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DAVID FREEMAN
DEPUTY MAYOR OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT
CITY OF LOS ANGELES

David Freeman has an impressive 30-year record as an environmentalist and manager of various publicly owned utilities in the United States. After receiving his B.S in Civil Engineering from Georgia Tech and an L.L.B. from the University of Tennessee, Mr. Freeman served as a U.S. Merchant Marine in World War II. His illustrious career in the public sector began shortly thereafter, with an appointed position in the Federal government by President Lyndon Johnson. Mr. Freeman was the first person with an energy responsibility in the federal government. President Jimmy Carter later appointed him as chairman of the Tennessee Valley Authority in 1977, where his tenacity halted the construction of eight nuclear power plants and he pioneered a massive energy conservation program. From 1997 to 2001, Freeman served as manager for Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, where he kept rates level and the lights on during some of the city's most critical times.

Freeman has won various awards, ranging from the Los Angeles Coalition for Clean Air, National Wildlife Association, Global Green among others, for his devotion to clean air, clean water, and renewable energy. He authored Energy: the New Era in 1974, and Winning Our Energy Independence: An Energy Insider Shows How in 2007. In 2008, Mayor Villaraigosa appointed Mr. Freeman to the position of Deputy Mayor for his technical expertise and visionary ideas, in the hope that Los Angeles will one day be the greenest city in the nation. In his new post, Mr. Freeman will be responsible for driving the Mayor's green agenda at the Department of Water and Power, Department of Public Works and the Port of Los Angeles