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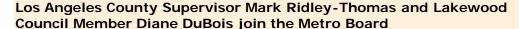
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(January 23, 2009) The Metro Board of Directors welcomed two new board members at the Jan. 22 meeting: Los Angeles County Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas and City of Lakewood Council Member Diane DuBois. Said Mayor and Board Chair Antonio Villaraigosa: "We welcome you to the board and to all the controversies that come with that responsibility. I look forward to working with you."





Los Angeles County Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas was elected Los Angeles County Supervisor for the Second District on November 4, 2008. Prior to his election to the Board, Supervisor Ridley-Thomas served the 26th District in the California State Senate where he chaired the Senate's Committee on Business, Professions and Economic Development and its two subcommittees on Professional Sports and Entertainment, and The Economy, Workforce Preparation and Development. In addition to his chairmanship duties, Ridley-Thomas served on the Senate Appropriations, Energy, Utilities and Communications, Health and Public Safety committees. Ridley-Thomas was first elected to public office in 1991 and served with distinction on the Los Angeles City Council for nearly a dozen years, departing as Council President pro Tempore. He later served two terms in the California State Assembly, where he chaired the Assembly Democratic Caucus. Director Ridley-Thomas will serve on the Operations and Planning and Programming

New board members, above, take their seats alongside fellow directors at the regular Board meeting Jan. 22. From left, directors Mike Antonovich, Diane DuBois, Mark Ridley-Thomas, John Fasana, Richard Katz and Ara Najarian. At left, CEO Roger Snoble welcomes the new board members to Operations Committee meeting Jan. 15.

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City of Lakewood Council Member Diane DuBois was elected to the city council in 2005. Prior to her city council service, she was a Lakewood Planning and Environment Commissioner for 28 years. She has been a board member and volunteer of Lakewood Meals On Wheels, a board member of the Greater Long Beach Girl Scout Council, a governing board member of Lakewood Regional Medical Center, a member of Soroptimists International of Lakewood/Long Beach, and a volunteer at Pathways Volunteer Hospice. DuBois is retired from a management position with Nestle USA. Director Dubois will serve on the Operations and

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