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Board of Harbor Commissioners
City of Los Angeles
425 S. Palos Verdes St.
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Dear Members of the Board:

I am pleased to appoint Mr. David Thornburg as the Council District 15 At-Large Representative of the Port Community Advisory Committee.

It is my opinion that Mr. Thornburg is especially qualified by reason of training and experience for the work that will be required of him, and that I make this appointment in the best interest of the residents of the 15th Council District and the entire City of Los Angeles.

Sincerely,

JOE BUSCAINO
Councilmember, 15th District

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encl: Biography of David W. Thornburg

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David started his career after graduating from CSULB in Political Science and International Relations going to work in the San Pedro Bay for a subsidiary of K-Line, The Rail-Bridge Corporation. Located within the ITS Terminal he quickly gained computer rail loading skills that gave him the foundations of his logistical career. When K-Line America was formed in 1990 he moved to their Intermodal Department and continued to learn and prosper. When K-Line America assimilated the Marine Operations functions, he spent two years learning the ropes boarding vessels in the bay and meeting the captain's upon arrival, working as K-Line's agent/representative. After that, the door opened for marine terminal work with Toyota where David managed the discharge and loading of millions of vehicles over the seven years on the docks. After that David took a position at Toyota Corporate offices in Torrance, CA. He worked in production and later in the Marine Department for over five years. After that an excellent opportunity to head up the newly formed Logistics Department for a metal recycling company now known as SA Recycling opened; SA is the largest metal recycler on the West Coast and part of Sims Metal Management, the largest metal recycler in the world. Presently he runs the Public Affairs division responsible for relations with the ports, government, and community.

David has devoted his time to various boards and committees both in the city of Long Beach and San Pedro. Presently he sits on several boards assisting in the development of policy for both chambers of commerce, sitting on the LB Chamber's Board of Directors Leadership Council. Additionally, other boards include former President of the International Businesses Association (IBA), Co-chair of the San Pedro Chamber Economic Policy Committee, Board of Trustees for the Port of Los Angeles High School, International Trade Education Program (ITEP) and California Conference for Equality and Justice (CCEJ) board member, the Global Environmental Science Academy (GESA), The Propeller Club, The Port Technologies Advisory Board, Harbor Association of Industry and Commerce (HAIC), and former VP of his homeowners association up to 2010. Lastly, David was appointed by Mayor Foster to serve on the Marine Advisory Commission in early 2012.

David has worked hard and is committed to passing on his knowledge of the recycling industry, promoting its benefits to green the planet. David's company has taken an active role in promoting the benefits of recycling, where his company reduces green house gases by 90% vs. using iron ore to make steel.

David was born and raised in the Southern California area and has been a resident of Long Beach for 28 years. He lives with his wife Cheryl and two teenage children. He enjoys spending time with his family and friends, playing tennis and piano, and boating.