term detours. Also closed for the weekend will be northbound and southbound Pico at Ocean.

As an alternative to Pico, motorists can take northbound and southbound Harbor Scenic Drive.

Motorists can also avoid the eastbound Ocean Boulevard off-ramp closure by taking the 710 Freeway north to Anaheim Street.

Westbound motorists on Ocean can instead take northbound Golden Shore to the 9th Street off-ramp and take southbound Pico to the westbound Ocean on-ramp.

Stay on top of detours by visiting www.newgdbridge.com. Get up-to-the-minute information via the [LB Bridge app](#) available for Apple, Android and Windows mobile devices.

Pulse of the Ports



Want a peek into the world of international trade and shipping? Watch the recording of the 2017 Pulse of the Ports Peak Season Forecast. The Port of Long Beach hosts the event each year to bring together industry experts from all sectors of the supply chain who share their views on new container vessel alliances, international trade policy, railroads, trucking and other issues facing worldwide commerce.

[Read more and watch the video here.](#)

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