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**HANKLA ELECTED BOARD PRESIDENT
Cordero Voted as the Commission's Vice President**

June 26, 2005

The Long Beach Board of Harbor Commissioners voted on Monday, June 26, to elect Commissioner James C. Hankla, a former Long Beach city manager, as the board's president for a one-year term beginning immediately.

The commissioners also voted Mario Cordero as the vice president of the five-member port governing board. John W. Hancock was elected as the commission's secretary. Dr. Mike Walter was chosen as the assistant secretary. The other board member is Doris Topsy Elvord, the outgoing president.

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

Hankla was appointed to a six-year term on the commission in 2003. Hankla served as Long Beach city manager for 12 years, retiring in 1998 to head the Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority. ACTA oversaw the construction of the \$2.4 billion Alameda Corridor -- a 20-mile rail expressway between the two San Pedro Bay ports and the transcontinental rail yards near downtown Los Angeles. He resigned from ACTA to join the commission.

Cordero, an associate attorney with the law firm of Adelson, Testan and Brundo in Long Beach, also was appointed in 2003. Hancock, president of the Bancap Investment Group, has been a commissioner since 1995. Walter, assistant to the president for community relations at Cal State University Long Beach and former dean of its College of Business Administration, was appointed to the commission last year. Topsy-Elvord, a former Long Beach city councilwoman, was appointed to the commission in 2003.

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