



KAREN BASS
MAYOR

October 14, 2026

Honorable Members of the City Council
c/o City Clerk
City Hall, Room 395

Honorable Members:

Subject to your confirmation, I have appointed Mr. Michael Chavez to the Board of Harbor Commissioners for the term ending June 30, 2027.

I certify that in my opinion Mr. Chavez is especially qualified by reason of training and experience for the work which shall devolve upon them, and that I make the appointment solely in the interest of the City.

Mr. Chavez will fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Edward Renwick.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karen Bass".

KAREN BASS
Mayor

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COMMISSION APPOINTMENT FORM

Name: Michael Chavez
Commission: Board of Harbor Commissioners
End of Term: June 30, 2027

Appointee Information

1. **Race:** Latinx
2. **Gender:** male
3. **Council District and neighborhood of residence:** 15 - Harbor
4. **Are you a registered voter in the City of Los Angeles?** Yes
5. **Prior commission experience:**
6. **Highest level of education completed:**
7. **Occupation/profession:** General Foreman, Metropolitan Stevedore Company
8. **Experience(s) that qualifies person for appointment:** See attached resume
9. **Purpose of this appointment:** Appointment
10. **Current composition of the commission (excluding appointee):**

Commissioner	APC	CD	Race	Gender	Term End
Yolanda De La Torre	Harbor	15	L	F	6/30/2030
Beatrice Hsu	Central	4	API	F	6/30/2029
Sheila Lewis	Harbor	15	AA	F	6/30/2028
Ishmun Williams	Harbor	15	AA / L	M	6/30/2031
Edward Renwick	West LA	11	C	M	6/30/2027

Michael "Mickey" Chavez

BACKGROUND SUMMARY

Port operations professional with more than 25 years of experience as a longshoreman and foreman. Currently a steady foreman at Metropolitan Stevedore Company in the Port of Long Beach and president of the ILWU Southern California District Council. Experience includes container and bulk cargo handling, vessel operations, and rail operations.

PORT OPERATIONS EXPERIENCE

Foreman / Walking Boss | Pacific Maritime Association (PMA)

November 2017 – Present | Union affiliation: ILWU Local 94

Current assignment: Steady Foreman, Metropolitan Stevedore Company | Port of Long Beach

- Supervise vessel, yard, and rail work at Metropolitan Stevedore Company, including assignments as General Foreman.
- Coordinate crews and cargo handling across multiple vessels.
- Enforce PCMSC and OSHA safety standards and resolve day-to-day work issues with terminal operators.

Steady foreman assignment history (PMA employment)

Fenix Marine Services, Container Terminal Operations | February 2019 – January 2022

Metropolitan Stevedore Company, Bulk & Rail Operations | January 2022 – October 2023

Fenix Marine Services, Container Terminal Operations | October 2023 – January 2024

Metropolitan Stevedore Company, Bulk & Rail Operations | January 2024 – Present

Longshoreman

1998 – 2017 | Union affiliation: ILWU Local 13

- Advanced from casual to Class A longshoreman, working in cargo handling, vessel operations, and terminal logistics.

LABOR LEADERSHIP

ILWU Southern California District Council

President: 2023 – Present | **Vice President:** 2021 – 2023 | **Delegate:** 2016 – 2021

- Lead the district council representing 16 ILWU locals and affiliates in Southern California.
- Work with member locals on workforce concerns, labor activities, and community events.
- Meet with elected officials, labor leaders, and community organizations on issues affecting members.

COMMUNITY SERVICE & AFFILIATIONS

Advisory Board Member | Harbor Community Benefit Foundation / U.S. EPA Clean Ports Initiative

- Advise on clean ports projects, emissions reduction, and how changes in port operations affect workers.

California Democratic Party: Assembly District 65 Delegate, 2023 – Present; Assembly District 70 Alternate Delegate, 2021 – 2023.

Chicano Latino Caucus: Vice Chair, Region 6 (Los Angeles County).

Los Angeles County Democratic Party: Alternate Delegate for Compton Mayor Emma Sherriff.

EDUCATION & CREDENTIALS

University of Nevada, Las Vegas | Attended 1996 – 1998

Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC)



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Dear Mr. Chavez:

Congratulations! I am pleased to inform you of your appointment to the Board of Harbor Commissioners for the term ending June 30, 2027, subject to confirmation by the Los Angeles City Council.

On behalf of the people of Los Angeles, thank you for your willingness to serve. Our boards and commissions are a vital part of the City's governance, and your leadership and expertise will play an important role in shaping the future of Los Angeles.

To move forward, there are a few steps you must complete prior to the Council's consideration of your appointment. My Commission Affairs team has prepared an attached checklist with deadlines and submission instructions, and they are available to support you throughout the confirmation process.

Once again, congratulations, and thank you for your commitment to serve the people of Los Angeles.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karen Bass". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Karen" and last name "Bass" clearly distinguishable.

KAREN BASS
Mayor

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Attachment I
Mr. Michael Chavez
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Nominee Check List

I. Within 7 days of appointment:

- Submit the completed forms, found on the last three pages of this letter, to:
myr-commissions@lacity.org **OR** mail them to:
Office of the Mayor
200 N. Spring Street, Room 303
Los Angeles, CA 90012
 - Remuneration Form
 - Undated Separation Letters (2)
- Schedule a fingerprinting appointment to complete your background check.
 - The Commissions team will connect you with the Personnel Background Unit.
- Complete and file a Statement of Economic Interests (Form 700).
- Submit the CEC Form 60 (Ethics Clearance Form) to the City Ethics Commission.
 - The City Council cannot act on your nomination until the Ethics Department receives and submits your filings.
 - Note: you will be required to submit the same forms again after you are sworn in

II. Council Member Meetings:

You may be asked to meet with Councilmembers prior to your hearings.

- Your City Councilmember Tim McOsker
- Councilmember Traci Park, Chair of the Council Committee, considering your nomination

III. Public Meetings at City Hall:

- Trade, Travel, and Tourism Committee Hearing
 - The Clerk's office will contact you once your item has been scheduled.
- Full Council Hearing and Oath of Office
 - The Clerk's office will contact you once your item has been scheduled.

V. Standing Requirements

- Notify the Commissions team of any changes in address or contact information.
- If you wish to resign, you must submit a resignation letter to myr-commissions@lacity.org.