

A message from: Mayor Jerry Sanders



Earlier today I announced the appointment of Bill Anderson to serve as the City's interim Deputy Chief Operating Officer over Land Use and Economic Development. Bill currently serves as Director of the City's Planning and Community Investment Department, a position he will retain during his time as interim Deputy Chief.

Bill has been engaged in land use and economic development issues throughout his career. We were lucky to attract him to City service and I'm pleased that he has accepted this interim post. He's going to be working with Patti Boekamp, our new interim Director for the Development Services Department, to implement the remedial plan for that Department. I know he's got the energy and expertise to make it all work.

I appointed Bill as Director of a newly structured City Planning & Community Investment Department in 2006. In this capacity he has overseen four divisions – Community Planning, Redevelopment, Economic Development, and Urban Form, plus San Diego's Public Facilities Financing Group. As interim Deputy Chief for Land Use and Economic Development, his duties will expand to include supervision of the City's Development Services and Real Estate Assets Departments.

Prior to joining the City of San Diego Bill was a Senior Vice-President with Economics Research Associates. His work has involved assessing market, economic, and financial feasibility for development projects, ranging from small infill developments in inner cities to large-scale land developments and new towns, and public plans and policies. He currently serves as Vice-Chair of the American Planning Association's Economic Development Division, and is a member of the Urban Land Institute's Inner City Council. In 2006, he was inducted into the College of Fellows of the American Institute of Certified Planners and the Lambda Alpha land economics honorary society. He received his BA from Claremont McKenna College in economics and political science and his Masters in City and Regional Planning from Harvard University.