

“Title: Port of Long Beach – Lessons From A Pandemic, And A Path Forward

Summary: Port of Long Beach Executive Director Mario Cordero will present on the lessons learned by the U.S.’s second-busiest seaport during the COVID-19 pandemic, and how the Port is moving forward. The pandemic directly impacted international shipping: at first greatly slowing the flow of goods as factories were put on pause and supply chain workers scrambled to get PPE. Eventually, the stay-at-home practices in the U.S. boosted imports dramatically as consumers shifted spending from experiences to goods. From the summer of 2020 to 2022, import shipments surged at the nation’s busiest gateway. All through the pandemic, the Port of Long Beach remained open and operating. We’ll discuss how we worked through the health and congestion issues brought on by the pandemic.”