



(April 12) CEO Julian Burke has selected Maria Guerra, a chief administrative analyst who has worked for the MTA for seven years, as his new Chief of Staff.

Guerra has served on Burke's staff for the past two years. Previously, she was senior administrative analyst and a senior public affairs officer for the executive officer, Transit Operations. In those positions, she coordinated public affairs and employee outreach activities, among other duties, for the department.

Manage the Office of the CEO

In her new post, Guerra will supervise the CEO's staff and manage the Office of the CEO. She will assist the CEO and the Chief Operating Officer by overseeing the completion of projects, studies and other activities. She also will assist the CEO in formulating policy recommendations, provide policy direction and advise in the development of strategies and the resolution of problems.

From 1994 to 1995, Guerra served as assistant city administrator for the City of Pomona. She was administrative department head, supervising the general administrative staff. She also worked as department head for the Grants Divisions and for Information Services, served as public information officer and managed the community relations program.

Earlier, Guerra worked as student activities director for the Montebello Unified School District, was district assistant for Congressman Glenn Anderson, and was assistant city manager for the City of Bell Gardens and director of community services for the City of South El Monte.

University of La Verne graduate

Guerra earned a bachelor of science degree in public administration from the University of La Verne. She has served as president of the California Association of Public Information Officials, the Soroptimist Club of Bell Gardens, and of the Girls Club of Pasadena Board of Directors.

She and her husband, Jim, a consultant with a municipal engineering consulting firm, live in Monrovia.

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