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**Date:** January 23, 2007  
**To:** Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
**From:** Councilwoman Rae Gabelich, Eighth District *RG*  
Councilmember Tonia Reyes Uranga, Seventh District *TR*  
**Subject:** AGENDA ITEM: Review of Granting Development Rights and Entering Into Leases for Harbor Department

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The Port of Long Beach has a significant impact on the entire Long Beach community, including the city's economy, traffic and air and water quality.

The Board of Harbor Commissioners should be able to conduct the daily business of the port. However, the public should have the opportunity to have their elected representatives review significant decisions of the Harbor Commission that will have an impact on the greater Long Beach community. I propose the following charter amendment to provide more transparency and accountability to the process:

ARTICLE XII -- HARBOR DEPARTMENT

**Sec. 1202. Board of Harbor Commissioners**

Subject to any limitations imposed by this Article and by any applicable provisions of federal and state law, the exclusive control and management of the Harbor Department is hereby vested in the Board of Harbor Commissioners...

**Sec. 1203. Powers and Duties of the Commission.**

Subject to any limitations imposed by this Article and by any applicable provisions of federal and state law, the Commission shall have the exclusive power and duty for and on behalf of the City...

**New Section:**

**Process for Granting Development Rights and Entering Into Leases.**

Board action granting development rights or approving leases shall be taken by order or resolution. If the board's order or resolution grants development rights for a project that would extend in excess of five years or approves a lease for greater than five years, it shall be submitted to Council for its approval or disapproval. Unless Council takes action disapproving development rights or lease within 30 days after submission of it to Council, the development rights or lease shall be deemed approved. If Council disapproves the development rights or lease, Council shall return said rights or lease to the originating board for reconsideration and resubmission.

**Suggested Action:**

**Refer to the Charter Amendment Committee the proposed amendment on the process for granting development rights and entering into leases for the Harbor Department.**