

## MAYOR BOB FOSTER

CITY OF LONG BEACH

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Greetings 2012 World Trade Week Attendees:

As Mayor of Long Beach, it is once again my pleasure to recognize the 86<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of World Trade Week and its national Southern California observance. As

in past years, this tremendous event will promote the Long Beach and Los Angeles Ports, their expanding economies, and the increasing international trade.

As the 2012 Chair of World Trade Week, Valeria Velasco is eager to kick off this month's events. Under her leadership, May 2012 is sure to provide another outstanding opportunity to recognize the countless benefits of free and fair trade.

Celebrating great achievements in international trade, while raising awareness about its importance to Southern California, World Trade Week has made a positive and lasting impact on our business market. I want to congratulate the members of the World Trade Week Southern California Commiettee for their important efforst to address trade issues.



Again, I want to welcome everyone to World Trade Week 2012 and extend my best wishes for another successful month of events.

Warmest Regards,

Mayor Bob Foster City of Long Beach