



Steven Neal

***President, Board of Harbor Commissioners
Port of Long Beach***

Steven Neal is President of the Long Beach Board of Harbor Commissioners, the Board responsible for setting policy for the Port of Long Beach and overseeing the staff of the City's Harbor Department. He was elected to the post by his colleagues on the five-member Board in July 2021 following a term as Vice President.

Appointed to his first six-year term in July 2019 by Mayor Robert Garcia, he was unanimously confirmed by the City Council as the 70th appointee to the Board since the current Commission was established in 1925. Commissioners are eligible to serve two terms.

Mr. Neal represented North Long Beach on the Long Beach City Council from 2010 to 2014. A longtime community leader, he is the senior pastor for LIFE Gospel Ministries. He is a co-founder of the Economic Policy Impact Center, a nonprofit agency working to advance economic opportunity for working families, Executive Director of the Long Beach Collective Association, and has served on the boards of Long Beach Transit and the Pacific Gateway Workforce Investment Network.

The Commission provides policy direction and oversight for the Port's capital improvement program, a plan to invest \$1.6 billion over the next 10 years to upgrade Port facilities, protect the environment, increase revenue and enhance competitiveness. Projects include the Pier B On-Dock Rail Support Facility, Long Beach Container Terminal at Middle Harbor, and other roadway, waterway, dock and rail improvements to speed cargo flow and reduce traffic.

Besides serving on various Commission subcommittees, Mr. Neal 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.

As a Councilmember, Mr. Neal focused on issues of jobs and economic development and bringing together business, labor, clergy and community leaders on programs that led to living-wage job growth.

He has also served in community advocacy roles with Molina Healthcare and United Way of Greater Los Angeles where he was Director of Labor for 10 years.

A longtime leader in the labor movement since his first election as a shop steward in the Retail Clerks Union Local 324, Mr. Neal worked his way up the ranks as a member of CWA Local 956 to become Executive Vice President and served in the Los Angeles County Federation of Labor.

A Compton native, Steven Neal and his wife, Katonja, live in Long Beach, are the proud parents of five daughters and one son, and are equally proud grandparents.