



Port of  
**LONG BEACH**

**Sharon Weissman**

***President, Board of Harbor Commissioners  
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Sharon L. Weissman, former Senior Advisor to Long Beach Mayor Robert Garcia, is President of the Long Beach Board of Harbor Commissioners, responsible for setting policy for the Port of Long Beach and managing the Harbor Department. She was elected to the post in July 2022 by her colleagues on the five-member Board following a year as Vice President.

Ms. Weissman, whose six-year term began in July 2020, was appointed to the Board in May 2020 by Mayor Garcia and unanimously confirmed by the City Council. She is the 72nd appointee to the Board since the current Commission was established in 1925 and is eligible to be appointed to a second term.

The Commission provides policy direction and oversight for the Port's capital improvement program, a plan to invest \$2.6 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, Terminal Island Wye Rail Project and other roadway, waterway, dock and rail improvements to speed cargo flow and reduce traffic.

Besides serving on various Commission special purpose standing committees, Ms. Weissman 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.

Ms. Weissman was Senior Advisor to the Mayor from July 2014 and Transportation Deputy beginning in 2017 until her retirement in June 2020. She advised the Mayor on transportation issues, including state and federal transportation policy, regional transportation planning, goods movement, rail lines, proposed improvements to the 710 Freeway and sustainability, and assisted constituents with transportation-related issues.

She also served as Mayor Garcia's liaison to the arts community, the Long Beach Public Library and its support groups, and Sister Cities organizations. Earlier duties included ensuring compliance with state and city regulations, developing and implementing training opportunities for Council staff, working on issues of sustainability, planning and producing special projects and events, and advising the Mayor on various issues as they arose.

Ms. Weissman has a background in public policy, having served as Chief of Staff to Dr. Garcia when he was Vice Mayor of Long Beach and Chief of Staff to former California State Senator and Assemblymember Jenny Oropeza. While working with Ms. Oropeza, who chaired the Assembly Committees on Budget and Transportation and the Senate Committee on Revenue and Taxation, Ms. Weissman gained extensive knowledge in these areas.

Prior to her work with elected officials, Ms. Weissman was the Director of the Richard and Karen Carpenter Performing Arts Center at California State University, Long Beach; the Station Manager of CSULB's jazz radio station, KLON-FM (now KKJZ), and an instructor at the university in the fields of radio, TV and film.

Serving her community, Ms. Weissman is Vice President of Public Affairs and former President of the Long Beach Public Library Foundation, a former Board Member of the Arts Council for Long Beach, the Long Beach Symphony, and Sister Cities of Long Beach, and a former Chair of the Long Beach Fair Housing Foundation.

Ms. Weissman graduated with Great Distinction with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Radio/Television from CSULB, where she also did graduate studies in Media Psychology.

A native Californian, Ms. Weissman was born in Los Angeles, grew up in Alhambra and relocated to Long Beach in 1975 while attending CSULB. Since 1984, she has been a resident of the city's Carson Park neighborhood.