



Richard Katz was elected to the California State Assembly in 1980, serving continuously for 16 years. As Democratic Leader, Katz led the Party to majority status by winning 43 seats in the 1996 elections. California's term limits law prohibited him from seeking re-election.

For 10 years, Richard Katz served as Chair of the powerful Assembly Transportation Committee. He created the Congestion Management Plan, requiring cities and counties to measure and mitigate impacts of their land use decisions.

Katz also created the LA County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro), which sets policy, coordinates, plans, funds, builds, and operates the LA Subway system, busses, light rail and transportation programs throughout the County.

Katz was California's lead negotiator for the landmark Colorado River Agreement between the State of California, the Federal Government, four California Water Agencies, and the six Colorado River Basin States, furthering his expertise as a negotiator on issues of statewide significance.

Katz had already played a pivotal role in renegotiating \$30 Billion worth of California's Energy contracts and developing California's Transportation Blueprint for the 21st Century, which the voters approved as Proposition 111 in 1990.

In June of 2005, Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa appointed Katz to serve with him on the Governing Board of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority, where Katz served for 8 years.

In 2008, the Mayor also appointed Katz to the Metrolink Board after the horrendous Chatsworth accident, "to make sure this never happens again." Katz served on the Metrolink Board for 7 years, focused on safety issues and leading the effort that resulted in Metrolink being the first passenger railroad in the country to implement Positive Train Control (PTC), a state of the art life-saving satellite-based technology.

When Mayor Garcetti was elected in 2013, he appointed Katz to the Los Angeles City Planning Commission, where he served for 4 years

Richard Katz is the owner of a successful public policy/government relations firm, Richard Katz Consulting (RKC), Inc. He currently serves as the Chairman Emeritus of

the Valley Economic Alliance, the Chairman of the West Coast Sports Medicine Foundation and on the Boards of Heal the Bay, the Saving the West Foundation, the Los Angeles Coalition, and the UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs Advisory Board.

A native of Los Angeles, Richard Katz lives in Sherman Oaks with his thirteen year-old son Mitchell Robert Katz.