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New President Leads LB Water Commission

**Long time resident, Dep. District Attorney elected
President**

LONG BEACH, CA - Long time resident and Los Angeles County Deputy District Attorney, [John Allen](#) has been elected President of the [Long Beach Board of Water Commissioners](#). Allen was appointed to serve on the Commission by Mayor Bob Foster in July of 2007. He'll serve as Commission President through September 2009.

"It's an honor and a privilege to serve as a member of the Board of Water Commissioners," stated John Allen. "I'm looking forward to continuing the great work this Commission has done with regard to water conservation, expanding the use of reclaimed water and building a future seawater desalination facility."

Mr. Allen is Head Deputy of the South Juvenile Division of the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office. He has served on the board of directors of Long Beach Transit, the Long Beach Area Boy Scouts, and the Women Shelter. He is also an active member of the Long Beach Bar Association. He is a graduate of the University of California, Los Angeles, and received his J.D. from the Hastings College of Law.

[Paul Blanco](#), who was also appointed by Mayor Foster in July 2007, has been elected the Commission's Vice President. He is the founder and former president and CEO of the Federation of Filipino American Associations.

Since 1931, the Water Department has been governed by a Board of five Water Commissioners, each appointed to a five-year term by the Mayor, subject to

approval of the City Council. The overlapping terms of the Board members provide necessary continuity and bring to the Department the combined expertise of the Commissioners' business, academic and other professional backgrounds. In addition to the five current Commissioners, [53 citizens](#) of the City have served on the Board of Water Commissioners since its creation. The City Charter entrusts the Board with significant responsibility and authority. The Commission is charged with full jurisdiction over all water works necessary to the acquisition, treatment, sale, and distribution of water served to the City, as well as the collection and disposal of sewage.

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