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MODERATOR



Maria Salinas

President & CEO, Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce and Immediate Past Chair, Mobility 21

Maria S. Salinas is the President & CEO of the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce, the largest business association in Los Angeles County representing member companies and serving the interests of more than 235,000 businesses across the Los Angeles region. Maria took the helm of the organization in August of 2018 and became the first woman and Latina to lead the Chamber in its 132-year history. An accomplished businesswoman, entrepreneur and a determined community leader, Maria's business acumen and financial expertise provides her with the right experience to lead the L.A. Area Chamber.

Maria, a steward of the Chamber's new vision, "A Thriving Region for All," has reimagined the role of the Chamber. The Chamber looks to the future with a vision to build an inclusive economy and lead in three pillar areas of focus: *advocacy work, global engagement and through community collaboration for economic growth and mobility*. The Los Angeles region, which is the 14th largest economy in the world, and the Chamber membership represents a broad spectrum of industries, small businesses, corporations, academic institutions and nonprofits, which are all examples that the Los Angeles economy is diverse, dynamic and that business is a force for good.

Maria is an appointee to Governor Gavin Newsom's Commission on the Future of Work and named to his Business and Jobs Recovery Task Force. She was appointed to the US Chamber of Commerce's Committee of 100, a distinction reserved for the top 100 Chambers across the country. She represents the Los Angeles business community in state-wide policy initiatives with the Coalition of Regional Economic Association Leaders (R.E.A.L.), she is a member of the Board of Directors of Mobility 21, a regional transportation effort, and an appointee of Mayor Eric Garcetti to the MEXLA Commission, a foreign policy initiative between Mexico and Los Angeles. She serves on the Board of Directors of The Music Center, Pacific Council, UnidosUS and Southern California Leadership Network among others.

Maria lives in Pasadena, California, with her husband and their four sons.

PANELISTS



Hon. Fernando Dutra

2nd Vice Chair, Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority and Mayor Pro Tem, City of Whittier

Mayor Pro Tem Fernando Dutra was elected in April 2018 and re-elected in 2022 to represent District 4 for four years after being elected citywide in April 2014 to a four-year term. Mayor Pro Tem Dutra was initially appointed by the City Council in August 2012 to fill the remaining term of the Council seat vacated by Greg Nordbak.

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Mayor Pro Tem Dutra and his wife, Mary, have three children—Sara, Megan, and Eric. The Dutras have lived in Whittier since 1987. Mayor Pro Tem Dutra is President of Allwest Development Company and holds licenses for general building contractor and general engineering.

Mayor Pro Tem Dutra served as a Member of the Planning Commission for six years from 2006 to 2012 and has served as Chairman of the Commission. Prior to his term on the Planning Commission, he served for six years on the Design Review Board. He has chaired the Metro Light Rail Extension Project Washington Boulevard Coalition; sits on the Whittier YMCA Board of Directors; and has served on the St. Gregory Parish Board. On March 8, 2021, Mayor Pro Tem Dutra was appointed to the Los Angeles County Metro Board and is 2nd Vice Chair, serves on the Metro Executive Management Committee and is Chair of the MTA Construction Committee. He has also been appointed to the Los Angeles - San Diego - San Luis Obispo (LOSSAN) Rail Corridor Agency and is Chair of the Gateway Cities Affordable Housing Trust Board.



Hon. Mike Goodsell

Chair, Imperial County Transportation Commission and Councilmember, City of Holtville

Councilmember Goodsell is serving his fourth term on Holtville's City Council and his second stint as that municipality's appointed representative on the Imperial County Transportation Commission. He is the current chairman of ICTC and joins this roundtable in that capacity. Councilmember Goodsell also serves on the board of the Imperial Valley Economic

Development Corporation and has been the chairman of Imperial County's Airport Land Use Commission for the last few years.

Councilmember Goodsell and his wife Laura are owners of CoopersWest Insurance Agency. The agency has provided property and casualty coverage to its clients since 1916 in the Bridenstine building, which was constructed in 1905 in the town square. The building existed three years before Holtville became a city, and the insurance agency started doing business two years before city hall was built.

Councilmember Goodsell has been teaching English at Holtville High School since 1998. He has been coaching basketball there since 1995. During football season, Councilmember Goodsell announces Holtville's games. On April 22, 2023, he was inducted into the Imperial Valley Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame in recognition of his many years of service in the announcer's booth. He also announces Holtville's Carrot Festival Parade and the Veterans' Day Parade each year.

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Hon. Gene Hernandez

Chair, Orange County Transportation Authority and Mayor, City of Yorba Linda

Mayor Gene Hernandez was elected to the Yorba Linda City Council in November of 2012 and served as Mayor from 2017 to 2018 and was again appointed Mayor for 2023. Orange County's City Selection Committee reappointed Hernandez as a city council representative to the OCTA Board of Directors in January 2022.

Mayor Hernandez is passionate about serving the community through hands-on community volunteerism and world humanitarian travel. Born and raised in Burbank, California, Mayor Hernandez is a third generation Californian and a resident of Yorba Linda for over three decades.

Prior to his retirement, Mayor Hernandez worked in law enforcement for 34 years, retiring as the Chief of Police for the City of Chino, a position in which he served from 1998 to 2006. Before serving the City of Chino, Mayor Hernandez served the City of Orange, where he attained the rank of Captain after serving the Department in a variety of capacities, including: Detective, Motor Officer, SWAT Team Member and Team Leader, Accident Investigator, and Project Manager for the then new Orange Police Facility. His law enforcement career began in the City of Fullerton.

Mayor Hernandez received a Master of Science Degree in Management from California State Polytechnic School, Pomona and a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Administration of Criminal Justice from San Jose State University. He is a graduate of Class 15 of the California POST Command College and Class 154 of the F.B.I. National Academy.

Mayor Hernandez has been married for over 50 years to his wife, Louise, and has three children and five grandchildren; two families residing in the City of Yorba Linda and one in Orange.



Hon. Matt LaVere

Vice Chair, Ventura County Transportation Commission and Chair, Ventura County Board of Supervisors

Supervisor Matt LaVere was elected to the Ventura County Board of Supervisors in March 2020 and formally took office as the District 1 Supervisor in December 2020.

Supervisor LaVere is a 2nd generation Ventura County native. He grew up in Ventura and Ojai, attending Loma Vista Elementary School, Mira Monte Elementary School, Matilija Junior High School and Villanova Preparatory School. Following graduation from Villanova, Supervisor LaVere attended Pepperdine University where he earned a bachelor's degree with honors and distinction in 2000. Supervisor LaVere earned his law degree from the Pepperdine University School of Law.

Professionally, Supervisor LaVere is an attorney specializing in business and agricultural issues. He previously served as the Mayor of Ventura and has held positions in the White

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House, as a legislative aide on Capitol Hill, and worked a six-month position with the United States Attorney's Office Organized Crime Strike Force in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Supervisor LaVere has also served on the Board of Directors for Project Understanding, the Downtown Ventura Rotary Club, and continues to serve as an Executive Board Member of the Ventura College Foundation, which supports the thousands of students attending Ventura College through scholarships, free textbooks and other assistance.

Supervisor LaVere lives in Ventura with his wife Alicia and his two daughters Lucia and Lorenza.



Hon. Dawn Rowe

*President, San Bernardino County Transportation Authority and Chair,
San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors*

A Southern California native, San Bernardino County Third District Supervisor Dawn Rowe was appointed to the Board of Supervisors in December of 2018. In March of 2020, Supervisor Rowe was overwhelmingly re-elected by her Third District constituents and began her first four-year term on the Board of Supervisors in December 2020. In January 2023, she was unanimously selected by her colleagues to serve as Chair of the Board for a two-year term.

As a County Supervisor, Supervisor Rowe is focused on making San Bernardino County a business-friendly environment, improving infrastructure, and strengthening public safety. She is also an off-road enthusiast and is very active in promoting recreation on our public lands.

Prior to joining the Board of Supervisors, Supervisor Rowe served on the Yucca Valley Town Council from 2010 to 2014.

Supervisor Rowe is the proud mother of two children, Blake, a graduate of Seton Hall University and Caitlin who recently graduated from the University of Southern California.



Hon. Lloyd White

*Vice Chair, Riverside County Transportation Commission and
Councilmember, City of Beaumont*

Councilmember Lloyd White grew up in Escondido. He graduated from UCLA, with an Economics degree in 1994 and earned an MBA from University of Redlands in 2004.

Since 1997, Councilmember White has been employed by ESRI, the world's leading Geographic Information Systems Software Company as a Software Developer on their Business Intelligence team in Redlands.

In 2014, Councilmember White was elected to the Beaumont City Council and was re-elected in 2018 and again in 2022. In his first three months on Beaumont's Council, Councilmember White

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worked with the FBI and local District Attorney's office to expose a \$40 million+ scandal leading to the arrests and felony guilty pleas for the City Manager, Finance Director, and 3 department heads of Planning, Economic Development, and Public Works. The Chief of Police also plead guilty to misuse of public funds.

He has represented the citizens of Riverside County on Riverside County's Transportation Commission (RCTC) since 2015; serving as the Chair of RCTC's Budget and Implementation and RCTC's Toll Policy committee. He currently serves as RCTC's First Vice Chair.

Councilmember White has also served on the Western Riverside Council of Governments' (WRCOG) Executive Board and as a Director on the Eastern Riverside County Interoperable Communications Authority (ERICA).