

# Wendell Cox Set To Make A Special Address

Wendell Cox, a senior fellow with The Heartland Institute and principal of Wendell Cox Consultancy, an international public policy firm, is set to make a special address at the Annual RTA Convention.

Cox has provided consulting assistance to the U.S. Department of Transportation and was certified by the Urban Mass Transportation Administration as an expert for the duration of its Public-Private Transportation Network Program (1986-1993). He has consulted for public transit authorities in the United States, Canada, Australia and New Zealand and for many public policy organizations.

Cox was appointed by Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley to three terms on the

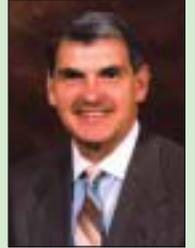
Los Angeles Transportation Commission, where he authored the tax amendment that provided the initial funding for building light rail and the subway. He was elected chairman of the American Public Transit Association Planning and Policy Committee and Governing Boards Committee.

More recently, Cox served three years as the director of public policy for the American Legislative Exchange Council, where he oversaw the development of state model legislation and policy reports. In 1999, he was appointed to the Amtrak Reform Council by the U.S. Speaker of the House of Representatives to fill the unexpired term of New Jersey Gov. Christine Todd Whitman. §

## Psychologist/Humorist Spices Up Annual Banquet

His job is "to put a smile on faces, information in minds, motivation in hearts, inspiration in spirits and to make the program planner look good," said Dr. Charles Petty, who will be the featured speaker at this year's annual RTA banquet.

Petty will inform attendees about the importance of family, based on his experience from "the school of hard knocks." His parents divorced when he was six; his mother died three years later; he lived in a blended family; his father and younger brother were killed in a car accident when he was 16; and he ended up in foster care



Dr. Charles Petty

before he began an exciting career that included serving for seven years as a senior staff member in the North Carolina governor's office. He is founder and president of Family Success Unlimited and is known as a family humorist. As a Certified Speaking Professional, Petty is sure to have attendees laughing as well as learning. §

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