



## **David E. Janssen**

Date in office: Aug. 25, 1996 – July 19, 2007

David E. Janssen, Ph.D., was appointed chief administrative officer of Los Angeles County on Aug. 25, 1996 and retired on Jan. 16, 2007. He remained on the job, however, until July 19, 2007 while the Board of Supervisors searched for his successor.

Before Janssen's departure, supervisors renamed his position chief executive officer and gave the office more power, including direct supervision over most department heads. Janssen supported the move, saying he felt it would create more accountability. The reorganization, effective legally in April 2007, became operational July 1.

Janssen came to Los Angeles following a 13 - year career with the County of San Diego, where he served as chief administrative officer for four years and assistant chief administrative officer for nine years.

Prior to his experience with the County of San Diego, he held several executive positions with the State of California - among them director of the state Department of General Services and assistant secretary of the Agriculture and Services Agency.

Janssen held memberships in several professional and civic organizations, including United Way, Rotary, Board of Directors for United Way, American Society of Public Administration (Los Angeles Metropolitan Chapter), National Academy of Public Administration, and USC School of Policy, Planning and Development Board of Councilors.

He was the recipient of the 2003 National Public Service Award, which was established in 1983 by the American Society for Public Administration and the National Academy of Public Administration to honor and give recognition to exemplary public leaders.

A native Californian, born June 3, 1945, Janssen was educated at the University of California, Davis, where he earned B.A., M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in political science.

Upon retirement, Janssen and his wife, Jeannie, moved to Poway, where they had lived prior to his employment with the County of Los Angeles. The Janssens have one daughter, Addie.

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