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MODERATOR



Maria Salinas

President & CEO, Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce and Board Member, Mobility 21

Maria S. Salinas is President and Chief Executive Officer of the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce, the largest business association in Los Angeles County representing more than 1,600 member companies and serving the interests of more than 235,000 businesses across the Los Angeles region.

An accomplished business woman, entrepreneur and a stalwart community leader, Maria's business acumen and financial expertise has led her to the boardrooms of community organizations, higher education institutions and community banks. She has extensive experience in finance and accounting, corporate governance, audit and regulatory matters.

Maria founded Salinas Consulting, a finance and accounting consultancy firm. For more than 10 years, Salinas Consulting has worked with major corporations providing collaborative financial expertise to specific engagements. In 2010, Salinas Consulting was awarded the Professional Services Award from the National Latina Business Women's Association of Los Angeles.

Previously, Maria held financial leadership roles with The Walt Disney Company, where she led a team responsible for global financial reporting controls and compliance. There, she led the creation of the division's Accounting Shared Services organization and implementation of Sarbanes-Oxley rules. She also served on numerous finance executive steering committees for company-wide technology initiatives. Prior to her work at the division, Maria was a member of the management team at the Corporate Controllership level, responsible for technical accounting and financial reporting projects.

As a result of her work with SEC clients as a CPA with both Ernst & Young and Kenneth Leventhal & Company, Maria possesses strong financial and public accounting expertise, specifically in the real estate industry. At Ernst & Young, Maria served as a loaned executive to Rebuild LA, an economic development effort in Los Angeles.

Maria is former Chairwoman of ProAmérica Bank, a community bank in Los Angeles. She was a Founding Organizer and Director serving on the Board since the bank's inception in 2006 until its sale in 2016. Over that period, she served on several committees including Audit (Chair), Loan, Nominating & Governance and several ad hoc committees. Maria led the merger transaction with Pacific Commerce Bancorp, successfully closing in May 2016. Maria joined the Board of Directors of Pacific Commerce Bancorp and served on Audit, Information Technology and Compliance committees.

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PANELISTS



Hon. Lisa Bartlett

Chair, Orange County Transportation Authority and Supervisor, County of Orange

Supervisor Lisa Bartlett is currently serving as the Fifth District Supervisor for the County of Orange, and also represents South Orange County on the Orange County Fire Authority, Transportation Corridor Agencies, and the Orange County Local Agency Formation Commission. For 2018, Supervisor Bartlett was elected to serve as the 2nd Vice President of the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) Executive Committee.

Supervisor Bartlett was elected to the Dana Point City Council in November 2006 and was re-elected in November 2010, serving as Mayor Pro Tem in 2007-08 and as Mayor in 2009 and 2014. Supervisor Bartlett was born and raised in Southern California and has been a resident of South Orange County for the past 20+ years. She is a proud, long time resident of Dana Point and has watched the city evolve into one of the most desirable destination resort communities along the coast, a place we call Paradise. Supervisor Bartlett earned a Bachelor's degree in Finance, a Master's degree in Business Administration, became a Certified PMP (Project Management Professional) and a licensed Real Estate Broker. Her professional career spans several decades and includes holding executive management positions in a worldwide computer software company, a project management consulting firm and several law firms.

Her participation on regional boards and committees allows for collaborative regional-based representation as well as greater visibility for Orange County. Supervisor Bartlett believes in and strives for fiscal responsibility, accountability and greater transparency in government.

Supervisor Bartlett has always been actively involved in philanthropic work and several non-profit organizations, and she is currently devoting her time to the Ocean Institute in Dana Point.



Hon. Sheila Kuehl

Chair, Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority and Supervisor, County of Los Angeles

Supervisor Sheila James Kuehl, representing Los Angeles County's Third District, was elected on November 4, 2014, assumed office on December 1, 2014 and is currently the Chair of the Board of Supervisors.

In her first three years on the Board, she has undertaken or collaborated in a number of initiatives and motions to improve the quality of life and reform systems in the County, including increasing the minimum wage, creating a Sheriff's Oversight Commission, providing unprecedented funding and services for our homeless population and those trying to find and keep affordable housing, increasing services and support for relative caregivers for our foster children, supporting the creation of the Office of Child Protection, creating oversight of the Probation Department, innovating on issues of water conservation and recycling, creating a County-led Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) JPA to bring green power choices to County residents, protecting our arts venues and

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productions, spurring the construction and re-opening of the John Anson Ford Theatres, reforming both our adult and juvenile justice systems to emphasize and enhance "second chance" and anti-recidivism programs, including the opening of Campus Kilpatrick, a state-of-the-art juvenile justice facility that emphasizes rehabilitation and preparation for a constructive future, protection of the Santa Monica Mountains, as well as the Coast, kicking off a Women and Girls Initiative to build toward a County-wide collaboration on needed changes and programs in all County departments and services, bringing together three County health departments into a new Agency model to break down barriers to service for those who need physical health, mental health and substance abuse treatment, bringing a focus in County Departments on better serving and supporting our LGBTQ youth who comprise almost 20% of our foster kids, and much more.

She is also Chair of the Board of Commissioners of First 5, LA, First Vice Chair of the Board of Directors of Metro, Vice Chair of the Board of the new CCA and Chair of the Countywide Criminal Justice Coordination Committee.

Supervisor Kuehl served eight years in the State Senate and six years in the State Assembly. She was the Founding Director of the Public Policy Institute at Santa Monica College and, in 2012, was Regents' Professor in Public Policy at UCLA.

She was the first woman in California history to be named Speaker Pro Tempore of the Assembly, and the first openly gay or lesbian person to be elected to the California Legislature. She served as chair of the Senate Health and Human Services Committee, Natural Resources and Water Committee, and Budget Subcommittee on Water, Energy and Transportation, as well as the Assembly Judiciary Committee.

She authored 171 bills that were signed into law, including legislation to establish paid family leave, establish nurse to patient ratios in hospitals; protect the Santa Monica Mountains and prohibit discrimination on the basis of gender and disability in the workplace and sexual orientation in education. She fought to establish true universal health insurance in California. Prior to her election to the Legislature, as a public-interest attorney Supervisor Kuehl drafted and fought to get into California law more than 40 pieces of legislation relating to children, families, women, and domestic violence. She was a law professor at Loyola, UCLA and USC Law Schools and co-founded and served as managing attorney of the California Women's Law Center.

Supervisor Kuehl graduated from Harvard Law School in 1978. In her youth, she was known for her portrayal of the irrepressible Zelda Gilroy in the television series, "The Many Loves of Dobie Gillis."



Hon. Fred Minagar

Chair, San Joaquin Hills Transportation Corridor Agency and
Councilmember, City of Laguna Niguel

The Honorable Fred Minagar has served his home City of Laguna Niguel as Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem, Councilmember, Chairman & Commissioner of Planning as well as the Traffic & Transportation Commissions for over 22 years. Fred Minagar, who is a registered civil Engineer in California, New York, New Jersey and Washington has over 35 years of real world practice and teaching experience in the field

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of transportation. He is the president & CEO of Minagar & Associates, Inc., a consulting ITS (Intelligent Transportation Systems), traffic/civil/electrical engineering, transportation planning, homeland security & CEM firm headquartered in Orange County for over 25 years.

He has planned, engineered, managed and administered over 750 traffic/civil/electrical engineering, transportation planning, ITS & homeland security projects in 17 states across the United States, South Korea, The Peoples Republic of China and The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. He is a recognized national authority in the areas of ITS, traffic engineering & transportation planning and toll finance.

He has taught at The George Washington University, UC-Davis, UC-Irvine and CSU-Los Angeles.

Councilmember Minagar who is a graduate of Harvard University John F. Kennedy School of Government's Executive Education Leadership Program has also been elected and/or appointed to the following city, county, sub-regional & regional public office positions:

- TCA (Transportation Corridor Agencies), "The Toll Roads" Chairman of SJHTCA
- Orange County Council of Governments, Board Member (representing 6 South Orange County Coastal Cities)
- SCAG Regional Council - District 12 Member (representing 6 South Orange County Coastal Cities)
- SCAG Transportation Committee Member (representing City of Laguna Niguel)
- World Affairs Council of Orange County, Board of Trustee

Councilmember Minagar who was selected as An Outstanding Young Man of America for 1982 is also the recipient of over a dozen local, regional, state and national awards in the areas of transportation engineering and public service leadership most notably:

- Winner of the American Society of Civil Engineer's (ASCE) 2016 Outstanding Civil Engineer in the Private Sector Award in the State of California
- Winner of the ASCE Los Angeles Section's 2016 Outstanding Civil Engineer in the Private Sector Award
- Winner of the ASCE Orange County Chapter's 2016 Outstanding Civil Engineer in the Private Sector Award
- Winner of the Orange County Engineering Council's Outstanding Engineering Service Award in 2016
- Winner of ASCE's 2007 & 2009 Outstanding Public/Private Sector Civil Engineering Projects in the Metropolitan Los Angeles County
- Award of Excellence in Service by Los Angeles County MTA in 2000, 2010, 2011 & 2016
- Winner of Caltrans' 2009 Excellence in Transportation Award in California
- Winner of the PTI's 2003 Best Transportation Technology Solutions Award in the United States

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Hon. Manuel Minjares

Vice Chair, Ventura County Transportation Commission and Mayor, City of Fillmore

Manuel Minjares is Mayor of the City of Fillmore and Vice Chair of the Ventura County Transportation Commission (VCTC). A graduate of California State University Northridge's Urban Studies and Planning program, he has devoted his professional career to city planning, affordable housing and homeless services. Mayor Minjares joined Ventura County Supervisor Kelly Long's staff in 2018 as a Field Representative for the Santa Clara River and Lockwood Valleys.

As a member of the Fillmore City Council, Minjares is proud to have helped lead his community back from the brink of insolvency at the height of the great recession. The council has been able to consistently adopt balanced budgets and re-establish a 40% General Fund reserve. Today, he leads a council engaged in helping Fillmore, a small, low-income community, prepare for rapid growth from its neighbors in Ventura County to the west and Los Angeles County to the east.

As a member of VCTC, Minjares works collaboratively with his fellow commissioners to help Ventura County understand its transportation challenges and create the policy needed to provide our community with a first-class transportation system.

Mayor Minjares and his wife, Susan, live and raise their four children in Fillmore. He grew up in Monterey Park, in the heart of Los Angeles County; a close, yet vastly different region from the one where he and his family have chosen to lay down their roots.



Hon. Luis Plancarte

Chair, Imperial County Transportation Commission and Supervisor, County of Imperial

Luis A. Plancarte has spent over 25 years in El Centro raising his family and has invested over 40 years helping to improve his community.

He is a lifelong resident of Imperial County and the surrounding region. He was born in El Centro and spent his childhood in both Mexicali and Calexico.

Supervisor Plancarte attended Calexico High School as well as Imperial Valley College. He holds a bachelor's degree in Business Management from the University of Phoenix, as well as certifications in human resources, adult education and personal development.

His commitment to community started in the 70's as a Police Explorer and the Boy Scouts. It continues today with his involvement with non-profits, chambers of commerce, youth sports programs, church and several other community building organizations.

Service involvement includes, or has included, roles in: College & Career Readiness Initiatives, Rotary International, Boys and Girls Club, local Chambers of Commerce, Little League, Babe Ruth, IV Gymnastics, County Parks & Recreation, El Centro Planning Commission, Human

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Resources Association, City of El Centro Personnel Appeals Board, Imperial Valley Economic Development Corporation, St. Mary's Catholic School, Board and Lay Brothers of the Poor.

As a dedicated family man and community leader, Supervisor Plancarte is committed to focusing on countywide issues concerning job creation and economic development; Salton Sea restoration, the protection of water rights, improved public roads, enhanced health services, law enforcement and fire protection for all of our communities, fiscal responsibility and improving quality of life.

He is known for being a consensus builder, fair, honest, transparent and accessible.

Supervisor Plancarte and his wife Martha, a registered nurse, have three grown children.



Hon. Dana W. Reed

Chair, Riverside County Transportation Commission and Councilmember, City of Indian Wells

Councilmember Dana Reed is an Attorney and Founding Partner of Reed & Davidson, LLP, a Los Angeles based law firm specializing in election, political, governmental ethics and non-profit law. He graduated from Loyola Law School in 1974 with a Juris Doctor degree.

Councilmember Reed has held numerous governmental positions beginning in 1967 when he was appointed by then Governor Ronald Reagan as Assistant to the Secretary of the Business and Transportation Agency. He contemporaneously served as Executive Director of the California Toll Bridge Authority.

Councilmember Reed was also appointed as Undersecretary of the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency by Governor George Deukmejian and to the California Transportation Commission by Governor Pete Wilson. He served as Chairman of the California Transportation Commission from 2001 to 2002.

Prior to being appointed to the California Transportation Commission, Councilmember Reed served as a member and Chairman of the Orange County Transportation Commission and a member of its successor organization, the Orange County Transportation Authority.

Councilmember Reed lives with his fiancé, Nevine Kutz. He has one adult daughter from a previous marriage and one grandson. He has resided in Indian Wells since the mid 1980's.



Hon. Terry Sinnott

Chair, San Diego Association of Governments and Councilmember, City of Del Mar

Councilmember Terry Sinnott is a native San Diegan. He grew up in Mission Hills, attended San Diego High School and frequently vacationed in Del Mar as a teenager.

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Councilmember Sinnott attended Pomona College, graduating in 1967. He then went on to U.S. Navy Officers Candidate School in Newport Rhode Island. He was commissioned in 1968 and served one tour on the U.S.S. Bon Homme Richard (CVA-31) in Vietnam, and one tour as an instructor at Fleet Training Center, San Diego.

In 1972, Councilmember Sinnott joined San Diego Gas & Electric, where he spent 22 years in various roles, including Industrial Engineering, Marketing, Distribution Planning, and Customer Service. He completed his SDG&E career after serving as Director of Customer Service Operations for north San Diego County. It was in this position that Councilmember Sinnott gained experience in the unique character of local municipalities in north county.

While at SDG&E, Councilmember Sinnott earned his MBA in management from San Diego State University. He left SDG&E in 1994 and established his own management consulting business, specializing in organizational development, strategic planning, executive leadership, and customer service. His clients included over 26 local profit and non-profit organizations including UCSD, Cubic Corporation, the County of San Diego, and the San Diego Padres.

Councilmember Sinnott has been active in the Del Mar community for over 13 years. In 2003, he helped define the City's future by facilitating Del Mar's Vision 2020 workshops. He successfully brought residents together to underground utilities in the Ocean View Pines neighborhood. Councilmember Sinnott has served on the City's Finance Committee from 2004-2007, and the boards of Del Mar Community Connections and the Friends of Del Mar Parks. Councilmember Sinnott is currently a Councilmember for the City of Del Mar. He also serves as Chair of the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG).

Councilmember Sinnott and his wife Judi moved to Del Mar in 1976, where they raised two children, Leslie and John; and now have five grandchildren. Councilmember Sinnott became a widower in 2007. He remarried in 2012 to his wife Marilyn and now spends his time working in the community, traveling, and enjoying his family.



Hon. Alan D. Wapner

President, Southern California Association of Governments, Immediate Past President, San Bernardino County Transportation Authority and Mayor Pro Tem, City of Ontario

Mayor Pro Tem Alan D. Wapner has been a member of the Ontario City Council for nearly 24 years. He has a keen understanding of policy, local government and economic development. During his tenure on the Ontario City Council, the city has experienced record economic success. His leadership in projects like the Ontario Mills Mall, the Ontario Convention Center, the Ontario Police Station, as well as the Citizens Business Bank Arena, are just some of the projects that have improved the quality of life for the residents of Ontario and the local community. Mayor Pro Tem Wapner is most proud of his leadership in regaining local control of the Ontario International Airport, and as President of the Airport Authority, overseeing an unprecedented successful turn-around of business at the airport, and huge economic impact in the city and region.

Mayor Pro Tem Wapner represents Ontario on many regional boards and is known in the region as an expert on transportation planning. He is also a longtime member of the League of California Cities and the National League of Cities Public Safety Policy Committees.

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Mayor Pro Tem Wapner's leadership positions of the following boards have greatly benefitted Ontario and the region:

- President of the Ontario International Airport Authority
- Immediate Past President of the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority
- Immediate Past President of the San Bernardino County Council of Government
- President of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG)
- Member of League of California Cities Board of Directors
- Member of the Board of Directors of Omnitrans (Transit Agency)
- Member of Metrolink Board of Directors
- Member of League of California Cities Inland Division Legislative Task Force
- Member of the Metro Foothill Gold Line Extension Construction Authority
- Member of the California-Nevada Superspeed Train Commission
- Member of the Board of the California Association of Councils of Governments
- Member of the Executive Committee of the Airport International Board Member Committee

Prior to his election to the City Council, Mayor Pro Tem Wapner was the Vice President of the Ontario-Montclair School Board, where he was a tireless advocate for improving public education. On the School Board, he was a leader in making sure the district's children received the best education possible.

Mayor Pro Tem Wapner is a retired police sergeant of the City of Ontario and is an Ontario business owner.

He has been a resident of Ontario for over 40 years. He is married to Judi and has five children and three grandchildren. Mayor Pro Tem Wapner graduated from the University of Southern California, where he received his B.A. and received his Law Degree from Whittier College School of Law.