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MAYOR VILLARAIGOSA HIRES JIM DeBOO AS CHIEF LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVE

LOS ANGELES – Mayor Villaraigosa today announced the hiring of Jim DeBoo as the Chief Legislative Representative in the Mayor’s Sacramento Office.

Based in Sacramento and working within the Mayor’s Office of Legislative and Intergovernmental Relations, the Chief Legislative Representative will serve as a liaison between the City of Los Angeles, the Governor’s Office, the State Legislature and other state entities and agencies.

The Chief Legislative Representative is expected to build new partnerships and foster existing relationships between elected and appointed officials in Los Angeles and Sacramento. The Chief Legislative Representative will assist in developing strategies that will implement the Mayor’s and City’s intergovernmental priorities and objectives.

“Jim will be a valuable addition to a team that is securing resources and funding for the future of Los Angeles,” Mayor Villaraigosa said. “I know that he brings a wealth of experience that will help us address the issues of creating a sustainable economy and good jobs for Los Angeles.”

"I am honored Mayor Villaraigosa has appointed me to help advocate for the citizens of Los Angeles," DeBoo said. "I look forward to advancing, protecting, and promoting the interests of Angelenos at the State level."

Prior to joining the Mayor’s Office, Jim DeBoo was appointed to the position of Chief of Staff by Assemblymember Pedro Nava in December of 2006. DeBoo managed Mr. Nava’s four offices, eleven staff members, and \$1 million budget. He directed the legislative agenda, had oversight of Mr. Nava’s committee

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assignments, and acted as staff director to the Assembly Committee on Transportation and, most recently, the Assembly Committee on Banking & Finance. In addition, he has served as Chief Consultant to the Joint Committee on Emergency Services & Homeland Security.

During Mr. Nava's chairmanship of the Assembly Transportation Committee, DeBoo was instrumental in the Assembly's negotiation and implementation of the Proposition 1B transportation bond. He worked with the California Department of Transportation and the California Highway Patrol to help direct legislation that enhances both the infrastructure and safety of California's roads.

As Chief Consultant to the Joint Committee on Emergency Services & Homeland Security, Mr. DeBoo spearheaded efforts to address the emergency needs of the State. In this role, he helped shepherd Assembly Bill 38, which merges the Governor's Office of Emergency Services (OES) and the Governor's Office of Homeland Security (OHS) into one agency, in an effort to eliminate jurisdictional and management confusion during states of emergency.

Prior to working for Assemblymember Nava, DeBoo served as Chief of Staff to Assemblymember Joe Nation, and as a Senior Advisor to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Jack O'Connell.

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