

San Jose Redevelopment Agency

Executive Biography

Harry S. Mavrogenes Executive Director



Harry S. Mavrogenes, after serving as the interim Executive Director of the San José Redevelopment Agency since December 2003, was appointed as the Executive Director on November 16, 2004, by the Mayor and City Council. He manages one of the largest redevelopment agency in the State of California, with a tax increment of more than \$195 million annually and a capital budget which has provided Santa Clara County with 80 percent of its affordable housing in the last four years, more than \$35 million in small business assistance, and nearly \$2 billion in public facilities and infrastructure in Downtown San Jose.

As Executive Director, he is committed to completing the revitalization of Downtown San Jose, the Strong Neighborhood program, investing in neighborhood improvements in collaboration with residents and local businesses, building 3,000 new housing units in the next five years, and managing the growth and development of San José's major industrial development areas, including the implementation of the North San Jose Redevelopment Policy, a plan that would provide up to 83,000 new jobs to San Jose and nearly 32,000 new high-density residential units.

Prior to becoming Executive Director, Harry Mavrogenes was serving as the Interim Executive Director, and a Deputy Executive Director at the SJRA responsible for the Project Management, Downtown Management, and Design & Permitting Divisions. He also managed the coordination of transportation, planning activities, and relations with City of San Jose departments; and overall responsibility for the Guadalupe River Park Project. He has managed the implementation and completion of major public projects, including the City of San Jose and San Jose State University Joint Library, the 750-space Fourth and San Fernando Parking Facility, the Downtown's largest mixed-use

project, and the development and implementation of the Greater Downtown Strategy and Strong Neighborhood Initiative Redevelopment Plans.

Mr. Mavrogenes has extensive experience in redevelopment and urban planning, including eight years with the City of Miami Beach and a combined 14 years with the San Jose Redevelopment Agency. Harry Mavrogenes is a manager with a well-earned reputation for spearheading and completing ambitious projects. At the start of his career, he held several positions with the City of San Jose's Planning Department and Redevelopment Agency, where he was directly involved in the planning and implementation of the San Jose Convention Center, the San Jose Arena, Guadalupe River Park, and the San Jose Downtown Strategy Plan.

In 1990, he joined the City of Miami Beach, Florida, initially as Economic and Community Development Director and, ultimately, as Assistant City Manager. As the Assistant City Manager, he was responsible for all development related activities. Mr. Mavrogenes returned to the San Jose Redevelopment Agency as Deputy Executive Director in 1998.

His accomplishments there include the successful implementation of two major public-private partnerships for crucial convention hotels, parking garages, and the successful revitalization of the City's main commercial street, the Lincoln Road Mall.

Mr. Mavrogenes received his degree in Urban Studies from San Francisco State University. He is a member of the Urban Land Institute, the International Economic Development Council, and the International Council of Shopping Centers. He has also served on several public sector and non-profit boards, including the Miami Dade County Private Industry Council and the Beacon Council Regional Economic Development Organization in Miami, Florida. Mr. Mavrogenes enjoys wine making, and classic car rebuilding. He is married and has three daughters, and lives in the City of San Jose.