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CAPOBIANCO NAMED COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR

The Long Beach Board of Harbor Commissioners has appointed Fausto D. Capobianco as the Port of Long Beach's director of communications. Capobianco formerly held a similar position with the Compton Unified School District. He succeeds Yvonne (Avila) Smith, who left the port last fall for a position with Cuesta College in San Luis Obispo.

As communications director, Capobianco will supervise the port's public relations and graphic design staff. He will oversee production of port publications, advertising, and the port's media relations and community outreach efforts.

A native of Pennsylvania, Capobianco has broad experience in public relations, governmental affairs and journalism. He was a special assistant for higher education in the California State Controller's Office; director of public affairs and governmental relations for the Los Angeles Community College District; chief of staff in the Los Angeles office of Rep. Howard Berman; and a public affairs officer with the U.S. Department of Education in Washington, D.C.

Before moving west, he was an anchorman for KYW, an all-news radio station in Philadelphia, staff reporter for the Courier Post newspaper in Cherry Hill, N.J., and the Call Chronicle Newspapers in Allentown, Pa. His professional and civic involvement has included membership in the CEPA Society of Educators and Scholars, Professional Coaches and Mentors Association, Town Hall LA, Fernando Award Foundation, Girl Scouts Board of Directors, Red Cross Board of Directors, Los Angeles Public Affairs Association, California Schools Public Relations Association, and the U.S. Military Veterans Wadsworth Chapel Restoration.

Capobianco holds a Bachelor of Science degree in political science from the University of the State of New York in Albany, a master's degree in public administration from California State University Northridge, and he is a doctoral candidate at Pepperdine University's school of education and psychology.

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