

## AM 2: The Age of Information: Evolution of Goods Movement

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### MODERATOR



#### **Fran Inman**

*Chair, California Transportation Commission, Senior Vice President, Majestic Realty Co.; and Advisory Board Member, Mobility 21*

Fran Inman directs government relations and community affairs activities for Majestic Realty Co., one of the nation's largest privately held real estate development companies. With a real estate portfolio totaling approximately 84 million square feet of commercial properties, Majestic Realty has offices in Los Angeles, Atlanta, Bethlehem, Dallas, Denver, Fort Worth, Las Vegas and Laredo.

Fran has served on the California Transportation Commission since 2010 and currently serves as Chair. In 2013, Fran was also appointed as a founding member of the National Freight Advisory Committee and co-chaired the sub-committee on project delivery and operations.

Fran served as the chair of the board of the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce and serves as vice chair for the California Business Properties Association (CBPA). She is the former chair of the San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership (SGVEP) and is also a founding board member of FuturePorts and a board member of Inland Action and the California Business Roundtable. She is also a long-time member of the Coalition of America's Gateway and Trade Corridors.

Also recognized as a leader in the philanthropic community, Inman is the founding president of the Majestic Realty Foundation. Established in 2002, the Majestic Realty Foundation provides grants and other support to various charitable community partners that work the areas of youth, family, education, health and violence prevention in the communities where Majestic Realty Co. does business.

Fran further demonstrates her commitment to active community engagement through her service as board member and former board chair of THINK Together, nationally recognized non-profit providing extended learning programs that serve more than 150,000 at-risk and low-income students daily across California. She serves on the board of QueensCare, a \$400+ million foundation dedicated to providing healthcare for the underserved. Fran is also a trustee for Three Square, the regional food bank in Las Vegas, Nevada, and serves on the board of trustees for the University of Redlands as well as a member of UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs Advisory Board, METTRANS and the UC-ITS Advisory Board.

A graduate of California State University, Fullerton, Fran holds both a BA and an MBA in finance. In 2010, Inman was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Business Administration from Woodbury University.

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### PANELISTS



#### **Kristin Decas**

*Executive Director, Port of Hueneme and Advisory Board Member, Mobility 21*

A proven leader, Kristin Decas repeatedly demonstrates her ability to build vision and implement strategy through open, collaborative processes that foster results.

Since beginning her tenure with the Port of Hueneme in February 2012, the Port has realized several successes. Tonnage totals reached significant new milestones with cargo growing from 1.3 million tons in FY 2012 to over 1.6 million tons in FY 2018, marking the Port's strongest sustained trade years since its inception in 1937. With cargo up 23 percent since Kristin took the helm in 2012, revenues have grown an impressive 42 percent. Known for its niche in automobiles, bananas imports, fresh fruit, fertilizer, high and heavy, and project cargo, Port of Hueneme trade related activities generate \$1.7 billion in annual economic impacts, a more than double jump since 2013. Trade related activity spurs 15,834 direct, indirect, induced and influenced jobs and \$119 million in tax revenues, increases of 55 percent and 123 percent respectively over 2013 performance. Most recent successes include securing a \$3.3 million California Air Resources Board grant for zero emission equipment and infrastructure, a \$12.3 million Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant, and a \$1.5 million federal Economic Development Administration (EDA) grant. Over \$45 million in infrastructure improvements are advancing on Kristin's watch, including at-berth shoreside power plug-ins for refrigerated cargo ships and a harbor deepening project that will also re-nourish local beaches. Kristin championed the first annual Port Banana Festival, drawing over 12,000 visitors to the Port.

Prior to serving the Port of Hueneme, Kristin served as CEO and Port Director for the Port of New Bedford, Massachusetts, the nation's No. 1 value fishing port. Under her leadership, the Port realized significant growth in port development, cruise and recreational boating activity.

Kristin is recognized by Trade Administration officials for her impressive work in leveraging economic development through international trade promotion, and for her service on several federal shipping and port committees. Kristin currently serves as the President of the California Association of Port Authorities (CAPA) representing California's 11 deep water ports, providing educational leadership and advocacy on issues related to transportation, trade, the environment, land use, energy and other subjects affecting port operations. Kristin was awarded high-profile appointments by the U.S. Department of Transportation to both the National Freight Advisory Committee (NFAC) and the U.S. Marine Transportation System National Advisory Council (MTSNAC). In 2015, Kristin served as the national Chairperson of the American Association of Port Authorities (AAPA), a trade association representing more than 130 public port authorities in the U.S., Canada, the Caribbean and Latin America.

Kristin was the first woman to lead both the Port of New Bedford in its more than 50-year history and the Port of Hueneme in its 82-year history. She was the 4<sup>th</sup> woman to chair the Association of American Port Authorities in its 106 years. In her most recent recognition, she was named a Woman of the Year Award Recipient by State Senator Hannah-Beth Jackson and Assembly Member Monique Limón for Senate District 19. Kristin has been recognized as one the Top 50 Women in Business by the *Pacific Coast Business Times* in 2019, 2018, 2017 and 2016, receiving the editor's choice award in 2015. In 2017, Kristin was named Maritime Executive of

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the Year at the Green Shipping Summit USA, acknowledged as Top Port Director of the Year by the International Association of Top Professionals (IAOTP), and in November of that year, was named Outstanding Woman of the Year in International Trade by Women in Transportation - Los Angeles Chapter (WIT-LA). Kristin also made the list for the *Pacific Coast Business Times* 2017 “Who’s Who” in Business Leadership. In 2016, Kristin was recognized by World Wide Branding as a Top Female Executive. Kristin received Woman of the Year by the Oxnard Chamber of Commerce in 2014.

Kristin also supports her community by serving on the Dignity Health Ventura County Community Board, and on the Habit for Humanity Ventura County Advisory Board. She lives in Oxnard, California with her husband, and is the proud mother of two daughters.



### **Dr. Noel Hacegaba**

*Deputy Executive Director, Administration and Operations, Port of Long Beach*

Dr. Noel Hacegaba is responsible for managing the day-to-day administrative and operating functions of the Port, including finance, human resources, real estate, operations and security. More recently, he served as the Port’s Managing Director of Commercial Operations and was responsible for developing and executing business development strategies to drive volume and revenue growth during a period of significant industry realignment. He also collaborated with customers and industry partners to drive efficiencies and optimize the supply chain. Dr. Hacegaba began his career at the Port in 2010 as the Executive Officer to the Board of Harbor Commissioners.

Dr. Hacegaba has more than 24 years of public and private sector experience spanning a variety of industries. Prior to joining the Port, he managed \$200 million in contracts for a Fortune 500 company. He has also served as a chief of staff for an elected official, a business executive for a global trade company, a research analyst for a policy research group and as a management consultant.

Dr. Hacegaba is a graduate of the University of Southern California, where he earned degrees in economics (BA and MA), business administration (BS) and urban planning (MPL). He also earned his doctorate degree in public administration from the University of La Verne.

As part of his service to the goods movement industry, Dr. Hacegaba also serves on the Boards of Directors of the Intermodal Association of North America (IANA) and the Marine Exchange of Southern California and Chairs the Professional Development Board for the American Association of Port Authorities and the Policy Committee for IANA.

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### **David Libatique**

*Deputy Executive Director, Stakeholder Engagement, Port of Los Angeles*

David Libatique is the deputy executive director of stakeholder engagement for the Port of Los Angeles, a position that oversees and manages all communications on behalf of America's Port® via the Community Relations, Media Relations, Government Affairs, Trade Development, and Labor Relations and Workforce Development Divisions.

In this role, David works with diverse stakeholders, including local communities, a dedicated and organized workforce, beneficial cargo owners, terminal operators, international customers, shipping and cruise lines, railroads, the trucking industry, media, and regulatory, environmental agencies to advance the Port's goals and initiatives. He also interacts on a broader scale with an array of local, regional, statewide, and national elected officials and stakeholders.

David first joined the Port in January 2011 as senior director of government affairs, a role that augments the Port's intergovernmental advocacy at a critical time of increasing engagement with local, regional, state, federal, and even transnational and international levels of government.

Prior to joining the Port, David served as Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa's director of energy policy, where he was responsible for advancing the Mayor's environmental policies at the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power. Before assuming that role, he served as the Mayor's senior policy analyst, and acted as a liaison with the Port of Los Angeles, where he advanced the Mayor's "Green Growth" policies, including the Clean Air Action Plan and Clean Truck Program.

Before joining the Villaraigosa Administration, David served as senior deputy for Councilmember Martin Ludlow, where he led policy development and legislative strategies to reform City of Los Angeles anti-gang efforts.

David has conducted extensive experience in economic research, including working as a research analyst at the World Health Organization in Geneva, Switzerland. There, he was a part of Working Group VI of the Commission on Macroeconomics and Health that analyzed the economic impact of investment in improved health outcomes for poor and middle-income countries.

David holds a Bachelor of Arts in economics from the University of California, Berkeley and a Master of Public Policy from Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government.