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MTA CEO APPOINTS NEW CHIEF OF STAFF

MTA CEO Joseph E. Drew has announced the appointment of Frank C. Cardenas as the agency's new Chief of Staff.

Cardenas will assist the Chief Executive Officer by supervising the key staff support services of Internal Audit and the Office of Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Business Enterprise. His duties also will include overseeing the day to day activities of the office of the CEO and coordinating MTA-wide activities and special projects.

"Frank Cardenas will bring energy and vision to our executive leadership team. He will be a great asset to the MTA's executive office," said Drew. "His accomplishments on the Los Angeles Board of Public Works show that Frank has the business, political, and organizational skills needed here at the MTA."

"And more, I am doubly pleased that Frank's selection came through a national search," added Drew. "His knowledge of Los Angeles is a real plus."

In accepting the position at the MTA, Cardenas has announced his resignation as Vice-President of the Board of Public Works for the City of Los Angeles, a position he has held since September 1994.

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"Frank Cardenas has helped lead one of our most complex and challenging city departments," said Los Angeles Mayor Richard J. Riordan.

"I offer my thanks and my congratulations as Frank moves from the innerworkings of our city to the vital area of regional transportation."

Cardenas previously served as Director of Governmental Affairs for the Los Angeles World Cup Organizing Committee.

A graduate of East Los Angeles College and the University of Southern California, Cardenas went on to receive his law degree from Harvard Law School. Upon completion of his studies at Harvard in 1990, Cardenas practiced law in the Los Angeles law firm of O'Melveny & Myers.