



Los Angeles Area
Chamber of Commerce

Robert “Bud” Ovrom

Deputy Mayor for Economic Development

Robert “Bud” Ovrom joined Mayor Antonio R. Villaraigosa’s administration as Deputy Mayor for Housing and Economic Development on July 1, 2005. As Deputy Mayor, Ovrom coordinated the City’s economic development efforts and oversaw the Departments of Planning, Housing, Community Development, Community Redevelopment, the Port of Los Angeles, LA Inc., Building and Safety, and the Housing Authority.

In March 2007, became responsible for the supervision of all commercial and residential development projects across all City departments and agencies. His focus is on “bricks and mortar’ projects. In this new role, Ovrom oversees the Departments of Planning, Building and Safety, the Los Angeles Business Team, and the Minority Business Opportunity Center.

Prior to joining Mayor Villaraigosa’s administration, he was the Chief Executive Officer/Administrator of the Community Redevelopment Agency.

Ovrom, who is well known by his nickname, “Bud,” has held city government leadership positions for more than 30 years. Prior to holding the position of Deputy Mayor, he was CEO and administrator of the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA). He held the position of City Manager for the City of Burbank for 18 years and has been credited with creating a business-friendly environment in Burbank that attracted substantial new and expansive businesses including, Disney, Warner Brothers, and NBC studios.

Ovrom also held City Manager positions in Downey and Monrovia, and was Assistant to the City Manager in Simi Valley.

Ovrom has a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the University of California, Santa Barbara. He and his wife Denise have two adult daughters.