

Mayor Names Jeff Walden to Vacant Seat on MTA Board

(Feb. 23) Mayor Richard Riordan has appointed Jeffery R. Walden, assistant deputy mayor of the Office of Economic Development, to fill a vacant seat on the MTA Board.

Jeff Walden succeeds Jaime de la Vega as a Board member. The remaining two members appointed by the mayor are Los Angeles Council Member Hal Bernson and Jose Legaspi.

"Jeff has a proven track record managing complex economic development programs; an effort I want the MTA to pursue," said Riordan. "He is highly regarded for his abilities and possesses the leadership to successfully fill this important seat on the MTA Board."

Jeff Walden, a Los Angeles resident, has held various management positions within the Mayor's Office of Economic Development.

As assistant deputy mayor and director, he manages the LA Business Team. Walden was part of the team that helped create the Genesis LA program, which offers funding for the redevelopment of abandoned and blighted properties through public-private partnerships.

Walden also prepares and presents the team's budget and quarterly and annual reports to the mayor and the City Council. He serves as a key spokesperson for marketing Los Angeles to businesses nationwide.

Previously, Walden served as executive director for the California Business Revitalization Center and as director of the Building Inspector Program for the Department of Building and Safety. He worked for that department for 15 years. He holds a BA in Business Administration from Cal State Los Angeles.

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