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MICHAEL F. KEELEY

SENIOR ADVISOR TO MAYOR ANTONIO VILLARAIGOSA

Michael F. Keeley began his career in 1980 as a Fellow at the Center for Law in the Public Interest. In 1981 he joined Riordan & McKinzie, then a small Los Angeles-based law firm. In 1984 he started what became the firm's low income housing tax credit practice, ultimately creating one of the most prominent LIHTC practices in California. From 1990 until 1993 he was the chair of the firm's real estate department. He left the firm in 1993 to follow the firm's name partner, Richard J. Riordan, then newly elected Mayor of Los Angeles. For three years he served as a Los Angeles Deputy Mayor, in charge of the city's \$4 billion general fund budget and numerous high profile Riordan Administration initiatives. He continued to work closely with the Mayor after leaving city service, particularly on the Mayor's initiative to revise the Los Angeles City Charter, passed by the voters in April, 1999. Since 2002 he has worked with Excellent Education Development, a nonprofit based in Santa Monica founded by Bill Siart, former CEO of First Interstate Bank. He has managed ExED's New Markets Tax Credit program, which has won over \$70 million of NMTC allocation for charter schools in low income neighborhoods. He has worked with Anita Landecker, ExED's executive director, for more than 20 years. In 2007 he also began work as a consultant to Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa. He was named Senior Advisor to Mayor Villaraigosa in 2008.

Mr. Keeley has devoted substantial time and energy to volunteer and civic endeavors. He served as a Peace Corps volunteer in the Philippines for two years before attending law school. During his year as a Fellow at the Center for Law in the Public Interest, he worked closely with Center founders John Phillips and Carlyle Hall. He has served as a commissioner of the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, created by the City and County of Los Angeles to administer approximately \$60 million per year for various programs assisting homeless persons throughout Los Angeles County. He was also an active member of the Blue Ribbon Commission on Slum Housing, whose recommendations led to the creation of a comprehensive housing inspection program in Los Angeles. He has also been on the boards of the Inner City Law Center, the Mary Lind Foundation, the Los Angeles Community Design Center and the Hollywood Community Housing Corporation. In 2001 Mr. Keeley was appointed by LA School Board President Caprice Young to serve on the Los Angeles Redistricting Commission for the LAUSD. He was elected chair of the Commission by the Commissioners. The Commission's recommended plan for redistricting LAUSD was adopted by the Los Angeles City Council in May, 2002.

Mr. Keeley is a high honors graduate of the University of Notre Dame, where he was awarded a Bachelor of Arts in 1975, and an honors graduate of the University of Michigan, where he received his J.D. in 1980, and was associate editor of the Michigan Law Review. Mr. Keeley is a member of the State Bar of California, and the American and Los Angeles County Bar Associations.