



Los Angeles Area
Chamber of Commerce

THE HONORABLE QUENTIN KOPP
CHAIRMAN
HIGH SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY

Judge Kopp was elected chairman of Authority in August 2006 after being appointed by the State Senate to the California High Speed Rail Authority. Judge Kopp has an extensive biography including his historic election to the California State Senate as an Independent in 1986. He has also served Senate District 8 encompassing San Francisco and San Mateo counties for three terms, leaving office in 1998.

During his tenure in the California Legislature he was Chair of the Senate Transportation Committee and the author of SCA6 and SB1420, the legislative underpinnings of the high-speed rail vision.

Governor Pete Wilson appointed him to the San Mateo Superior Court on January 1, 1999, where he retired in 2005. After serving in the California assigned judges program he accepted his current position to the California High Speed Rail Authority. The California high-speed train system proposed by the Authority connects cities of San Francisco, Oakland, San Jose, and other Bay Area cities with the state's other large population centers, including Los Angeles, San Diego, Sacramento, and Fresno.

Judge Kopp was educated at Dartmouth College and received his law degree from Harvard Law School. He also served as a lieutenant in the United States Air Force from 1952 until 1954.