



Global Initiatives Committee

Thursday, September 17
9 a.m. Registration & Networking
9:30 – 10:30 a.m. Program

MEETING AGENDA

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| I. | Welcome Remarks | <p>Carlos Valderrama
Senior Vice President
Global Initiatives
L.A. Area Chamber</p> <p>Kaylynn Kim
Chair, Global Committee
Allen Matkins
Los Angeles Harbor Commissioner</p> |
| II. | Presentation | <p>Kevin Weeks
Director, Field Operations
U.S. Customs and Border Protection</p> |
| III. | Questions & Answers | <p>Kaylynn Kim</p> |
- Adjourn.

Next Global Initiatives Committee Meeting - Wednesday, Oct. 7

Guest Speaker: Dan Griswold

Director, Center for Trade Policy Studies, Cato Institute, Washington, D.C.

Author. *MAD ABOUT TRADE: Why Main Street America Should Embrace Globalization*

CO-CHAIR – Los Angeles World Trade Fair:
Norman Arikawa, International Trade Development Manager,
Port of Los Angeles

CO-CHAIR – Global Trade, Education Strategies for Los Angeles:
Elizabeth Glynn, Business Development Director, UCLA Extension

CO-CHAIR – International Trade Policy:
Brian Peck, Adjunct Professor, University of Southern California

CO-CHAIR – Trade Commissioners Networking Group:

Kevin Weeks

Director, Field Operations, Los Angeles
U.S. Customs and Border Protection
Department of Homeland Security

Kevin Weeks was named as Director, Field Operations, Los Angeles, within the U.S. Customs and Border Protection division of the Department of Homeland Security in August 2005. In this capacity, he is responsible for Customs, Immigration and Agriculture passenger and cargo border inspections. He currently supervises a workforce of over 1,900 employees who are responsible for the priority mission of U.S. Customs and Border Protection of protecting our Nation from dangerous people and goods, and protecting the critical infrastructure on which our lives, and our economy, depends.

As Director of Field Operations, Mr. Weeks oversees the nation's busiest ocean cargo container operation and the second busiest airport. Last fiscal year, the Los Angeles/Long Beach port of entry processed nearly five million containers entering the United States and the LAX International Airport processed over eight million arriving passengers. Twenty-six percent of all revenue collections nationally are collected within Mr. Weeks' geographic area of responsibility. The value of two-way air and sea trade entering the United States through the Los Angeles Field Office's Ports of Entry exceeds \$365.7 billion. He is also responsible for the traditional missions of protecting the borders against the illegal importation of drugs and other contraband, enforcing hundreds of trade laws and international agreements and preventing the illegal entry of persons into the United States. Mr. Weeks is currently a member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

Prior to this appointment, Mr. Weeks was accepted into the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Senior Executive Service in 2003. He also served as the Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Director, Field Operations in Detroit; Port Director in Chicago; Assistant District Director in Detroit; and Staff Officer in Headquarters, Washington, D.C.

Mr. Weeks is a native of Boston, Massachusetts and alumnus of Northeastern University in Boston where he received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice.