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Andrew Adelman is the General Manager of the Department of Building and Safety in the City of Los Angeles. Mr. Adelman manages a staff of over 1000 managers, supervisors, engineers, inspectors and support staff located in 16 offices with an annual revenue and operating budget of over \$120 million. He oversees approval of over 140,000 construction projects with a valuation of over \$5 billion dollars and performance of over 900,000 inspections annually.

Mr. Adelman has overseen issuance of over 1.5 million permits for projects valued at \$50 billion and construction of 120,000 residential units in his career, all of which are industry records. He has also co-authored the book "Building Department Administration", third edition, which was published in 2007 by the International Code Council. Mr. Adelman is a frequent guest expert in various media outlets and has lectured at various universities, including Stanford and UC Berkeley, on the subjects of development, construction, codes, management, customer service, and earthquake safety.

Mr. Adelman graduated from the University of California, Berkeley, with Bachelor of Science Degrees in Civil and Nuclear Engineering and a Master of Science Degree in Structural Engineering. He also obtained a Management Certificate from Harvard University, John F. Kennedy School of Government in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Mr. Adelman is a licensed Professional Engineer in several states including California and Arizona.

Mr. Adelman is currently a Commissioner of the State of California Seismic Safety Commission, serves as Vice-Chair of the State's Building, Fire and Other Codes Committee and up to recently served for nine years as a board member of the State's Hospital Building Safety Board. In these and other capacities, Mr. Adelman has served in the administrations of Governors Wilson, Davis and Schwarzenegger, and Mayors Riordon, Hahn, and Villaraigosa. He has also served as an elected Council member and Mayor in the Crescenta Valley Town Council.

Mr. Adelman has received numerous awards and recognitions for his innovative management work including Civic Entrepreneur of the Year, Local Government Official of the Year, Building Official of the Year, Building Department of the Year, Grand Prize for Productivity and Quality in Los Angeles County, and Top 100 Innovation in American Government by Harvard University among many others.

From 1992 to 1997, Mr. Adelman served as the Chief Building Official and Deputy Director of Planning, Building and Code Enforcement for the City of San Jose, California. From 1984-1992, Mr. Adelman served as Plans and Permits Division Manager and in other capacities for the City of Fremont, California. Up to 1984, he worked as Chief Engineer and in other capacities for private consulting, engineering and manufacturing firms in California and Michigan, as well as in designing nuclear power plants, commercial, residential and industrial buildings.