



**Date:** July 9, 2007  
**To:** Members of the City Council  
**From:** Mayor Bob Foster   
**Subject:** Item 33 New Appointments to the Harbor Commission, Redevelopment Agency Board and Water Commission

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Below are my appointments to the Harbor Commission, Redevelopment Agency Board and Water Commission:

Nick Sramek – Harbor Commission

Sramek has a Bachelor of Science and a Master of Science in Electrical Engineering from Cal State Long Beach. Sramek is an aerospace engineer, veteran and an active community member in the Long Beach community, particularly the westside of Long Beach. He is the founder of the West Long Beach Business Association, treasurer of the Westside Neighborhood Clinic and former president of the West Long Beach Neighborhood Association. Sramek has served the City for seven years on the Planning Commission.

John Allen – Water Commission

Allen is a UCLA and Hastings College of Law graduate. He currently serves as the Head Deputy of the South Juvenile Division of the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office. He has previously served the City on the Board of Directors for Long Beach Public Transportation Company. He has served on the board for the Long Beach Area Boy Scouts and Women's Shelter of Long Beach and is active in the Long Beach Bar Association.

Paul Blanco – Water Commission

Blanco has a Bachelor of Arts degree from the Philippine Christian University, a Master of Arts in Organizational Management from the University of Phoenix, an honorary doctorate degree from Colegio de San Juan de Letran, Philippines and a Professorship of Academic Leadership by the University of Phoenix. He founded the Federation of Filipino American Association and serves as the Executive Director. Blanco served the City on the Citizen Police Complaint Commission from 1990-1995.

John Thomas - Redevelopment Agency

Thomas is employed in the Planning Department with the City of Rancho Cucamonga. He served as boardmember for the Center's AIDS Walk Long Beach, co-President of the Bluff Heights Neighborhood Association, Vice-President of Long Beach Heritage and founder of the Long Beach Community Business Network. He has served the City as boardmember for the Historical Society of Long Beach, Workforce Development Board, the Long Beach 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness and as chair of the Community Development Advisory Commission.