



Robert Moran

Rob Moran is the Deputy Director for the Riverside County Office of Economic Development. He is responsible for implementing business attraction, retention, and various entrepreneurship programs throughout Riverside County. He also coordinates efforts with several of the county's economic development corporations, cities, chambers of commerce, and Small Business Development Centers. He is a graduate of California Baptist University with a Master of Public Administration and Cal Poly Pomona University with a degree in Business Administration.

Affiliations:

- Regent, California Academy for Economic Development
 - Board of Directors, ExCITE Incubator
 - Board of Directors, Economic Development Coalition of Southwest California
 - Completed the 2016-17 Inland Empire Economic Partnership Regional Leadership Academy
 - Appointed to the City of Beaumont Economic Development Committee by the City Council
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Aaron Thomas

Aaron Thomas is a Senior Managing Director at Standard Communities, a national affordable housing developer, while serving as a Senior Advisor at Accelerator for America. At Standard, he assists the founders in leading the firm while building out a platform focused on impactful housing development in cities. He previously served as President and Chief Executive Officer of Accelerator; guided by a network of mayors, labor leaders, corporate CEOs, and non-profit executives from across the country, the organization develops solutions to economic insecurity for more than 70 cities nationwide. Previously, Mr. Thomas worked in investment banking, trading equity derivatives and facilitating middle-market equity transactions. He is a graduate of Harvard University and received an MBA from Stanford's Graduate School of Business.



Arnab Pal

Arnab Pal currently serves as the principal advisor & consultant to Director Shah and the Loan Program Office at the US Department of Energy. He was previously a senior staffer in the United States Senate where he helped negotiate key energy and climate provisions that led to the passage of the Inflation Reduction Act. In addition to his federal work, Arnab has developed and executed over \$1B + decarbonization programs for the State of California with the Center for Sustainable Energy and has also served as a principal resource planner for San Diego Gas and Electric.



Bruce Katz

Bruce Katz is the Co-Founder (with Jeremy Nowak) of New Localism Advisors. The mission of the firm is to help cities design, finance and deliver transformative initiatives that promote inclusive and sustainable growth.

Katz regularly advises global, national, state, regional and municipal leaders on public reforms and private innovations that advance the well-being of metropolitan areas and their countries.

Katz is the co-author of *The New Localism: How Cities Can Thrive in the Age of Populism* (Brookings Institution Press, 2018) and *The Metropolitan Revolution: How Cities and Metros are Fixing Our Broken Politics and Fragile Economy* (Brookings Institution Press, 2013). Both books focus on the rise of cities and city networks as the world's leading problem solvers.

Katz was the inaugural Centennial Scholar at the Brookings Institution from January 2016 to March 2018, where he focused on the challenges and opportunities of global urbanization. Prior to assuming this role, Bruce J. Katz was a vice president at the Brookings Institution and founding Director of the Brookings Metropolitan Policy Program. Before joining Brookings, Katz served as chief of staff to U.S. Housing and Urban Development Secretary Henry Cisneros and was the senior counsel and then staff director for the U.S. Senate Subcommittee on Housing and Urban Affairs. After the 2008 presidential election, Bruce co-led the housing and urban transition team for the Obama administration and served as a senior advisor to new Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, Secretary Shaun Donovan, for the first 100 days of the Administration.

Katz is a visiting Professor at the London School of Economics. He gives dozens of lectures and presentations annually before public, corporate, civic and university audiences across the world. In 2006, he received the prestigious Heinz Award in Public Policy for his contributions to understanding the “function and values of cities and metropolitan areas and profoundly influencing their economic vitality, livability and sustainability.” Katz is a graduate of Brown University and Yale Law School.



Dr. Gil Keinan

Dr. Gil Keinan is a real estate finance and development professional. Dr. Keinan founded HObsequio, a hotel asset management and advisory firm based in Beverly Hills. He is also the Managing Director of Local Equity, an economic development organization and finance lender that provides financial solutions to Public-Private Partnerships (P3) in the Inland Empire and the Central Coast. Dr. Keinan's background includes expertise in real estate with known management and investment firms. His hands-on operational insights from Four Seasons Hotels, coupled with strong comfort in marketing, management, development and value creation in private equity, enabled him to lead complicated deals to successful exits. Overall, Dr. Keinan provided leadership to over \$2 billion in asset management, and supported over \$1 billion in transaction volume.

Dr. Keinan studied the impact of management groups on hotel sales value as part of his doctoral dissertation research at Pepperdine University. He received his M.B.A. from the University of San Francisco and is a graduate of the University of Surrey (United Kingdom) School of Hospitality Management.

Dr. Keinan is frequently contacted as a resourceful leader for input on multiple non-profits, industry groups, and academia. He serves as Adjunct Professor at Pepperdine University and California Lutheran University. He also serves on the board of the Small Business Financial Development Corporation of Orange County, is Board Chair of Discover Inland Empire Tourism Association, is a member of the National Real Estate Investor Association, California Association of Local Economic Development, the American Real Estate Society, Urban Land Institute, and the Hospitality Asset Managers Association. His greatest strength is his ability to creatively untangle 'hairy' situations, while building long lasting relationships that provide value to his employees, clients, and partners. He has lived in seven countries and speaks multiple languages and enjoys discussing the intersection of macro- and micro-economic trends. He currently resides in sunny Southern California with his wife and three boys.



Drew Oberjuerge, MPA, CFRE

Born and raised in the Inland Empire, Drew Oberjuerge has served as the Executive Director of the Riverside Art Museum (RAM) since 2012. Prior to that she served as the Founding Director of the Art Works Gallery in downtown Riverside, a center dedicated to wellness and recovery through the arts. A strong proponent of collaboration and community partnerships, Drew together with the RAM board and staff has led the implementation of innovative arts programs such as the Branch Artist-in-Residency and the Cheech Marin Center for Chicano Art and Culture of the Riverside Art Museum. Drew received her MPA from USC and doubled majored in Italian Literature and Political Science from UCSD.

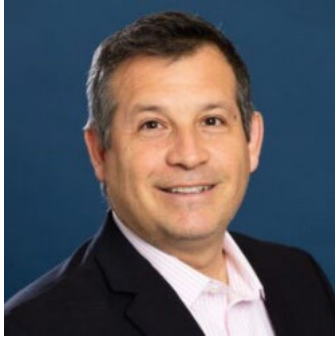


Gabriel Maldonado

As the Founder and CEO of TruEvolution, Gabriel Maldonado has led the organization's efforts for the last eleven years to now include comprehensive HIV prevention and care services, a mental health clinic, and an emergency supportive housing program.

As a former member of the Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS under President Obama, Gabriel works to elevate the representation of minority community-based organizations in state and federal policy priorities. In addition to his work at TruEvolution, Gabriel continues his advocacy serving on regional boards, such as Borrego Community Health Foundation -- the 5th largest federally qualified health center in the U.S.-- and global organizations such as the AIDS Healthcare Foundation. Bringing a passion for business and consultancy, Gabriel works to advise industry leaders as an advisory board member for ViiV Healthcare, Janssen Therapeutics and Merck & Co.

Gabriel believes that the needs and priorities of marginalized populations should be heard in every room and at every table impacting those communities. What drives Gabriel's passion is his experiences in witnessing the devastating impacts of the industrialization of poor urban communities. Raised in the City of Compton, Gabriel watched not only his health but the health of his family and neighborhood be affected by the corrosive effects of refineries, smog, logistics and chemical facilities. Gabriel is firmly rooted in advancing the quality of life and human dignity of people of color in the LGBTQ+ experience.



Julio F. Morales

Mr. Morales is currently a Senior Vice President with Kosmont Companies. With nearly 30 years of broad-based corporate and public finance experience, Mr. Morales provided pension/OPEB advisory services for over 45 clients, including 25 POBs totaling over \$2.5 billion. He has also served as a registered financial advisor with over 15 years of experience, and as an investment banker and derivative/investment provider. His public sector experience includes serving as an Economic Development Director, CFO, and City Manager, as well as working worked abroad for Treasury Department in Paraguay, issuing nearly \$10 billion in municipal securities. He specializes in the evaluation of complex financial transactions: real estate-based financings (CFDs and ADs), public-private partnerships (P3s), structured financings, and municipal contract negotiations, as well as providing investment advice.

Mr. Morales earned a degree from the University of Michigan, an MPP from the Harvard Kennedy School, and an MBA in Real Estate and Finance from UCLA.



Maricela Argueta

As the MRB Incubator Lab Manager at UCR, Maricela assists with the day-to-day operations and supports startup companies within ExCITE and the Life Sciences Incubator lab. Maricela received her Bachelor of Science from UC Riverside. She joined the UCR OTP team with 19+ years of experience in both academia and industry. Maricela has worked with a wide range of life science technologies, helped manage projects with core research facilities and provided technical support and training.

Maricela engages with founders to understand company needs and develop relationships that drive company growth and success.



Dr. Kim A. Wilcox

Dr. Kim A. Wilcox serves as the ninth chancellor of UC Riverside where he has overseen transformational change since assuming his role in 2013. During Chancellor Wilcox's tenure, UCR has become a national model for achieving student success, particularly across socio-economic and ethnic categories, receiving the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities (APLU) "Project Degree Completion Award." Named the No. 1 public university in the country for social mobility by U.S. News for four years running, UCR has also been described as "fastest rising" for its rapid ascendancy through rankings and "most transformative" for its impact on students.

As the university's chief executive, Chancellor Wilcox has led expansive growth in research, enrollment, graduation rates, and physical development. The campus has added schools of medicine and public policy. Enrollment has grown more than 25%. UCR has also grown its faculty, adding two Nobel Prize winners while increasing the racial, ethnic, and gender diversity among incoming faculty members. To support these increases, the campus has added more than 2 million square feet in leading-edge laboratory facilities, state-of-the-art classrooms, and residential and dining facilities.

Chancellor Wilcox has been a leading and influential national voice in the reassessment of higher education rankings systems to value metrics such as social mobility and student outcomes over wealth and exclusivity. His commentary has appeared in the New York Times, Washington Post, Los Angeles Times, Politico, the Chronicle of Higher Education, and other news organizations.

Wilcox was one of the founding leaders of the University Innovation Alliance (UIA) and the alliance of Hispanic Serving Research Universities (HSRU). He serves on the Council of Competitiveness and on boards for numerous organizations including the Coalition of Urban Serving Universities and Climate Leadership Network. Chancellor Wilcox has been a featured speaker and panelist at national conferences for the American Council on Education, Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities, and the Council for Advancement and Support of Education.

A first-generation college graduate, Wilcox attended Michigan State University, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts in audiology and speech sciences. He also holds master's and doctoral degrees in speech and hearing science from Purdue University. His research focuses on speech acoustics, and he has directed teaching, research, and service projects funded by the National Science Foundation and the U.S. Department of Education. Prior to UCR, he served as provost at Michigan State, dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at the University of Kansas, and president and chief executive officer of the Kansas Board of Regents.



Matt Horton

Matt Horton is the director of state policy and initiatives for Accelerator for America. In this role, he interacts with government officials, investment, and other community leaders in building capacity toward shaping infrastructure, job creation, and equitable community development efforts. Over the past fifteen years, Matt has worked to direct research-driven programs and initiatives to develop public policy that impacts housing production, infrastructure finance, access to capital, job creation, and other economic development strategies. Previously, Matt was the director of the California Center at the Milken Institute. There, he produced research, programs, and events designed to inform and activate innovative economic policy solutions to support job creation and infrastructure development as a catalyst for supporting resilient growth. Before, Matt worked for the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), the nation's largest metropolitan planning organization.

Matt is a Senior Advisor for the Milken Institute and a member of the California Economic Mobility and Entrepreneurship task force and participates on several advisory boards including: Lift to Rise, and AltaSea. Matt earned an MA in political science from California State University, Fullerton, and a BA in history from Azusa Pacific University.



Matthew Mena

Matthew Mena is currently the Executive Director of Inland Economic Growth and Opportunity (IEGO), is a seasoned advocate for the Inland Empire. With a distinguished tenure in roles at GO-Biz and the County of San Bernardino Economic Development Department, he showcases an adeptness for creative problem-solving. Time and again, he has skillfully navigated intricate challenges spanning both the public and private sectors, employing innovative solutions. Throughout his illustrious career, Matthew has been pivotal in both creating and retaining over 1000 jobs. Moreover, his commitment to inclusive economic development shines through his collaborative endeavors with a diverse array of stakeholders, encompassing industry leaders, municipalities, and non-profit organizations. These strategic partnerships have been instrumental in reinforcing economic development programs and strategies across the region. As a proud native of the Inland Empire, Matthew's unwavering dedication propels the region's economic advancement through inclusive initiatives.



Nicholas Adcock

Nicholas Adcock serves as the President/CEO of the Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce, where he leads an organization of more than 1,100 member organizations representing over 110,000 jobs across inland Southern California.

Adcock joined the Chamber in 2009 as the Community Development Coordinator and rose through positions of Communications & Marketing Manager and Governmental Affairs Manager before becoming the organization's Vice President in 2013 and ultimately President/CEO in 2022.

During that time, he focused on projects like securing state funding and accreditation for the School of Medicine at the University of California, Riverside, advocating for reform and relief for businesses against predatory litigation, and securing local control of Ontario International Airport.

Adcock led the effort to transition several of the Chamber's value and membership programs to virtual settings and provide the latest news, resources, and information to local businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic. He is also proud to have engaged in the Chamber's partnership with local stakeholders to attract the California Air Resources Board Southern California Headquarters to Riverside.

Adcock is a fourth-generation Riverside resident with a family legacy of small business owners and service to the community. He is a product of the Riverside Unified School District and an alum of the Riverside Community College District and the University of California, Riverside. He graduated from the Chamber's Leadership Riverside program in 2013 and the Western Association of Chamber Executives' Academy Program in 2014.



Stacy Cumberbatch

Stacy Cumberbatch is the Founder and Managing Director of Blended Impact, an innovation lab and Certified B Corporation (the first in the City of Riverside) that works in public-private partnerships to reimagine the future of how we invest, live, and earn. She leads strategy and partnerships with cities, nonprofits, and project sponsors to reduce barriers to economic development in middle and lower-income communities, with a focus on emerging innovation ecosystems.

In 2019-2020 she served as a FUSE Executive Fellow and Executive in Residence, leading the Opportunity Zone strategic plan and ecosystem development for the County of Riverside, California in partnership with the Riverside County Office of Economic Development.

Previously, she served as a Principal at a seed-stage venture capital fund and accelerator program where she joined in the launch of the Los Angeles office. She led its accelerator program while also operating as an integral member of the investment committee for thirty seed-stage companies, deploying \$4.5M in early-stage ventures. Earlier in her career, she has over 12 years of corporate and consumer real estate finance experience. Stacy led teams focused on investor due diligence, loan origination, and underwriting at Fortune 1000 financial institutions including First Republic Bank, Colony Capital, and Bank of America. She has underwritten over \$1.7B in real estate loan transactions during her banking years.

She currently serves on national committees with Nationswell, Republic, Global Women in VC, Bk VC, and the Council of Development Finance Agencies, alongside regional committees with the Alliance for SoCal Innovation, IEGO Coordinating Council, and Thrive Inland SoCal (formerly known as the Inland Empire High Road Transition Collaborative in partnership with CERF).

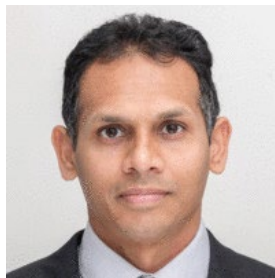


Trelynd Bradley

Trelynd Bradley serves as the Deputy Director for Sustainable Freight and Supply Chain at the California Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz). He oversees GO-Biz's newly established Office of Supply Chain, that seeks to advance and enhance California's climate goals, as well as its broader goods movement and supply chain ecosystem.

In this role, and roles prior with the State, Tre has provided tailored consultation to corporate executives, local agencies, industry associations, and entrepreneurs on planning for infrastructure, navigating incentives, and ensuring business success in California. Over the years Tre has led several initiatives for the states such as critical mineral supply chain, Opportunity Zones, solar and storage permitting, and the California Port Data Partnership. He has an array of experience in business development working across a multitude of sectors, including energy, aerospace and defense, manufacturing, biotech, tourism, technology, transportation, trade, finance, and real estate.

Trelynd holds bachelor's degrees in business economics and political science from the University of California, Riverside and a Graduate Certificate in Applied Policy and Government from California State University, Sacramento.



Vamsi Kumar Kotla

Vamsi Kumar Kotla was born and raised in India to a large construction family. After attending USC's Grad School for Computer Science and receiving his MBA from Loyola Marymount University, he began his serial entrepreneur journey by running various businesses.

He has been in the construction since 2003, and in 2022, Kotla cofounded ReMo Homes, a company rooted in sustainability and affordability, creating "sustainable smart homes on demand.", with the help of veterans from the aerospace and semiconductor manufacturing industries. Since its start, ReMo has gained overwhelming investor, state, and federal government interest in their initiatives. It recently won a \$3M award from the CA Energy Commission and signed an MOU with Panasonic R&D.



Christopher Gray

Christopher Gray is Deputy Executive Director for the Western Riverside Council of Governments (WRCOG), a joint powers authority consisting of 18 cities, the County of Riverside, the Eastern and Western Municipal Water Districts, and the Riverside County Superintendent of Schools. His current responsibilities include oversight of the regional Transportation Uniform Mitigation Fee (TUMF) Program, the Active Transportation Program (ATP), and WRCOG's planning initiatives. The TUMF Program is one of the largest traffic mitigation fee programs in California, which has been responsible for the construction of nearly 90 projects since its inception in 2009. Prior to coming to WRCOG, Chris worked as a private sector transportation consultant for 20 years.



Tara Lynn Gray

As Director of the California Office of the Small Business Advocate, Tara Lynn Gray serves as the voice for California's 4.2 million small businesses in the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development. Under Director Gray's leadership, the California Office of the Small Business Advocate focuses on helping to bring about Governor Newsom's California for All vision through further development of the state's small business ecosystem and by ensuring that questions about equity and inclusion are the starting point for all the state's small business programs. Immediately prior to her appointment by Governor Newsom, Director Gray led the Fresno Metro Black Chamber of Commerce (FMBCC) and Chamber Foundation (FMBCF) as CEO. Closing opportunity gaps, the role of women and BIPOC business leaders, and diversity in procurement opportunities are recurrent themes in her advocacy work. She has also led green economy initiatives, employment & training programs, and working to advance electric vehicle ownership.