



Port of
LONG BEACH

Frank Colonna

President, Long Beach Board of Harbor Commissioners

Frank Colonna, named to the Long Beach Board of Harbor Commissioners in July 2017, is a 3rd District resident and has been a real estate professional and business owner in Long Beach for more than 30 years. He was also elected to two terms as a member of the City Council, two of those years as Vice Mayor. He was elected as President of the Board of Harbor Commissioners in July 2020, following one-year terms as Secretary and Vice President.

Mr. Colonna was appointed by Mayor Robert Garcia to the five-member Commission that manages the City's Harbor Department and oversees the Port of Long Beach, and unanimously confirmed by the City Council as the 69th appointee to the Board since the current Commission was established in 1925.

The Commission provides policy direction and oversight for the Port's capital improvement program, a plan to invest \$1.7 billion over the next 10 years to upgrade Port facilities, protect the environment, increase revenue and enhance competitiveness. Projects include the nationally significant Gerald Desmond Bridge Replacement Project, scheduled for a 2020 opening; the Middle Harbor Terminal Redevelopment Project, and other roadway, waterway, dock and rail improvements to speed cargo flow and reduce traffic.

Besides working with various Commission subcommittees, Mr. Colonna also represents the Port on national and international trade missions and serves as the board representative or alternate to a variety of Port-related leadership organizations.

Before entering public service, Mr. Colonna began his own successful real estate business and served eight years as the President of the Belmont Shore Business Association.

He was elected to serve the citizens of Long Beach as a Councilmember for the 3rd District in 1998 and reelected to a second term in July 2002, serving as Vice Mayor from July 2002 to July 2004. Within the City of Long Beach, he was Chair of the Federal Legislation and Environmental Affairs Committee, Vice Chair of both the Personnel and Civil Service Committees and, most recently, a member of the City's Economic Development Commission.

He is currently a member of the Board of the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy, has also served in top leadership roles with the Governing Board of the Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority, and the Gateway Cities Council of Governments, and was the COG Special Liaison to the Ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles and Co-chair of their Interstate 710 Freeway Oversight Policy Committee. In 2006, Washington, D.C., Mayor Anthony Williams selected Mr. Colonna to serve as Chair of the Central Cities Council of the National League of Cities.

Mr. Colonna was born in Chicago, moved to Long Beach at age 11, and attended St. Anthony's Elementary and High School. He graduated from California State University, Long Beach, with a Bachelor of Science degree, and received his Master's in Environmental Health from California State University, Northridge. After graduation, he joined the military where he honorably served as a 1st Lieutenant in the California Army National Guard.

He and his wife, Michelle, have been married for 50 years and have three adult children – a son, Jeremy, and two daughters, Megan and Laurel.