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**POE TO ASSIST WITH GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS
Former Chief of Staff for Councilwoman Kell Joins Port**

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Thomas A. Poe, formerly chief of staff for Long Beach 5th District Councilwoman Jackie Kell, has joined the Port of Long Beach in the newly created position of assistant to the director of government affairs.

Poe will report directly to Gus Hein, director of government affairs. In his new job, Poe will help to craft government advocacy programs in support of the port, and monitor legislation impacting the port and its customers.

Poe comes to the port with more than two decades of experience in government affairs. Before working with Councilwoman Kell, Poe served as the chief of staff for Kell's husband, former Mayor Ernie Kell. Poe also was chief of staff to former Long Beach Mayor Tom Clark. Between stints as a chief of staff, Poe was the Long Beach area deputy to former Los Angeles County Supervisor Deanne Dana.

Before embarking in public service, Poe served as the international marketing director of Winco Generators, and traveled extensively throughout Canada and Latin America.

Raised in Long Beach and a graduate of Woodrow Wilson High School, Poe received a Bachelor's Degree in international relations from the University of Southern California with a minor in Portuguese.

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