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DeRosa to head up Euclid Corridor real estate program

CLEVELAND -- James D. DeRosa, an attorney and former Acting Director of the Cleveland Empowerment Zone, has been hired to head up the real estate program at the Euclid Corridor Transportation Project.

Officials of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (RTA) said DeRosa will serve as Deputy Project Manager of Real Estate, reporting to Michael J. Schipper, Deputy General Manager, Engineering and Project Management.

While working at the Empowerment Zone for five years, DeRosa dealt with real estate law and economic development issues in several neighborhoods, including Fairfax, Hough and Midtown, that are directly impacted by ECTP.

"This is a great fit," says RTA CEO & General Manager Joseph Calabrese. "His real estate and economic development experience and his legal, and urban planning education and background made him the ideal candidate for this position."

DeRosa, a Cleveland-area resident for the past 10 years, welcomes the challenges. "The Euclid Corridor is one of the most important projects that will happen here in many years," he says. "We are going to change the face of Euclid Avenue and provide better transportation service for residents. I am delighted to be a part of it."

DeRosa has bachelor's degree in international studies from Kenyon College, a law degree from Case Western Reserve University, a Masters of Urban Planning, Design and Development from Cleveland State University, and a certificate in Urban Real Estate Development and Finance from CSU.

For the past year, he has been a student and self-employed as an economic development consultant. From 1996-1998, he worked for the law firm of Jones, Day, Reavis & Pogue.

DeRosa has been quoted and published in several journals, and has made numerous public speaking appearances. A former Eagle Scout, he is a member of the Cleveland Restoration Society, Urban Land Institute, and serves on the Board of the Cleveland Center for Information and Technology.

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