



Los Angeles Area
Chamber of Commerce

KATHRYN MCDERMOTT
DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND REAL ESTATE
PORT OF LOS ANGELES

In 2006 Kathryn McDermott was appointed to the position of director of business development and real estate for the Port of Los Angeles, the nation's leading containerport.

McDermott is responsible for the daily management of the Port's Real Estate division's activities, including negotiating and administering leases, permits, acquisitions, divestitures and condemnations of commercial and industrial land and water properties. She also oversees the Port's Marketing division, which includes the International Marketing Network with offices worldwide. In this role, McDermott manages the activities of the Port's network of overseas offices in trading centers around the world, as well as the Los Angeles office. She is responsible for marketing intelligence, technological assessments, and analysis of trade data that affects the Port's future competitive position.

Kathryn has a proven track record of success in the maritime industry and her appointment adds tremendous expertise to the Port's senior team. McDermott most recently worked at the Port of Long Beach as the director of properties and has more than 20 years of experience in the negotiation of leases, acquisitions and easements.

Prior to her Long Beach tenure, McDermott worked in the real estate department of Southern Pacific Railroad, where she coordinated the sale of transportation corridors, including rights of way sold to the Ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles to support the construction of the Alameda Corridor.

Born and raised in the Northern California community of Danville, Calif., McDermott earned a bachelor's degree in psychology at UCLA. She resides with her two children in Los Alamitos, Calif.