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## Program Guidelines

Draft guidelines for each of the respective programs – Community Health, Community Infrastructure, and Facilities Improvement – can be found on the Port website at [www.polb.com/grants](http://www.polb.com/grants). On March 13th, the guidelines will be brought to the Board of Harbor Commissioners for formal approval. Development of program guidelines involves close collaboration with subject experts, the mayor-appointed Community Grant Program Advisory Committee (Advisory Committee), and Port staff.

The **Community Grants Program** is an unprecedented effort to lessen the Port of Long Beach's impacts on the community. Over the next 12 to 15 years, we plan to invest \$46.4 million toward community-based projects that reduce our impacts on air quality, traffic, noise, and water quality. For more information, visit [polb.com/grants](http://polb.com/grants).



The Advisory Committee from left to right: Sabrina Sanders, Irma Archuleta, Kathleen Irvine, Gary DeLong (chair), Joanne Davis

## Meet the Advisory Committee

The Community Grants Advisory Committee provides input to Port staff on program guidelines, evaluation criteria, and outreach. The Committee also reviews grant proposals and advises Port staff on which applications should be funded.

Advisory Committee Meetings are open to the public. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 16 at 4:30 p.m. in the Port Interim Administrative Offices, 4801 Airport Plaza Drive, Long Beach, CA 90815. Agendas are available online at [www.polb.com/webcast](http://www.polb.com/webcast).

### **Irma Archuleta**

In October 2016, Irma was appointed to the Los Angeles County Status of Women Commission, where she currently serves as a representative for District 1. Formerly, she represented Area II on the Long Beach City College Board. She has worked in higher education in both the California Community College and California State University systems, where she served in ascending administrative roles and taught political science and ethnic studies.

### **Joanne Davis**

Joanne is a developer of financial management programs for statewide campaigns and has been a member of the Board of Directors of the Long Beach Area Chamber of Commerce for six years. From 2011 to 2012, Joanne led the Chamber as chairman. In 2010, Joanne, a small business owner in Long Beach, was named the Small Business Advocate of the Year by the California Chamber of Commerce.

### **Gary DeLong (chair)**

Gary is a former Long Beach City Councilman. He has been a small business owner for over 25 years and currently serves on many boards including the Aquarium of the Pacific, the Long Beach Chamber of Commerce, the Long Beach City College Foundation, the Long Beach Community Foundation, and the St. Mary Medical Center Foundation.

### **Kathleen Irvine**

Kathleen Irvine, a resident of Council District 1, has been a landscape designer, consultant, and teacher since 1991 and is an active member of the Long Beach community. She currently serves as President for the Willmore City Heritage Association and as Vice-Chair of the Sustainable City Commission. She has received many awards, including the Woman of Distinction Award from State Sen. Ricardo Lara, the Go Long Beach Award from Mayor Robert Garcia and the Spirit of Downtown Award from Downtown Long Beach Associates.

### **Sabrina Sanders**

Dr. Sabrina Sanders supports student academic programs at California State University Chancellor's office. Recently recognized for her mentorship of young adults pursuing a career in higher education as one of the Long Beach Post's "top 40 under 40," she has served as President of the Hamilton Neighborhood Association, is a Commissioner on the Long Beach Community Investment Company board, and is a member of the North Long Beach Whole Village Initiative.

## Project Highlight: Friends of Colorado Lagoon 'Summer Science Shack Event'

*Written by Alene Spindel, FOCL Education Director at the Friends of Colorado Lagoon*

The Friends of Colorado Lagoon provided the Summer Science Shack event at Colorado Lagoon, thanks to the Port's previous Mitigation Grant Program. With a \$1,500 grant, we provided an all-day marine science education and exploration program for the community along the shoreline of the Lagoon. This family-oriented event included a beach cleanup, snorkel training and tours in the Lagoon, marine life collection and educational touch tank building with FOCL naturalists, a marine life arts and crafts corner and land tours of the upcoming (now underway) major restoration phase at Colorado Lagoon.



More than 300 community members along with City officials, non-profit organization leaders, environmental agency representatives and local press attended this event.

Due to the popularity of this program and the high volume of summer visitors each year at the Colorado Lagoon who may not have other coastal access opportunities, we see this program as critical to promoting coastal conservation and awareness and providing a safe, easily accessible recreation area for families from our more urban communities. We would like to extend this program to span the duration of all weekends during summer months to support the thousands of local residents visiting Colorado Lagoon.

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