



Los Angeles Area
Chamber of Commerce

HILARY NORTON

Executive Director, Fixing Angelenos Stuck In Traffic (FAST)

In 2007, Thomas Properties Group chairman Jim Thomas created FAST, a public-private partnership, dedicated to alleviating many of the traffic issues Angelenos' face on a daily basis. He appointed none other than the talented Hilary Norton to the position of Executive Director.

Ms. Norton's history of public service began after her graduation from Wellesley College in 1990, with an internship in Mayor Tom Bradley's office. Ms. Norton proceeded to work for City Councilmember (now Supervisor) Mark Ridley-Thomas, as well as State Senator Gil Cedillo. Her experiences led her to attain a Masters in Public Policy from Harvard's Kennedy School of Government. Hilary left the public sector for the private in 2001, starting at the Central City Association (CCA). She later held a position with Fleishman-Hillard before serving as Executive Vice President for Palmer Investments. During her tenure as Project Manager for Las Lomas, a sustainable, transit oriented community, she helped to propose \$150 million dollars geared towards new transit.

As Executive Director for Fixing Angelenos Stuck in Traffic (FAST), Ms. Norton, as well as Metro and the Music Center collectively sponsored a study by the RAND Corporation seeking to identify the best solutions for the short term alleviation of congestion and traffic problems. Ms. Norton's major role is to collaborate with local businesses, labor unions, educational institutions, elected officials, residents of Los Angeles County and transit organizations for the purpose of implementing the findings of the RAND corporation.