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## County Counsel Promotes Carnevale; Safer to Lead Metro's Legal Office



Steve Carnevale

(Feb. 14, 2006) Assistant County Counsel Steve Carnevale, who has headed Metro's legal office since August 1998, has been promoted to senior assistant and will assume additional responsibilities within the Office of the County Counsel.

Assistant County Counsel Charles Safer has been named to supervise the Transportation Division, reporting to Carnevale. The division employs 14 attorneys and 11 members of the legal staff.

In his new position, Carnevale will continue to be responsible for the Transportation Division, but also will head the County Counsel's Worker's Compensation Division, will oversee the Risk Management Information System and will assume oversight of the Litigation Cost Management Division.

Carnevale's new duties will require him to relocate his office and his secretary, Dorothy Dunson, to the Hall of Administration, probably by the end of February.



Charles Safer

County Counsel Raymond Fortner made the announcement, Tuesday, in memos to the LACMTA Board of Directors and to his staff. "Steve's long history and diverse experience... will be a much needed and invaluable addition to the senior management team," he wrote.

Carnevale, 57, joined the Office of the County Counsel in 1973 and was assigned to Metro in August 1998. According to Fortner, he will "continue to have substantial involvement with MTA legal issues."

Safer, 51, joined the County Counsel's office when the Transportation Division was formed in 1994. He previously served for more than seven years as a staff attorney with the SCRTD, joining the agency in 1987. He is a graduate of USC and Southwestern University School of Law.

"I am confident the Charles will do an excellent job managing the MTA legal program," Fortner wrote in his memo to the Board. "Together with Steve and Charles and the dedicated and talented staff of the Transportation Division, I look forward to continuing to provide the MTA with the highest quality legal advice and representation."

