
Board Member Paul Hudson Has Deep Community Roots



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Paul C. Hudson, 53, is president and CEO of Broadway Federal Bank, the oldest African American bank west of the Mississippi. Born and reared in LA, he practiced law in Washington, D.C., before following his grandfather and father as head of the bank.

Active in the community, Hudson has worked with such organizations as the LA Chamber of Commerce, the American Red Cross and the Economic Development Corp. He currently serves on the boards of Pitzer College, the Orthopaedic Hospital Foundation and the Los Angeles World Airports Business Council, among others.

"This city is my birthplace and where I spent most of my life," Hudson says. His community and family ties will provide a perspective on the transportation needs of the city – which, he notes, is more crowded than ever.

"As a long-time resident, I'm constantly amazed at how much vehicle traffic there is these days on surface streets and freeways at all hours," he says. "I can remember when it wasn't congested."

Positive consumer response

The Metro Rapid system, Hudson believes, has been "an excellent improvement to the city's transportation system" that "met with a very positive consumer response. My goal would be to look for additional innovative ways to improve bus service to get people to their destinations quicker."

Although Hudson admits he's not a transportation expert, he thinks he "can be most effective as a consumer, particularly as a consumer of the sort the MTA should try to attract into the transportation system."

A proponent of the Metro Rail system, he says the addition of the Pasadena Blue Line "can only help in the consumer's understanding and willingness to use public transportation. It's more visible, and that's important."

Hudson earned a bachelor's degree at UC, Berkeley, in 1970, and a law degree in 1973 from Boalt Hall School of Law. He completed the Graduate School of Savings Institution Management at the University of Texas, Austin, in 1989.

With his wife, Brenda, he has a stepdaughter, Gia, 21, a senior at Pitzer College.

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