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**DEKALB COUNTY**

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## **CEO ELLIS ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENTS TO MARTA BOARD AND THE BOARD OF TAX ASSESSORS**

**DECATUR** – CEO Burrell Ellis announced the appointment of Jim Durrett and Fred Daniels to the MARTA Board and the re-appointment of Charlene Fang to the Board of Tax Assessors.

The **MARTA Board** addresses areas of importance concerning ridership, safety, economics, new technology, government regulations and other issues. The **DeKalb County Board of Tax Assessors** is charged with establishing the fair market value of property for ad valorem taxation purposes.



**Jim Durrett** is the Executive Director of the Buckhead Community Improvement District (CID), a public-private agency that works with federal, state, and city government to plan, fund, and implement public infrastructure and quality of life improvements in the district. His previous work experiences include serving as Executive Director for the Livable Communities Coalition, a not-for-profit organization that promotes smart growth development in the Atlanta Region; Executive Director of the Urban Land Institute (ULI), a research and education think tank; and Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of the Georgia Conservancy. Jim serves on the steering committee of Atlanta's Mixed Income Communities Initiatives and the ULI Atlanta Terwilliger Center for Workforce Housing. He also chairs the advisory committee for the Georgia Council on Aging. His non-profit board experiences include serving on the board of trustees of the Georgia Conservancy; and serving on the board of PEDS, a pedestrian advocacy organization, which he chaired in 2005. Jim currently serves on the board of the Georgians for Passenger Rail, Emory University's Board of Visitors, and the board of Medici Center, an academic, scientific, and cultural focal point for universities in Georgia. Jim earned a BA degree in Economics from the University of Virginia and a master's degree from the University of Georgia. He replaces Mike Patel, who resigned from the board. His term will expire on December 31, 2010.

**Frederick "Fred" Daniels, Sr.** is the Senior Vice President, Senior Lender and Commercial and Consumer Lending Division Manger at Citizens Trust Bank (CTB) in Atlanta. Fred joined CTB in 1993 and during his tenure he worked as a Commercial Loan Officer, Assistant Vice President, and Vice President and Manger of Loan Administration. Fred is involved with numerous professional and community organizations in membership and leadership roles including serving as Chairman of the Board and Treasurer for the Atlanta Urban League; serving as Treasurer for Leadership Georgia Board of Trustees; serving as Chairman of the Board and Interim Executive Director for the Partnership for Community Action; and serving as Treasurer of the Atlanta UVA Alumni Association. He is a graduate of Leadership DeKalb, and a member of the Atlanta Business League, the Georgia Bankers Association and the DeKalb Chamber of Commerce. Fred attended the University of Virginia where he received his BA degree in English with a concentration in



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Economics. He also graduated from commercial lending schools at Community Bankers of Georgia and Wachovia Bank of Georgia. Fred serves on various organizations including Leadership Georgia, Partnership for Community Action, the Atlanta Urban League, and South DeKalb Hospital Planning Board. He is a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity. Daniels replaces Ed Wall, whose term expires on December 31, 2009. This is a four-year appointment, which ends December 31, 2013.



**Charlene Fang** is the Senior Vice President/Business Development Officer for Touchmark National Bank. She has **more than** twenty years of experience in bank front line, customer relationship, and the marketing field. Fang received her BA degree from Providence University in Taichung Taiwan. As a single mother, Charlene immigrated from Taiwan in 1989. She is very active in the community and has received numerous awards and recognitions. Charlene has also used her experiences to help local governments understand residents who have different culture backgrounds. Charlene's honors include being nominated

by the Taiwan Government in 2000 for the best overseas Chinese Business Woman award; selected as Employee of the Year at Summit National Bank in 2002; awarded the Best Community Service award by International Lions Club and Leo Club five times; selected as Who's Who in Asian American Communities in 2007; and named Ambassador to the Chinese Community in 2008 by Doraville Mayor and City Council members. Charlene is the founder and president of the Board of Chinese American Women Association of Atlanta; Board member of the Chinese Community Association and the Executive Board of the Chinese School of Atlanta; and Co-Founding member of the Chinese American Astronomic Association of Atlanta. She is a member of the National American Chinese Association, Starlight/Starbright Children's Foundation, Friend of Interfaith Outreach Homeless, the Board of Gwinnett Tech Foundation, the Doraville Business Association, Inc, the Board of Tax Assessors, the Board of Leadership DeKalb, the Board of the DeKalb Chamber of Commerce, and the Commission of Interpreters at the Georgia Supreme Court. Charlene's current term with the Board of Tax Assessors expires December 31, 2009. With her re-appointment, Charlene will serve a six-year term from January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2015.

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