



Legislation Text

File #: 17-0598, Version: 1

Recommendation to receive Charter Commission appointments pursuant to Section 509 of the City Charter and Section 2.03.065 of the Long Beach Municipal Code.

Harbor Commission Appointments

Frank Colonna (CD 3)

Frank Colonna is a long-time resident, local business owner, and accomplished leader. He served two terms as 3'd District Councilmember and two years as Vice Mayor, during which he represented Long Beach at the national level as Chair of the Federal Legislative Committee and as Chair of the Central Cities Committee for the National League of Cities. He was also appointed Chair of the Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority and worked diligently to draft legislation and implement the reconstruction of the I-710 Freeway. In addition to his extensive leadership experience, Frank has been a real estate executive and business owner in Long Beach for more than thirty years and an active community member in the 3'd District. Frank earned a Bachelor's degree from CSULB and a Master's degree from CSU Northridge. He is currently on the Economic Development Commission and is excited to transfer to the Harbor Commission.

Bonnie Lowenthal (CD 2)

Bonnie Lowenthal is a 2nd District resident and has been an active leader in the Long Beach community for decades, serving as a LBUSD School Board member, 11 District Councilmember for two terms, and Vice Mayor. After her tenure in city government, Bonnie continued to represent Long Beach residents in the State Assembly. As an Assemblymember, she worked closely with the Ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles in her capacities as Chair of the Assembly Select Committee on Ports and Chair of the Assembly Transportation Committee. She was the only elected official appointed to serve on the National Freight Advisory Committee and authored the development of

the California Freight Plan. Bonnie also served as a Metro Board Member, where she successfully secured funding for the Gerald Desmond Bridge replacement project and supported the expanded use of the PierPass. Prior to her time as an elected representative, Bonnie was a family counselor, mental health consultant, and educator.

Planning Commission Appointment

Josh LaFarga (CD 9)-to fill Vacancy left by Donita Van Horik's resignation effective October 1, 2017; Interim Term through Juue 2019

Josh LaFarga has a long history of conuuunity service and activism. He currently serves as the

Director of Public and Goverrunent Affairs and as Recording Secretary and Executive Board member at LiUNA! Local 1309. He is also a member on the South Bay Workforce Investment Board and Co-Chair of the Legislative Conuuittee for FuturePorts, the largest non-profit organization working to promote the Ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles. In 2015, Josh was

appointed by Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti to serve on the prestigious Board of Neighborhood

Commissioners; and in 2017, the L.A. County Board of Supervisors appointed him to the Building

Rehabilitation Appeals Board. Josh is a 9th District resident and a well-respected leader.

Approve recommendation.

ROBERT GARCIA
MAYOR