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Jim de la Loza

UCLA Latino Alums Name Jim de la Loza 'Alumnus of the Year'

(Oct. 26, 2001) The UCLA Latino Alumni Association has named Jim de la Loza, the MTA's executive officer for Countywide Planning, as the organization's Alumnus of the Year for 2001.

De la Loza was guest of honor, Thursday evening, at the Alumni Association's 10th annual Fiesta de Inspiracion Scholarship and Alumni Awards dinner at the Millennium Biltmore Hotel.

De la Loza, who has headed Countywide Planning since 1996, was recognized for his role in urban and regional planning and for his work with non-profit housing issues as a member of the 1010 Development Corp. He joined the MTA in 1991 after six years with the Los Angeles Community Redevelopment Agency.

Others who have been honored in the past include U.S. Representative Edward Roybal, Assembly Member Gilbert Cedillo, former Speaker of the House Antonio Villaraigosa, former Deputy Mayor Linda Greigo and former District Attorney Gil Garcetti.

In 1982, de la Loza earned a master's degree from UCLA's Graduate School of Architecture and Urban Planning, where he currently serves on the advisory board of the Lewis Center for Regional Policy at UCLA. He earned his bachelor's degree in environmental planning and design at Cal State, Long Beach in 1979.

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