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**COMMISSION ELECTS CALHOUN AS PRESIDENT
Topsy-Elvord Elected Vice President**

July 6, 2004

The Long Beach Board of Harbor Commissioners voted on Tuesday, July 6, to elect John R. Calhoun as the board's president for a one-year term beginning immediately.

The commissioners also voted Doris Topsy-Elvord as the vice president of the five-member port governing board. James C. Hankla was elected as the commission's secretary. Mario Cordero was chosen as the assistant secretary. The other board member is John W. Hancock, who just completed two consecutive one-year terms as president.

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

Calhoun, who retired after three four-year terms as Long Beach city attorney, was appointed to the Harbor Commission in 1999. As city attorney, he headed one of the largest civil law offices in Los Angeles County. A native of Iowa, Calhoun served for many years in the Army Reserve; his last assignment for the Army was as commander of the 6386th Logistics Reinforcement Training Unit in Bell.

Topsy-Elvord, a former Long Beach vice mayor and city councilwoman who represented the 6th District for two terms, was appointed to the commission in 2003. Hankla, formerly CEO of the Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority and a former Long Beach city manager, was appointed to the commission last year. Cordero, a senior associate with the law firm of Adelson, Testan and Brundo in Long Beach, also was appointed last year. Hancock, president of the Bancap Investment Group, has been a commissioner since 1995.

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