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# WELCOME

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# CODE OF CONDUCT

The California Contract Cities Association strives to provide cutting-edge education and networking opportunities for all our members in a safe and the respectable environment at all times.

**THE CALIFORNIA CONTRACT CITIES ASSOCIATION EXPECTS THE FOLLOWING FROM ALL ATTENDEES AND GUESTS AT OUR EVENTS:**

- Treat each other with dignity and respect at all times.
- Refrain from engaging in activities or actions that would reflect poorly on CCCA.
- Respect the various political views and opinions of everyone in attendance.
- Avoid disrupting speakers or presenters during sessions and meetings.

We thank you in advance for your cooperation in ensuring the success of our conferences, meetings, and other events are enjoyable for all in attendance.



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## THURSDAY, MAY 18

7:00 am - 4:00 pm	Dr. Gold's Golf Clinic - 2023 CCCA Annual Municipal Golf Tournament	Indian Wells Golf Resort
3:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Registration Open	Crystal Ballroom Foyer
5:00 pm - 6:30 pm	Welcome Reception	Cascade Landing

## FRIDAY, MAY 19

7:00 am - 8:30 am	Welcome Continental Breakfast	Crystal Ballroom Foyer
7:30 am - 8:30 am	Newly Elected Welcome Breakfast	Cava Restaurant
8:30 am - 9:00 am	Seminar Welcome/Business Session	Crystal Ballroom
9:00 am - 10:00 am	<b>Session 1: Innovation in Government:</b> Building a Culture of Innovation with Amazon Web Services	Crystal Ballroom
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10:10 am - 11:10 am	<b>Session 2:</b> Great Scott! Looking Toward the Future of City Networks	Crystal Ballroom
11:10 am - 11:20 am	Break	
11:20 am - 12:20 pm	<b>Session 3:</b> Developing and Sustaining Our Cities for Tomorrow	Crystal Ballroom
12:20 pm - 12:30 pm	Break	
12:30 pm - 2:00 pm	<b>Session 4 (Lunch):</b> Counties and Cities Collaborating Together for a Brighter Future	Crystal Ballroom
2:00 pm - 3:15 pm	President's Reception and Ice Cream Social	Crystal Foyer
2:15 pm - 4:15 pm	AB 1234 Ethics Training	Valencia I&II

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8:00 am - 9:00 am	Breakfast Buffet	Crystal Ballroom Foyer
9:00 am - 10:00 am	<b>Session 5:</b> Breakfast Keynote Speaker (Infrastructure)	Crystal Ballroom Foyer
10:00 am - 10:10 am	Break	
10:10 am - 11:10 am	<b>Session 6: 1.21 Gigawatts!</b> Energy and Fuel for Tomorrow	Crystal Ballroom
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11:20 am - 11:50 am	<b>Session 7: Roads? Where We're Going, We Don't Need Roads:</b> The Future of Urban Transit	Crystal Ballroom
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12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	<b>Session 8: Lunch Session:</b> Reshaping and Rethinking Fire Services	Crystal Ballroom
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm	<b>Session 9: Lunch Session:</b> Reshaping and Rethinking Public Safety	Crystal Ballroom
2:15 pm - 4:15 pm	AB 1661 Sexual Harassment Training	Valencia I&II
6:00 pm - 6:30 pm	Installation Dinner Reception	Crystal Foyer
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	Installation Dinner	Crystal Ballroom
8:45 pm - 9:30 pm	Fireworks Reception	Rose Lawn
9:30 pm - 12:00 am	Special Entertainment - Live DJ	Stir Lounge

## SUNDAY, MAY 21

8:00 am - 10:30 am	Going for the Gold - A Getaway Brunch	Mountain View Room
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## PLATINUM

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**L.A. County P.P.O.A.**

## SILVER

**CLIMATEC** **CROWN CASTLE** **CD**

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**WSPA** **WILLDAN**

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**4Leaf, Inc** | **Athens Services**

**Guardian Health**

**Nationwide Environmental Services**

**Owens Corning** | **Republic Services**

**Securitas Security Services**

**Waste Resources**

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**Burrtec Waste Industries** | **California Municipal Finance Authority**

**Calsense** | **Central Basin Municipal Water District** | **Citrus Pest and Disease Prevention**

**CR&R Inc.** | **Dapeer Rosenblit & Litvak LLP** | **ECAMSECURE**

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Beverly Hills



**Immediate Past President**  
**Mark Waronek**  
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## MAYOR DR. JULIAN GOLD

Beverly Hills

Mayor Julian A. Gold, M.D., was elected to the Beverly Hills City Council in 2011 and previously served as mayor in 2015 and 2018.

Mayor Gold graduated from Team Beverly Hills, class of 2002. He served six years on the BH Traffic and Parking Commission and served one year as its chair. Subsequently, he served on the Recreation and Parks Commission until his election to Council in March 2011.

Mayor Gold grew up in New York and graduated from NYU School of Medicine. A board-certified anesthesiologist for 40 years, he was Co-Chairman of the Department of Anesthesiology at Cedars-Sinai and Co-Managing Partner of General Anesthesia Specialists Partnership Medical Group from January 1991 until April 2019. He is a former member of the Board of Directors of Cedars-Sinai Medical Center and has served on many hospital committees. An active supporter of local youth sports, Mayor Gold, was a board member of Beverly Hills Little League and coached both Little League Baseball and AYSO Soccer. Since April 2019, Mayor Gold has been involved with the Cedars-Sinai Accelerator in support of medically-related startup companies. He serves as an expert consultant to the medical, legal, and business communities on a broad range of subjects.



## DOMINIC PAPA

U.S. Leader for the Cloud Innovation Centers, Amazon Web Services

Dominic Papa has over 10 years of experience leading programs and initiatives in the public, private, and not-for-profit sectors. In his current role, Dominic is the US Leader for the Cloud Innovation Centers team at Amazon Web Services (AWS). His work centers on providing government and education leaders an opportunity to access AWS technology experts, uncover new ways to solve complex problems and test ideas with Amazon's innovation process. Prior to joining AWS, Dominic served as the Vice President for Smart State Initiatives at the Arizona Commerce Authority, where he leveraged his expertise in emerging governance models and strategic partnerships to drive a broad portfolio of Smart State projects rooted in equity and inclusion. Dominic is a board member of the Phoenix Community Alliance and holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Italian, a Master in Public Administration, and a Juris Doctor of Law degree from Arizona State University.





**RYDER TODD SMITH**

**President, Tripepi Smith**

Ryder Smith is co-founder and president of Tripepi Smith and has over 20 years of experience in the information technology, marketing, and public affairs fields. He has helped build Tripepi Smith into a statewide public affairs firm with over 200 clients, including cities, counties, private companies, and non-profits. Ryder leads his team of 40 professionals to deliver on the communication and outreach needs across a broad array of issues through all mediums of communication.



**PATTI GARIBAY**

**Energy Manager, Lancaster**

Patti Garibay is a seasoned local government professional with management experience. With a dedicated career in the City of Lancaster, Patti's experience spans Parks and Recreation, Public Works, Energy, Administration, and Economic Development. She currently serves as the City's Assistant Director of Community Development and oversees the Planning and Permitting teams.



**GENE ABRAMOV**

**Vice President, IBE Digital**

In today's digital age, securing and maintaining IT infrastructure is crucial to protecting against cyber threats. At IBE Digital, we understand the importance of providing top-tier technology-driven solutions to help fortify our clients' systems. As hackers continue to advance, we strive to stay ahead of the curve by leveraging key partnerships and innovative solutions.

Through our collaboration with Konica Minolta, IBE Digital is able to provide our clients with access to qualified industry leaders like Gene Abramov, Vice President of Security Services for Konica Minolta/ All Covered/ Depth Security.

Gene is a highly respected cybersecurity professional with over 25 years of experience in network and application security. As the former CEO and co-founder of Depth Security, which was acquired by Konica Business Solutions U.S.A., Inc. in 2020, Gene has a deep understanding of the security landscape. He brings extensive knowledge in areas such as penetration testing, engineering, and strategy and has a proven track record of bridging the gap between offensive and defensive security.





**PATTI ZULLO**

Senior Director, Smart Solutions, Spectrum

Patti Zullo is Senior Director, Smart City Solutions for Spectrum, a part of Charter Communications Inc. Ms. Zullo is responsible for defining and executing the Spectrum Smart City go-to-market strategy and representing the company with industry groups and events to raise awareness of the Spectrum Smart City solutions.

Ms. Zullo has over 20 years of enterprise leadership experience in the areas of IoT/analytics, cloud, Internet security, and mobile communications. Most recently, she was the Sales Leader for Smart Cities at AT&T and came to AT&T through the General Electric - AT&T partnership for Smart Cities. Before AT&T, Ms. Zullo was Sales Director for Smart Cities at General Electric and launched the GE Smart Cities initiatives. She was responsible for GE's largest Smart City implementation in the city of San Diego.

Ms. Zullo has also held leadership positions at IBM, McAfee, and Nokia. Her extensive leadership experience focuses on launching new technologies into new markets and driving adoption with Public Sector and Enterprise clients. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Connecticut.



**MAYOR PRO-TEM JOHN ERICKSON**

West Hollywood

Mayor Pro Tempore John M. Erickson was elected to the West Hollywood City Council on November 3, 2020, with the commitment to uphold the city's founding vision for a forward-thinking, diverse, and tolerant community.

Mayor Pro Tempore Erickson first planted roots in West Hollywood in 2010 when he was selected to intern for the West Hollywood City Council. The internship set him on a path that connected his work for social and economic justice with his passion for public service. He went on to become Council Deputy to former Mayor Abbe Land and then served as a staff member at West Hollywood City Hall, working to advance policies, initiate programs, and increase awareness around LGBTQ+ rights, women's rights, the environment, and civic engagement.





**ANDY COHEN**

Co-CEO, Gensler

Andy is one of two co-CEOs of Gensler, the world's top architecture and design firm. He just celebrated his 40th anniversary with Gensler. Since 2005, Andy and Co-CEO Diane Hoskins have exemplified collaborative leadership, overseeing both the long-term strategy and day-to-day operations of the global practice known for its award-winning design innovation and research. Under their guidance, Gensler has organically grown to become the largest in the field, with over 7,000 people networked across 53 offices, serving more than 4,000 clients in 140 countries. With expertise in four sectors — community, lifestyle, work, and health — and 29 practice areas, the firm's diverse work ranges from aviation, urban design, and sports stadiums to office, hospitality, life sciences, entertainment, and more. Award-winning projects such as the Shanghai Tower, BMO Stadium, and airports in major cities across the globe showcase the breadth and scale of Gensler's industry-leading practice.

A registered architect in 41 states and 3 Canadian provinces, Andy is a champion of the power of design to enhance and enrich the human experience. In 2021, he was named to Business Insider's list of "100 People Transforming Business," which honors 100 business leaders across 10 distinct sectors who are innovating, sparking trends, and tackling global challenges. Business Insider also included Andy and Diane on its inaugural "Creators" list — a who's who of the world's 100 top creative visionaries.



**LARRY KOSMONT**

Chairman and CEO, Kosmont Companies

Mr. Larry J. Kosmont, CRE®, is Chairman and CEO of Kosmont Companies, which he founded in 1986. Kosmont Companies is an industry leader in public/private real estate transactions and economic development. In 1990, he founded Kosmont Realty, a real estate brokerage firm. In 2015, he launched Kosmont Transactions Services, Inc., which sources financing for public/private projects, P3 initiatives, and infrastructure funding. He is a co-principal of California Golden Fund, a USCIS-approved EB-5 Regional Center.

Mr. Kosmont's distinguished 40-year career encompasses public/private financial structuring, negotiation, development, and management of real estate and public finance transactions exceeding \$10B. He has assisted hundreds of local government agencies in public finance and real estate matters ranging from large-scale economic development programs to site-specific real estate strategies and projects. He has guided over 1,000 private sector projects in obtaining public approvals, structuring deal terms, and securing public/private financing.





**JENNIFER PEREZ**

**Councilmember, Norwalk**

Councilmember Perez has spent her entire life in Norwalk, serving the community that has helped to shape her values and ideals. She attended St. John of God Elementary and St. Paul High Schools and graduated from Cerritos College with her AA degree in Business Management and Administration.

Shortly after graduation, Jennifer married Michael Perez at St. Linus Catholic Church. Together, they made the decision to purchase their first home and start their family in the city where they were both raised. Jennifer and Michael are proud parents of sons Andrew and Gabriel, who keep them busy with numerous activities, notably their favorite sport, baseball. In fact, since the boys were first signed up at Holifield Park for Norwalk Pony Baseball, Jennifer and Mike have been such enthusiastic supporters of the league. Mike formerly served as Norwalk Pony Board President. The entire Perez family attends St. Linus Catholic Church and are actively involved with their parish community.

Councilmember Perez was elected in March 2017. She served as Mayor from March 2018 to March 2019 and again from March 2020 to December 2021.



**SUPERVISOR LINDSEY P. HORVATH**

**Los Angeles County, 3rd District**

Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath represents the 3rd supervisorial district of Los Angeles County, which is home to more than two million people. The district covers 446.08 square miles and stretches from the Ventura County line to West Hollywood and the city of San Fernando, including portions of 10 cities, 26 unincorporated communities, and 49 neighborhoods in the city of Los Angeles.



**SUPERVISOR KATHRYN BARGER**

**Los Angeles County, 5th District**

Supervisor Kathryn Barger proudly serves the residents of Los Angeles County's 5th Supervisorial District -- the county's largest -- spanning 2800 square miles, which includes 22 cities and 70 unincorporated communities in the San Gabriel, San Fernando, Cresenta, Santa Clarita, and Antelope Valleys. Dedicated to providing effective, responsive representation to the residents of Los Angeles County, Kathryn began her career in public service as a college student intern in the office of Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich and rose to become his Chief Deputy Supervisor in 2001, where she served until her election to the Board in November 2016.





## **SUPERVISOR KAREN SPIEGEL**

**Riverside County, 2nd District**

Karen Spiegel was elected to represent the Second Supervisorial District on November 6, 2018, and was sworn into office on January 8, 2019. The Second District includes the unincorporated communities of Coronita, El Cerrito, Home Gardens, and Highgrove, and the cities of Corona, Eastvale, Jurupa Valley, Norco, and the western half of the City of Riverside. Karen Spiegel began her political career as the elected City Treasurer for the City of Corona in 1996. After six years as Treasurer, she embraced the City Council elections in 2002 and served the City of Corona as Council Member for 16 years, serving as Mayor four terms. Her actions speak volumes, and her unique passion for service truly sets her apart. She encourages community participation with City and County government and has introduced many new programs. Karen has been credited for her leadership in regional transportation issues, collaboration, and regional partnerships.



## **FORMER MAYOR ANTONIO VILLARAIGOSA**

**Los Angeles**

Antonio Villaraigosa is a respected voice in American politics and a prominent policymaker with a keen understanding of America's mainstream and emerging communities.

In 2013, Antonio finished his two terms as the 41st Mayor of the City of Los Angeles after eight years of major strides in transportation, crime reduction, infrastructure, energy and resource sustainability, right-sizing government, business development, and education reform.

Prior to his election as Mayor, Antonio served as a member of the Los Angeles City Council from 2003 to 2005. From 1994 through 2000, he served in the California State Assembly as Democratic Whip, Majority Leader, and Speaker of the Assembly. He was a member of President Obama's Transition Economic Advisory Board and was the 2012 Chairman of the Democratic National Convention.

Antonio has also served in academia as a fellow at Harvard University and a professor of public policy at the University of Southern California. He is also a senior fellow at the Bipartisan Policy Institute in Washington, D.C. Additionally, Antonio works in the private sector as a senior advisor with Banc of California, amongst others, and serves on the McGraw Hill Global Education Board of Directors.





## MAYOR RAY JACKSON

Hermosa Beach

Mayor Ray served in the U.S. Army for almost thirty years, first enlisting as a private and retiring as a colonel, with deployments to combat zones plus service at the Pentagon. Ray, his two young boys, and his wife, Rachel, herself a retired lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Air Force, settled into Hermosa as their hometown in 2014.

Ray was elected to City Council in May 2021 to fill a vacant council seat and was reelected last November.



## BRENT BUFFINGTON

Principal Manager for Integrated Resource Planning, SCE

Brent is the Principal Manager of Integrated Resource Planning at Southern California Edison (SCE). In this role, he is responsible for the development of SCE's plan to reliability supply customers with clean and affordable energy. Brent was previously a manager in SCE's Generation Asset Management organization, responsible for the optimization and commercial operation of SCE's diverse generation fleet. Brent has also held several analytical, operational, and leadership positions within the areas of energy procurement and energy market operations at SCE. He holds both a Bachelor's degree in Mathematical Economics and a Master's Degree in Economics from California State University, Long Beach.



## BRIANNA EXUME

Strategic Decarb Analytics Manager, SoCalGas

Brianna Exume is the Strategic Decarbonization Analytics Manager at Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas), a Sempra-regulated California utility. As a member of the Strategic Planning department, Brianna helps identify and advance initiatives that offer opportunities to better understand the energy transition in California. Brianna joined the Sempra family of companies in 2013 and has held various roles of increasing responsibility at San Diego Gas & Electric and SoCalGas.





**TED BARDACKE**

**CEO, Clean Power Alliance**

Ted Bardacke is Executive Director of Clean Power Alliance, the locally operated electricity provider for 32 communities and approximately one million customers across Los Angeles and Ventura Counties. Ted works with the Board of Directors and CPA's experienced staff to develop and implement CPA's strategy to rapidly decarbonize Southern California's electricity system, provide customer choice and competitive rates, and deliver customer programs that benefit the CPA community. Prior to CPA, Ted worked for Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti, where he was Director of Infrastructure for the City of Los Angeles and Deputy Director of the Mayor's Sustainability Office. Prior to that, Ted worked in the Green Urbanism Program at Global Green USA and, in the 1990s, served as a foreign correspondent for the Financial Times of London, based in Mexico City and Bangkok. Ted holds degrees from Wesleyan University and the Graduate School of Architecture at Columbia University and taught at UCLA's Luskin School of Public Affairs for 10 years. He currently serves on the Executive Committee of the California Community Choice Association (CalCCA), where he actively works on CCA and energy market issues across California.



**THADDEUS MCCORMACK**

**City Manager, Lakewood**

Thaddeus McCormack began his service as Lakewood's city manager on September 5, 2017.

McCormack is a veteran of city government, having risen through the ranks over 19 years at the City of Santa Fe Springs, from an intern to a management analyst, assistant city manager, and, from 2011 to 2017, as city manager.

He has played a leadership role in the Gateway region, serving as the chair of the City Managers Committee of the California Joint Powers Insurance Authority and as the treasurer of the Gateway Cities Council of Governments and the chair of its City Managers Steering Committee. He is also a member of the Leagues of California Cities City Manager Executive Committee and has served on various issue-related committees for the League and the California Contract Cities Association.





## STEPHANIE WIGGINS

**Chief Executive Officer**  
Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority

The Board of Directors of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) unanimously voted to hire Stephanie Wiggins as Metro's CEO on April 8, 2021. A lifelong trailblazer and champion of equity and inclusion, Wiggins is the first woman and African American woman to lead the agency. As CEO of Metro, she oversees an agency that runs the second-busiest transit system in the United States, with an annual budget of \$8.7 Billion and 11,000 employees, and serves as the lead transportation planning, programming, financing, and construction agency for the 10.1 million residents of LA County. Before rejoining Metro as CEO in June 2021, Wiggins served as the CEO of Metrolink, the nation's third-largest passenger rail system covering 538 route-miles throughout Southern California.

Prior to serving as CEO of Metrolink, Wiggins was the Deputy CEO of Metro, where she assisted the CEO in providing leadership and achieving strategic public transportation objectives, including the passage in 2016 of Measure M, a half-cent sales tax approved by 71 percent of LA County voters. She also established the Women and Girls Governing Council. During her tenure at Metro, Wiggins also served as the Executive Director of Vendor/Contract Management, where she implemented procurement streamlining initiatives and greatly expanded Metro's contracting of small and historically underutilized businesses. Prior to that role, Wiggins was the Executive Officer and Project Director of the Congestion Reduction/ExpressLanes Program where she launched the first high occupancy toll lanes in LA County on the I-10 and I-110 which improved travel times, reduced pollutants and greenhouse gas emissions, on two of the County's most congested freeway corridors.

With a deep and genuine commitment to equity, diversity and inclusion, Wiggins strives to provide all people living in Southern California equal access to mobility to get to work, school, healthcare and leisure activities. Achieving that goal depends on leading an organization that is as diverse and inclusive as the region it serves.



## MARK WARONEK

**Councilmember, Lomita**

Mark Waronek was elected to serve on the Lomita City Council in 2003, 2013, and 2018. Councilmember Waronek has previously served as the City's Mayor on 3 separate occasions (2006-07, 2016-17, and 2020-21). Councilmember Waronek currently serves on the City's Economic Development Ad Hoc Committee, Legislative Ad Hoc Committee, and the Founder's Day Ad Hoc Committee. He also serves as city liaison to the Lomita Sister City Association. He also serves as President of the California Contract Cities Association (2021-2022) and continues to serve as a board member of the Joint Powers Insurance Authority. Councilmember Waronek has 25+ years of experience in government and community relations, and public affairs. He also previously worked for Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn as her South Bay Senior Deputy.





**CHIEF GREG BARTON**

**Beverly Hills Fire Department**

Greg Barton was appointed as Fire Chief for the City of Beverly Hills Fire Department on June 23, 2017. Chief Barton is a 25-year veteran of the Beverly Hills Fire Department. He has served in all capacities leading up to Fire Chief, including Deputy Fire Chief, Shift Battalion Chief, Fire Marshal, Deputy Fire Marshal, Fire Captain, Fire Inspector, and Firefighter.

Chief Barton has earned a Bachelor of Arts degree and a Master's degree in Public Administration and is a 2012 graduate from the United States Fire Administration's National Fire Academy Executive Fire Officer program. He has completed many prestigious education programs, such as the Naval Post Graduate School Center for Homeland Defense and Security-Executive Leaders Program, the Los Angeles Fire Department Leadership Academy, and the International Association of Fire Chiefs – Fire Service Executive Development Institute.



**SEAN STOKES**

**EMS Coordinator, Beverly Hills**

Sean Stokes joined the City of Beverly Hills Fire Department in 2006 and currently serves as the Fire Department's EMS Administrator. Prior to this position, Mr. Stokes held the position of Manager for the Emergency Department at Western Medical Center in Santa Ana, CA, from 2004 - 2006, Financial Analyst for Tenet Healthcare System from 2002 - 2003, and staff Registered Nurse in Emergency / Trauma Services and Intensive Care Unit from 1998- 2002. Mr. Stokes continues to work in Emergency & Trauma Services at said hospital. Mr. Stokes' education includes a Bachelor of Science Degree from CSU Long Beach in Nursing (1997), a Masters of Business Administration from UC Irvine (2002), a Fire Technology core curriculum from Santa Ana College (2006), as well as a multitude of job-related certifications. Additionally, Mr. Stokes graduated from LA City Fire Department's Leadership Academy in 2015. Mr. Stokes has been the recipient of various City & Community recognitions, including the City of Beverly Hills' Employee Excellence Award (2014), the Outstanding Achievement Award (Rotary of Club of Beverly Hills: 2016), and the Fred Tarquinio Award (Beverly Hills FD: 2021).





## **ACTING CHIEF DEPUTY CHIEF JON O'BRIEN**

**Emergency Operations Los Angeles County Fire Department**

Acting Chief Deputy Jon O'Brien has worked as a fire service professional for over 34 years. He started his career as a volunteer firefighter with the City of Sierra Madre, completed paramedic training at the Los Angeles County Paramedic Training Institute, and was hired by the City of Monrovia as a full-time firefighter/paramedic until he joined the County of Los Angeles in 1999.

Throughout his career with the County of Los Angeles Fire Department, Chief O'Brien has served as a flight medic in the Department's Air Operations Section, a fire crew supervisor in the Camps Section, a recruit training captain, a field battalion chief, assistant fire chief, and deputy fire chief. In October 2022, Chief O'Brien assumed the role of Acting Chief Deputy of Emergency Operations. Chief O'Brien received his Associate of Arts degree in fire science at Mount San Antonio Community College and his Bachelor of Science degree in public policy and management at the University of Southern California.



## **BRENDA OLMOS**

**Councilmember, Paramount**

Brenda Olmos has been a member of the Paramount City Council since July 2019 and has served one term as Mayor. She sat on the City's Public Safety Commission for 14 years and has been involved in a wide variety of community groups, clubs, and committees. She was given the Paramount Elks Club's Distinguished Citizen Award in 2018. Olmos serves as the City's representative to the League of California Cities and the California Contract Cities Association and is Chair of the CCCA's Public Safety Committee. She is a member of the City's Homelessness Ad Hoc Committee, a Commissioner for the Los Angeles County Commission on Local Government Services, a voting delegate for the California Democratic Party, and a member of the Governing Board for Coast Hospital. Professionally, she is the Senior Director of Network and Business Development at Optum Healthcare and has a master's degree in Public Policy from USC.





**SHERIFF ROBERT LUNA**

Los Angeles County

Robert G. Luna was elected as the 34th Los Angeles County Sheriff on November 8, 2022. Sheriff Luna commands the largest Sheriff's Department in the United States, with nearly 18,000 budgeted sworn and professional staff. In 2021, Sheriff Luna completed his service as Long Beach Chief of Police, capping a 36-year career at the Long Beach Police Department, the county's second-largest police department.

Growing up in unincorporated East Los Angeles, Sheriff Luna's neighborhood was patrolled by the Sheriff's Department. He saw examples of both good and bad policing, which inspired him to become a peace officer and shaped his philosophy on relationship-based policing, specifically in communities of color. Sheriff Luna started as a Long Beach Police Department reserve officer in 1985 and was promoted within every rank of the Police Department. He was appointed Chief of Police in 2014. During his time as Chief of Police, he served on the Major Cities Chiefs Association (MCCA) executive board and Homeland Security Committee and on the Police Executive Leadership Institute (PELI) mentorship program. He also received various awards from organizations in Long Beach for his civic leadership and community engagement.

Sheriff Luna is a graduate of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) National Executive Institute and National Academy, Harvard University's program for senior executives in state and local government, and the University of Southern California's (USC) Delinquency Control Institute. In addition, Sheriff Luna holds a Master's in Public Administration from California State University Long Beach.



**CHIEF MARK STAINBROOK**

Beverly Hills Police Department

Chief Mark Stainbrook joined the Beverly Hills Police Department in the Fall of 2021.

Chief Stainbrook began his career as a Police Officer with the Los Angeles Police Department in 1995, eventually promoted to the position of Lieutenant before joining the Port of San Diego as Assistant Chief in 2011. He was elevated to the role of Chief in 2018. In 2019, the San Diego Crime Commission selected Chief Stainbrook as the County Law Enforcement Official of the Year.

Chief Stainbrook recently retired as a Lieutenant Colonel in the United States Marine Corps Reserve with 32 years of military service. He held a variety of assignments, including military police, civil affairs, and information operations. His awards include the Navy-Marine Corps Medal for heroism, as well as the Army Commendation Medal and the Navy Achievement Medal. While serving in Iraq in 2003, Chief Stainbrook was tasked to reconstitute Iraqi police units in Baghdad. His experiences were chronicled in the article "Seven Days in Baghdad" (Police Magazine, December 2003).





## **CHIEF DARREN ARAKAWA**

**South Gate Police Department**

Chief Darren Arakawa has been a sworn member of the South Gate Police Department for over 31 years and was appointed as the 16th Police Chief in 2021. Chief Arakawa is a graduate of Cal State Long Beach and earned Bachelor's and Master's degrees. He is a graduate of the Police Executive Research Forum-Senior Management Institute for Police at Boston University, the California Peace Officer Standards and Training Command College, the Sherman Block Supervisory Leadership Institute, and the Delinquency Control Institute at the University of Southern California. Chief Arakawa is currently the Vice President of the Los Angeles County Police Chiefs' Association.



## **CHIEF SCOTT FAIRFIELD**

**Bell Gardens Police Department**

Chief Scott Fairfield began his law enforcement career with the Bell Gardens Police Department in March 1992. As a 31-plus year veteran with the department, he has progressed through many assignments and ranks, including patrol, gang and narcotics detective, field training officer, range master, Special Operations Team commander, Watch Commander, Deputy Director LA Impact, Sergeant, Lieutenant, Captain and in July of 2018 he was named Chief of Police.

He has been active in youth mentoring programs, such as the Explorers and youth boxing. In addition, he started the Police Activities League at the Bell Gardens Police Department, the BGPD social media program, Honor Guard, and the BGPD Peer Support Group. He created the holiday Adopt-A-Family program 30 years ago, which brings holiday joy to Bell Gardens families in need.

He has a Bachelor's Degree from Cal State University Chico and a Master's in Emergency Management from California State University Long Beach. In addition, he is a graduate of the FBI National Academy and the Senior Management Institute of Policing.

Chief Fairfield is the President of the Los Angeles County Police Chiefs Association, The Chair of the Los Angeles Interagency Metropolitan Police Apprehension Crime Task Force (LA Impact), and The Vice Chair for the Los Angeles Regional Criminal Information Clearinghouse (LA Clear) Executive Board.





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