



Russell Chew, DDS
President, Stand Up To Cancer



As president of Stand Up to Cancer, Russell Chew brings broad and deep senior management experience earned in both public and private sectors. Throughout an executive career characterized by a sharp focus on growth-oriented organizational efficiency in industrial technologies, Chew has applied a relentless drive to achieve operational excellence and expansion by implementing best practices in management and organizational development.

Chew arrives at Stand Up To Cancer at an opportune moment in its evolution. Having established a new norm for collaborative cancer research, today SU2C is poised for significant growth. In his role as president, Chew assumes responsibility for managing that growth with a focus on three core priorities: optimizing corporate governance and structure to maximize performance and organizational efficiency; implementing management best practices; and strengthening SU2C's business model to solidify its foundation for sustained development.

Russell Chew joins SU2C from having served on the board of directors for several early-stage companies in advanced transportation and energy industrial technologies. He was previously managing partner at NEXA Capital Partners, a provider of investment banking and advisory services for aerospace and technology companies.

As former president and chief operating officer of JetBlue Airways, Chew is credited with the successful turnaround of its operational business foundation, having optimized the integrity and efficiency across the airline's flight, maintenance & engineering, airport, inflight services, safety, compliance, security, and IT operations.

During his four years as chief operating officer of the Federal Aviation Administration, Chew was responsible for its air traffic control services; as well as the agency's capital acquisition, research and development, and engineering programs. Under his leadership, the FAA reversed accelerating cost growth, modernized its operational services, and adopted businesslike strategy and metrics, among other improvements.

For 17 years prior to joining the FAA, Chew held various leadership roles at American Airlines, culminating with the role as the head of system operations, where he led the airline's worldwide flight and technical operations, regulatory compliance, and advanced aircraft and related technology systems. He began his career at American Airlines as a pilot.

The Los Angeles native attended Stanford University for his undergraduate studies in biology and earned his doctoral degree at the University of Southern California.

