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LAEDC Elects Former Assembly Speaker Robert Hertzberg as 2004 Chairman of the Board of Directors

"Bob Hertzberg's unique ability to connect the importance of business and jobs to solve California's current challenges makes him the right leader at the right time for the LAEDC," said LAEDC CEO Lee Harrington.

Los Angeles, CA — The Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation (LAEDC) board of directors announced today (Monday, January 26, 2004) that California Speaker Emeritus Robert M. Hertzberg will serve as the new LAEDC Chairman effective April 1st, succeeding Los Angeles Business Journal Publisher Matt Toledo, whose one-year term ends March 31st.

Hertzberg is a partner in the government relation's practice of the Los Angeles office of international law firm Mayer, Brown, Rowe & Maw and has also worked as a consultant to LAEDC.

"Bob understands the big picture and has the insight and energy to make things happen," said Chairman Matt Toledo, LAEDC. "We are excited to have this highly respected public policy thought leader volunteer to serving the business community in Los Angeles and Southern California."

Throughout his tenure in the State Assembly, Robert Hertzberg's "roll up your sleeves" problem-solving style has achieved major successes on a wide range of complex social issues. When he returned to the private sector he left behind a legacy that will continue to build and protect California for years to come.

As Chairman of the Assembly Committee on Public Safety from 1997 to 1998, Chairman of the Assembly's powerful Rules Committee from 1998 to 2000, and eventually as Speaker of the Assembly from 2000 to 2002, his legislative efforts have had an impact on a wide range of issues critical to the well being of all Californians, including public education, distribution of water resources, law enforcement, health and social welfare, energy policy, and improving the effectiveness of our public institutions.

His efforts led to being honored by the California Journal in the magazine's annual "Minnie Awards," which recognize legislators who represent "a pattern of conduct, an outlook and demeanor that exemplifies the best kind of public service." During his tenure Hertzberg won multiple awards for his "problem-solving," "influence," and "hardworking" style. The Los Angeles Daily Journal has twice listed Hertzberg as one of the 100 most influential lawyers in the state. Hertzberg is now a close advisor to Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger.

"Hertzberg is the right leader at the right time for the LAEDC," Harrington concluded.

The LAEDC is a private, non-profit organization whose mission is to attract, retain and expand business and jobs in the region. It provides economic and industry forecasts as well as strategic consulting in trade, infrastructure, logistic and land use. The LAEDC Business Assistance Program works one-on-one with businesses throughout the county. Visit www.laedc.org.



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