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Employee Receives Award from County Commission on Disabilities

- Chip Hazen has more than 30 years' experience in transportation

By NED RACINE, Editor

(Oct. 30, 2008) In recognition of his work for people with disabilities, Chip Hazen, Metro's ADA compliance administrator, has received the first Nadia Powers Leadership Award from the Los Angeles County Commission on Disabilities.



Metro's ADA compliance administrator
Chip Hazen

Hazen, who has more than 30 years' experience in transportation, management and administration, more than 12 years with Metro, was presented the award on Oct. 20 at the 17th Annual Access Awards Luncheon in Los Angeles.

"Chip was given that award because we see him actively working to overcome the barriers that face us," said Donna Pomerantz, member of the Los Angeles County Commission on Disabilities, and a member of Metro's Disabilities Advisory Board.

"He's a collaborator with the disability community," Pomerantz added. "He's like a bridge in that he connects all of us with Metro."

Hazen's award was named after Nadia Powers, who died April 13 of liver cancer. Powers was a former chair of the Los Angeles County Commission

on Disabilities and the county's Commission on Aging. According to the *Los Angeles Times*, she had impaired vision for the majority of her life and was completely blind for her final 10 years.

Access Awards honor individuals and organizations who make outstanding contributions and/or have demonstrated leadership, commitment, inspiration, facilitation or promotion of accessibility and equality for people with disabilities, according to the commission.

The Commission on Disabilities advises the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors on issues and barriers facing Los Angeles County residents and recommends a course of action to address those barriers.