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MODERATOR



Jeffrey Ball

President & Chief Executive Officer, Orange County Business Council and Vice Chair, Mobility 21

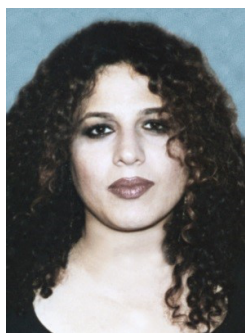
Jeffrey K. Ball (“Jeff”) is the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Orange County Business Council where he represents the interests of local businesses and organizations together with academia and government to promote the economic growth of the nation’s sixth largest county, Orange

County, California.

Jeff is the Founder of Friendly Hills Bank (now First Pacific Bank) where he previously served as President and Chief Executive Officer and is currently Vice Chair of the Board of Directors. His more than 40 years of experience in commercial and investment banking includes leadership positions with Bank of America, as well as past Chair of the California Bankers Association and past Chair of the Government Relations Council of the American Bankers Association. Currently, he serves on the Board of Directors for Orange County Business Council, First Pacific Bancorp, the Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco, Mobility21, Data Center, Inc. and the Kinetic Academy charter school which he founded in 2016. He is also a member by appointment of the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges and previously served two terms on the Legal Services Trust Fund Commission of the California State Bar.

Prior to earning his MBA from Whittier College, Jeff earned his Bachelor of Arts from the University of Puget Sound. A longtime advocate of financial literacy, he frequently guest lectures on the topics of financial and economic principles at high schools and universities across the nation.

PANELISTS



Shahrzad Amiri

Deputy Executive Officer, LA Metro

Shahrzad Amiri is Deputy Chief of Operations, Shared Mobility, at Los Angeles County Metro, responsible for overseeing the Metro ExpressLanes Program, Southern California 511, Freeway Service Patrol (FSP), Intelligent Transportation Systems, RIITS, Facilities Contracted Maintenance and other programs. In her 35 year tenure at Metro, Shahrzad has been involved in multiple disciplines including transit, highways, goods movement, active transportation and sustainability. Shahrzad holds a master’s degree in Community and Regional Planning from the University of Texas at Austin.

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Ryan Chamberlain

Chief Executive Officer, Transportation Corridor Agencies and Advisory Board Member, Mobility 21

Ryan Chamberlain serves as Chief Executive Officer of the Transportation Corridor Agencies, overseeing the strategic planning, operations, and management for one of California's largest toll road networks.

For over 25 years, Ryan has been a leader in transportation and mobility solutions at the regional and state level working in both the public and private sector.

Early in his career, Ryan served as a transportation and environmental planner working on large-scale projects throughout California. Prior to being selected to head Orange County's 51-mile toll road system, he was the District 12 Director of Caltrans, responsible for planning, construction operations and maintenance of the state's transportation system in Orange County, which encompasses over 2,000 lane miles of highway. During his time with Caltrans, Ryan was appointed by Governor Jerry Brown to serve as Chief Deputy Director for Caltrans overseeing statewide internal operations for over 20,000 Caltrans employees and a budget that exceeded \$13 billion.

A native of California, Ryan graduated from the University of California, Santa Barbara, with a Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Studies and an emphasis in Urban Planning.



Aaron Hake

Executive Director, Riverside County Transportation Commission and Chair, Mobility 21

Aaron Hake serves as Executive Director of the Riverside County Transportation Commission and the Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority where he serves a Commission of 32 elected officials and one Governor's appointee. He leads a professional staff of 80 across nine departments and annual budget of over one billion dollars. Aaron has served RCTC for 19 years. In 2023 RCTC's Executive Committee unanimously selected Aaron to lead RCTC, tasking him with implementing Riverside county's multi-modal transportation and conservation vision.

As a civic leader in Riverside County, Aaron has served as Chair of the Riverside County Planning Commission, the City of Corona Planning Commission, and Treasurer of the City of Corona. He has served as Board Chair of the Inland Southern California United Way and has participated on numerous other local nonprofit boards of directors. His efforts have earned him recognition, including the WTS Inland Empire Chapter Secretary Ray LaHood Award, the Pick Group of Young Professionals IMPACT Award for Civic Leadership, and the 30 Under 30 by the Corona Chamber of Commerce.

Over the years, Aaron's leadership at RCTC has placed him at the forefront of transportation policy and funding in Riverside County, throughout southern California, in Sacramento, and in Washington. With the support of the best Commission and best staff in California, Aaron's career efforts have resulted in funding and legislation impacting nearly every highway and public

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transit corridor in Riverside County. This year, Aaron serves as Board Chair of Mobility 21, Southern California's public-private transportation advocacy coalition.

Aaron earned a bachelor's degree in political science and philosophy from American University, a master's of public administration from USC, and is a graduate of the Harvard Kennedy School of Government Senior Executives in Local and State Government program.



Darrell E. Johnson

Chief Executive Officer, Orange County Transportation Authority and Treasurer, Mobility 21

Darrell E. Johnson is the Chief Executive Officer of the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA), a dynamic agency of 1,400 dedicated professionals. With a focus on enhancing mobility and sustainability for more than 3 million county residents, Darrell leads a comprehensive portfolio of multimodal projects, initiatives and services.

Guided by OCTA's 17-member Board of Directors, Darrell oversees an annual budget exceeding \$1.7 billion. His role encompasses strategic oversight of the planning, financing, and implementation of Orange County's freeway, street, and rail development, in addition to managing countywide transit and commuter-rail services, paratransit service, express lanes, active transportation, and environmental programs.

Since his appointment as CEO in 2013, Darrell has championed innovative financing methods to optimize the impact of Measure M, a voter-approved half-cent sales tax for transportation improvements. He has led a drive toward a more sustainable and equitable transportation network, marked by pioneering environmental mitigation and water-quality initiatives, and a trailblazing shift toward a zero-emission bus fleet.

OCTA is currently managing approximately \$1.8 billion in infrastructure improvements, including the OC Streetcar, a state-of-the-art electric streetcar, with an additional \$1.4 billion in projects anticipated to start within the next two years.

Darrell continues to reshape Orange County's transit system. With a focus on efficiency, passenger experience, and alignment with market demands, he has ushered in reforms including a redesigned bus system, free fares for youth and community college students, and the advancement of community-based and special-event transit services. Embracing innovation and improved connectivity, OCTA explores dynamic technology solutions and strategic private-sector alliances.

On a broader scale, Darrell represents OCTA on matters of local, state, and national policy pertaining to successful transportation program planning, financing, and delivery. He sits on the boards of the Self-Help Counties Coalition, Mobility 21, and Orange County Business Council.

Darrell lives in Rancho Santa Margarita and is married with two children.