

NYC Mayor Nominates David Do as TLC Commissioner and Chair



Musical chairs! IATR President and former longest serving NYC TLC Chair Matt Daus (left) preps NYC TLC Chair Nominee David Do on mobility issues at the Responsible Hospitality Institute conference in DC earlier this month.

New York City Mayor Eric Adams today announced the nomination of David Do as chair and commissioner of the Taxi and Limousine Commission (TLC). An experienced leader and regulator in the for-hire vehicle industry, Do — if confirmed by the New York City Council — would oversee the city’s work to help taxi drivers and the industry recover from the COVID-19 pandemic and finally turn the tide on the taxi medallion debt crisis plaguing drivers.

“I am so proud to welcome a groundbreaking and supremely qualified and capable nominee like David Do to the TLC,” said **Mayor Eric Adams**. “After a financial crisis and a devastating pandemic, a strong taxi industry is a prerequisite to a just and equitable economic recovery for our city, and this administration is going to deliver that for New Yorkers. Thank you to Acting Commissioner Ryan Wanttaja for his years of dedicated and continued service to the TLC and the city.”

“I am thrilled that Mayor Eric Adams has named David Do – a fine public servant and colleague, to be the next TLC Chair and Commissioner, said **Matt Daus, the Chair of the Windels Marx Transportation Practice Group, and the former longest-serving TLC Chair**. “His great work in the District of Columbia sets the stage for greater things to come in New York City. We are also so happy at the IATR that one of our leading regulators, who serves as the Innovation and Technology Committee Chair, will be able to use his breadth of national and international experience in the Big Apple.”

David Do currently serves as the Director of Washington D.C.’s Department of For-Hire Vehicles (DFHV), where

he has overseen the fast-moving and competitive for-hire vehicle industry, making it work for riders and drivers. At DFHV, he has leveraged technology and data analysis to drive decision-making — creating a centralized dispatch platform through which residents can summon a wheelchair-accessible taxi to enhance efficiency and improve administrative processing. As DFHV director, Do successfully launched DC Microtransit, an on-demand shuttle service to meet travel needs for residents living in hard-to-reach areas. He also led the agency's COVID-19 response — overseeing the distribution of protective vehicle barriers and personal protective equipment to the industry so that drivers could continue to operate safely — as well as the transformation of several of DFHV transportation programs to meet the needs of partners and the riding public.

Do also currently serves as the Chair of the International Association of Transportation Regulators (IATR) Technology & Innovation Committee. In this role, David most recently led the committee discussions concerning innovations in DC, including a taxi roof light messaging platform, a fare prediction initiative, and an industry recovery blueprint. David was also a leader in producing the IATR Model Regulations for Vehicle Advertising, and he has made presentations on DFHV initiatives he instituted during the pandemic at IATR training programs.

Do previously served as the director of the Washington, DC Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs, where he led the team to improve the quality of life for thousands of DC Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPI) through advocacy and engagement. In 2019, he received the Catalyst Award from the National Queer Asian Pacific Islander Association — a federation of AAPI LGBTQ+ groups — for his work in the DC LGBTQ+ community, including holding the first events from the Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs centered around Pride and LGBTQIA+ communities of color.