

# USC Urban Growth Seminar Series

*Top Practitioners—Engaging Research—Innovative Responses*

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*Topic:* ***“Jobs for Everyone!”***

*Speaker:* **Jan Perry, General Manager, Los Angeles Economic and Workforce Development Department**



Jan Perry is the General Manager of the Los Angeles Economic and Workforce Development Department (EWDD). Mayor Garcetti appointed her to the position in 2013. Both Perry and the Mayor share a passion for job creation and the revitalization of neighborhoods that results in improving the quality of life for all Angelenos.

As General Manager of the Economic and Workforce Development Department, Ms. Perry leads a staff of 175, some in economic development charged with brokering city loans, and bonds. On the workforce side, the department oversees 17 WorkSource centers offering specialized training, and career development services.

The EWDD was created in 2013 with a goal to spur business activity that creates jobs and develop a strong tax base. Ms. Perry knows that economic development and employment stimulates growth in a city and brings about more housing, increased demand for goods and services and flourishing communities.

Ms. Perry is the former Los Angeles City Councilmember for the 9<sup>th</sup> District, which included Bunker Hill, Little Tokyo and South Los Angeles. During her 12 years in office she oversaw major changes in the district's infrastructure. This resulted in quality job development and training and the expansion of housing in all income levels.

Perry earned her bachelor's degree from the USC School of Journalism, cum laude, and her master's degree from USC in public administration.

*Discussant:* **Jennifer Miller, Teaching Assistant Professor, USC Price School of Public Policy**