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Session 1
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Richard Pan, MD

California State Senator
Chair, California Senate Health Committee

Dr. Richard Pan is a pediatrician, former UC Davis educator, and State Senator proudly representing Sacramento, West Sacramento, Elk Grove and unincorporated areas of Sacramento County.

Dr. Pan chairs the Senate Committee on Health and the Budget and Fiscal Review Subcommittee on Health and Human Services. He also chairs the Senate Select Committee on the 2020 United States Census and serves as Vice Chair of the Senate Select Committee on Asian Pacific Islander Affairs. He serves on the Senate Committees on Budget and Fiscal Review; Education, Business, Professions and Economic Development; Human Services; Labor; Public Employment and Retirement.

First elected to the State Assembly in 2010, Dr. Pan strives to keep our communities safe and healthy. When local governments planned to close fire stations during the recession, Dr. Pan authored legislation to bring over \$100 million in federal funds for fire departments including \$6 million for the Sacramento region. He partnered with law enforcement and local businesses to establish a statewide database to catch thieves attempting to sell stolen property to pawnshops, and he authored legislation to allow campus police to use body cameras.

TIME magazine called Dr. Pan a “hero” when he authored landmark legislation to abolish non-medical exemptions to legally required vaccines for school students, thereby restoring community immunity from preventable contagions. Dr. Pan also authored one of the most expansive state laws regulating health plans eliminating denials for pre-existing conditions and prohibited discrimination by health status and medical history. He demands transparency and accountability in state health programs; holding hearings on reducing fraud, investigating poor access to dental care, and ensuring children with cancer and other serious conditions have access to pediatric specialty care. Dr. Pan provided leadership in enrolling families for health coverage, resulting in halving the number of uninsured in California, and he sponsored numerous health fairs providing resources including free glasses, dental screenings, and vaccines.

Dr. Pan has devoted his career to solving problems and helping everyone in the community. Prior to serving in the legislature, Dr. Pan was a UC Davis faculty member and Director of the Pediatric Residency Program where he created a nationally recognized service learning curriculum, Communities and Health Professionals Together to build partnerships between health professions students and neighborhoods to build healthier communities.



Dr. Pan co-founded and served as chair of Healthy Kids Healthy Future, where he helped secure health, dental and vision coverage for over 65,000 children in the Sacramento area. He helped create the Sacramento Health Improvement Project, bringing together doctors, hospitals, clinics and community leaders to ensure that all Sacramento County residents have access to primary health care. Dr. Pan also serves on the United Way California Capitol Region Board and served on the BloodSource board and the Sacramento First Five Commission. For his leadership in education and community development, Dr. Pan has been recognized with the Campus Compact's Thomas Ehrlich Faculty Award for Service-Learning and the Physician Humanitarian Award from the Medical Board of California.

Dr. Pan and his wife are raising two young sons and run a dental practice where they balance expenses, meet a payroll and understand the challenges of running a small business. The son of immigrants, Dr. Pan attended public schools and earned his Bachelor of Arts in Biophysics from Johns Hopkins University, a Medical Doctorate from the University of Pittsburgh and a Masters of Public Health from Harvard University.

Carolyn McIntyre

President

California Cable & Telecommunications Association (CCTA)

Carolyn McIntyre is the President of the California Cable & Telecommunications Association (CCTA). In addition to the day to day administrative responsibilities of the major industry Association, Ms. McIntyre is charged with developing and managing the Association's state and federal legislative and regulatory policy objectives to protect and enhance the industry's ability to be innovators in technology, products and communication services.

Prior to joining CCTA, Ms. McIntyre served as Regional Vice President of State Governmental Affairs for Sempra Energy, successfully navigating that company through the California Energy Crisis.

Ms. McIntyre has been involved in the development of public policy for over 20 years and has served in the administration of two Constitutional Officers. She is considered a leader in advocacy and the development of public policy with a political astuteness and aptitude to get things done.

Ms. McIntyre is a graduate of California State University, Sacramento, the American Leadership Forum, Leadership America, and Leadership California. She is also an alumni member of the Board of Directors of Woman Escaping a Violent Environment (WEAVE), an organization which provides services to survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault and a member or supporter of several other non-profit and community organization.



Jim Wunderman
President & CEO
Bay Area Council



Jim Wunderman is President and CEO of the Bay Area Council, a CEO-led public policy and advocacy organization formed in 1945 that works to shape the future of the Bay Area and keep it as the most innovative, globally competitive, and sustainable region in the world. Since becoming CEO in 2004, Jim has dramatically expanded and deepened the Council's reach and influence throughout the Bay Area, Silicon Valley, California, the nation and the world.

As the leading steward of the Bay Area, the Council has grown under Jim's tenure to include more than 325 member companies across a wide range of industries. He has positioned the Council as a leading voice for business and the economy on a wide range of issues, including housing, transportation, homelessness, workforce development, early education and more. Jim opened the Council's office in Sacramento, where he regularly appears on the list of the state's Top 100 political movers and shakers. Governors, mayors, legislators, foreign leaders and top business executives regularly seek Jim's input and guidance on key issues and he makes regular appearances and provides commentary across a wide range of news media.

Behind Jim's leadership, the Council has spearheaded and partnered in numerous ballot measures that have secured tens of billions of dollars for transportation, affordable housing, early education, climate resilience, and healthcare. He is at the helm of efforts to create a unified vision for the growth of the Northern California megaregion, bringing the economies of the Bay Area, Sacramento and the Central Valley into a common market.

Recognizing the Bay Area's emergence on the world stage as an economic force through its leadership in technology and innovation, Jim steered the Council to play a greater role on the international stage. He launched a bold initiative in China that has grown to four Bay Area Council offices, which led to the creation of a public-private partnership with the state of California to reopen its trade and investment office in China.

Jim has served on numerous boards and commissions. He currently serves as a gubernatorial appointee as Vice Chair of the Water Emergency Transportation Authority (WETA, which develops and operates the region's ferry system), the University of California Business Executive Council, the State of California's International Trade and Investment Advisory Council, the Too Small to Fail Advisory Council, California-China Trade and Investment Advisory Board, Fisher Center for Real Estate & Urban Economics, Sierra Energy, TMG Partners, and Bay Area Sports Hall of Fame. Other recent board engagements included the California Pacific Medical Center, the California Child Care Resource and Referral Network, and the Oakland Zoo.

Prior to his work at the Bay Area Council, Jim's career from 1984 to 2004 was split between both the private and public sectors. He served as Chief of Staff to San Francisco Mayor Frank M. Jordan from 1992-95, following five years of work for Mayor Dianne Feinstein. From 1997 to 2004 he served as Senior Vice President for external affairs at Provident Financial Corporation. He also served as Vice President and General Manager of two major waste collection, disposal and recycling firms in the Bay Area under its parent, Recology, Inc.

Jim is a graduate of San Francisco State University, majoring in political science. He also holds an Associate's Degree in business administration from Kingsborough College, City University of New York. Jim is married to Kristina Wunderman, has four children and resides in Contra Costa County.

Session 2

Just What The Doctor Ordered...Healthcare Goes Digital

David Lubarsky, MD

Vice Chancellor of Human Health Sciences
Chief Executive Officer, UC Davis Health

David Lubarsky is the Vice Chancellor of Human Health Sciences and Chief Executive Officer for UC Davis Health, which is a major contributor to the health and economy of the Sacramento region with 14,000 employees, 1,000 students, 1,000 faculty members, an annual operating budget of \$3 billion and approximately 1 million outpatient visits each year. He oversees UC Davis Health's financial structure and its academic, research and clinical programs, including the School of Medicine, the Betty Irene Moore School of Nursing, the 1,000-member physician practice group, the community network, and UC Davis Medical Center, a 625-bed Level I Trauma hospital consistently ranked among the nation's best by U.S. News & World Report and Becker's. UC Davis Health is a center of biomedical discoveries that help advance health around the world, ranked in the top 30 nationally for medical research.



Since joining UC Davis Health in July 2018, Dr. Lubarsky has recommitted the organization to expanding care for the underserved, and caring for Medi-Cal patients and others with few resources while creating a sustainable financial model. Among the new initiatives, Dr. Lubarsky established a partnership with Sacramento County Health Services to expand primary and specialty care to the underserved, reform the managed care system, and address the crisis in mental illness and homelessness. He also positioned UC Davis Health as a resource to complete, not compete with, other health systems to improve access and care throughout the region.

A strong proponent of physicians and academic medical centers playing a leading role in shaping health care policy, he brought all 1,000 physicians into the California Medical Association and its Sierra Sacramento Valley Medical Society. He embraces team practice and advanced nursing practice, with the Schools of Medicine and Nursing pursuing new levels of interprofessional learning, training and practice.

With UC Davis Health serving more than half of California's counties as the only academic medical center between San Francisco and Portland, he partnered with Adventist Health and the California Medical Association to address recruiting, training and retaining doctors in rural areas throughout Northern California, and championed novel training programs to advance rural and inner city care now embraced by the AMA as national models. To adapt to health care's evolution and leverage UC Davis' early success in creating California's telehealth backbone, he's creating a digital platform and virtual hospital to lead in technology and connectivity while reinforcing the values of empathy, inclusivity and a patient-centric ethic.

Dr. Lubarsky was appointed by Gov. Gavin Newsom to the statewide governor's Alzheimer's Disease Task Force and is proud of UC Davis Health's nation-leading Alzheimer's research program, ranked 14th nationally in Alzheimer's research funding. UC Davis takes a public health approach to its studies and programs, measuring the toll of the disease across the social spectrum, identifying groups that are disproportionately impacted, and researching the differences between Alzheimer's and dementia. UC Davis Health's national

ranking in geriatric care — ranked 21st nationally by U.S. News — is another important part of supporting patients, as well as caregivers through a nationally-modeled Family Caregivers Institute.

A committed academic physician, he is a UC Davis professor of anesthesiology, nursing and business, and is on the faculty of the UC Davis Graduate School of Management. Previously, Dr. Lubarsky was chief medical officer and systems integration officer at the University of Miami Health System, pioneering the current integrated structure as the first CEO of the system's 1,100-physician practice. He was also a professor of anesthesiology and department chair in Miami's Miller School of Medicine, a professor in the Schools of Business and Nursing, and before Miami, a professor and vice chair at Duke University and adjunct professor at Duke's Fuqua School of Business. He's one of the top 100 published anesthesiologists in America.

Dr. Lubarsky earned his Bachelor of Arts in history (1980) and medical degree (1984) at Washington University in St. Louis. He completed an anesthesia residency and a fellowship in cardiovascular anesthesia and clinical research at New York University Medical Center. He received his MBA (1999) from the Fuqua School of Business at Duke University, graduating at the top of his class.

Edward Lee, MD

Exec. Vice President, Information Technology & Chief Information Officer
The Permanente Federation

Associate Executive Director
The Permanente Medical Group

Edward Lee, MD, is executive vice president of Information Technology (IT) on The Permanente Federation's National Permanente Leadership Team and the Federation's chief information officer with oversight over the Permanente Medical Groups' information technology efforts. Dr. Lee also serves as associate executive director for The Permanente Medical Group (TPMG) and has accountability for IT, which includes operational performance, technology integration, and innovation.



His work at TPMG is focused on expanding the accessibility of health information and decision-support tools for patients, as well as leveraging and enhancing the technology available to physicians to improve the quality and efficiency of the care we provide. With today's technology—including web, mobile, and video platforms—we are continually expanding care beyond our facilities and bringing care directly to our patients, making health care more connected, more convenient, and more accessible.

Dr. Lee, who joined TPMG in 2004 as an internist at Kaiser Permanente South Sacramento, has held several leadership roles with TPMG and Kaiser Permanente Northern California. He was named assistant chief of Medicine for technology in 2008, began leading TPMG's Technology Group in 2012, and took on the role of medical director for the group in 2016 before being appointed to his current role in 2019.

He earned his bachelor's degree in molecular and cell biology at the University of California, Berkeley, and his medical degree at Tufts University, where he also received his master's degree in public health. Dr. Lee completed his residency training in internal medicine at the University of California, Davis, before joining TPMG.

Cathy Sebag

Co-Founder & CEO
Hela Health

Cathy Sebag is the CEO and co-founder of [Hela Health](#), the platform breaking down barriers in access and cost for women to integrate consumer facing health and wellness tools into their daily lives. Hela envisions a world where women of all ages and life stages can access the care they need and was named [a top Femtech startup to watch in 2020](#). Cathy is a passionate public health professional with 10 years of experience negotiating, launching, and leading public and private sector partnerships to bring reproductive health solutions to scale in all resource settings. From leading the design process of a pilot to be converted to national scale in Malawi at USAID to deploying cervical cancer innovations into the largest hospital network in India, she has a track record of executing large, digital health programs for women around the world.



Session 3

Currency of the Realm: Consumer Data and Finetuning Privacy Laws

Dominique Shelton Leipzig

Partner & Firmwide Co-Chair, Ad Tech Privacy & Data Management Practice
Perkins Coie



Privacy and cybersecurity attorney Dominique Shelton Leipzig co-chairs the firm's Ad Tech Privacy & Data Management practice. She provides strategic privacy and cyber-preparedness compliance counseling, and defends, counsels and represents companies on privacy, global data security compliance, data breaches, and investigations with an eye towards helping clients avoid litigation. A former litigator for 22 years, her compliance counseling over the past 7 years includes defending companies under investigation by the Federal Trade Commission, attorneys general offices and other regulatory and government authorities. Through these actions and related litigations where she provides subject matter leadership, Dominique is able to advise companies on best practices in privacy, cybersecurity, data, mobile, cloud storage, Ad Tech privacy, Internet of Things, cyber preparedness, and other areas of regulatory compliance. As a member of the firm's Coronavirus Client Service Team, Dominique advises clients on the issues pertaining to privacy and data security as they relate to issues associated with the COVID-19 pandemic.

Dominique frequently conducts trainings for senior leadership, corporate boards and audit committees regarding risk identification and mitigation in the areas of privacy and cyber. She is known for asking deep questions that provoke transformative answers. Dominique's landmark book on the CCPA is about to publish a new edition, and she pioneered the concept of data as a pre-tangible asset in what she calls "our post-data world." Dominique represented the California Chamber of Commerce in a six week long negotiation with Alastair Mactaggart, his lawyer James Harrison, his consultant former FTC Technologist Ashkan Soltani and Sen. Hertzberg regarding the CCPA 2.0 and many of the business-friendly terms were obtained through those negotiations. She has trained over 3500 professionals on the CCPA. She is a member of the International Association of Privacy Professionals (IAPP) Board and a leading advocate for data ethics. Her commitment to active integrity extends to all her work.

Recognized as a "Woman Leader in Tech Law" by The Recorder and as one of the most influential lawyers in digital media and e-commerce law by the Los Angeles Business Journal, Dominique has deep experience advising publicly-traded and privately held companies in healthcare and med tech, media, entertainment, e-commerce, financial services and other industries. She leads companies in legal assessments of data security, cyber preparedness and compliance with such regulations as the California Confidentiality of Medical Information Act (CMIA), HIPAA, the Video Privacy Protection Act (VPPA), the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA), California Consumer Privacy Act (CCPA), and the NIST Cybersecurity Framework.

Alastair Mactaggart

Board Chair

Californians for Consumer Privacy



Alastair Mactaggart is a real estate developer and investor based in San Francisco. For the last twenty years he has been a partner at Emerald Fund, one of that city's leading developers, and has built condominiums, apartments, shopping centers, a self-storage facility and a hotel in San Francisco. Currently he invests throughout the Bay Area, with a strong focus currently on Oakland.

In 2016-2018 he created and led a ballot initiative which resulted in the passage of California law AB 375, the most extensive consumer privacy legislation ever passed in the United States.

Alastair is committed to community involvement, and was deeply involved for many years as a volunteer on the board of San Francisco's non-profit California Pacific Medical Center hospitals, culminating in the approval and construction of two major new hospitals in that city in 2014.

He is a past board member of Room to Read, the San Francisco Mission YMCA, and board chair of the Sutter Physicians Foundation at California Pacific Medical Center. Currently, he serves on the Harvard College Fund Executive Committee and is co-chair of the Harvard West Coast Committee. He and his wife Celine Mactaggart have three children and live in Piedmont, just outside of San Francisco.

Stacey Schesser

Supervising Deputy Attorney General, Privacy Enforcement & Protection Unit

California Department of Justice



Stacey Schesser is the Supervising Deputy Attorney General for the Privacy Unit in the Consumer Law Section of the Office of the California Attorney General. Her recent matters include *People v. Equifax*, *People v. Uber*, and leading the team in charge of drafting regulations for the California Consumer Privacy Act (CCPA). She began her career at the Attorney General's Office in 2007 in its Criminal Division and has worked in the Privacy Unit since its inception in 2012. Stacey received her J.D. at UC Berkeley's School of Law, where she wrote on privacy law issues for the *California Law Review*. She received her B.A. at Douglass College, Rutgers University, and also worked as a grassroots organizer for various non-profits and political campaigns in Washington, D.C.

Session 4

Waging War on Wildfires: Next Steps on Network Resiliency

Scott Stewart

Engineering Director
Verizon Wireless

Scott Stewart is the Engineering Director for Verizon. His team is responsible for deployment of new RF solutions and modifications of existing solutions across Northern California and Nevada. This includes lease negotiations, jurisdictional approvals, construction and transport solutions. In his 14 year career within Verizon he has held multiple roles spanning budget, inventory, project management and field operations. He started in the Northern California market and returned in 2017 after 2 years in the Engineering Director role in the Kansas / Missouri market.



Budge Currier

9-1-1 Branch Manager, Public Safety Communications
Governor's Office of Emergency Services

Since 2011 Budge has been with the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (CalOES). During that time Budge has served as a Radio Engineer as well as numerous other strategic planning positions. Since 2014 Budge served as the Statewide Interoperability Coordinator (SWIC) for California and he has led the California Emergency Function 2 (EF-2 – Communications). As the SWIC and EF-2, he developed procedures for several statewide catastrophic plans and was instrumental in the Super Bowl 2016 interoperable communication planning. Since 2016, Budge has served as the 9-1-1 Emergency Communications Branch Manager for California and is responsible for the 9-1-1 Network that supports 441 PSAPs with an annual call volume of 28.1 million 9-1-1 calls. Since 2017 Budge has been the lead program manager for the Broadband Services Division and coordinates the deployment of FirstNet in California. Prior to coming to CalOES, Budge assisted many counties and states with developing public safety communication systems and planning for interoperable communications. Budge also has over 20 years of communication experience while serving as a Communications Officer in the Marine Corps.



Budge holds a BS Degree in Computer Science from University of Michigan and a Master's Degree in Electrical Engineering from the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey and is a certified Emergency Number Professional.

Diane Dillon

Supervisor, District 3
County of Napa

Diane was born and raised in Napa and has lived in St. Helena for almost 30 years. She has been an active community member her entire life; she cares about helping people and is passionate about protecting the scenic resources and agricultural industry of Napa County.

A Napa High School graduate, Diane earned a B.A. degree with honors from University of California (UC) Santa Barbara; a masters degree in library and information science from University of California Los Angeles (UCLA), with a specialization in law librarianship; and a J.D. from UC Davis, where she was a member of law review.



Diane actively practiced law in Napa County from 1981 to 2002. As a partner in the county's oldest local law firm for 18 years, she gained an understanding of the challenges faced by all small business owners. She was a certified specialist in estate planning, probate, and trust administration, which allowed her the privilege of helping individuals plan for their families and business succession. Part of her legal career also included being deputy city attorney for the City of Calistoga, which increased her understanding of the governing challenges of our small towns.

She is the fifth generation of her family to live in Napa County, being descended from Connelly Conn, who came here in 1852 to join his uncle John Conn, who had arrived in the mid-1840s and helped Dr. Edward Bale build his grist mill. Conn Valley and Conn Dam are named for these ancestors of Diane's. She grew up hearing about her grandmother's trips to St. Helena by horse and buggy over the Pope Street bridge, and over Mt. St. Helena to visit relatives in Lake County and at the quicksilver mines. So it is not surprising that she also actively supports local history and preservation organizations, as well as the local genealogy society.

Session 5

Broadband for All – Leave No Child Offline

Stephanie Tom

Deputy Director for Broadband and Digital Literacy
California Department of Technology



Stephanie Tom, Deputy Director for Broadband and Digital Literacy at the California Department of Technology (CDT), is responsible for running the California Broadband Council focused on providing broadband access in rural areas of the state.

As a key part of this role, Stephanie manages three key task forces under the Council that focus on long term strategic goals and objectives; manage a stateside surplus equipment program; and continue to advocate for tribal broadband and adoption needs. In addition, Stephanie manages digital literacy efforts by centralizing digital skills training and resources for easy access by citizens. Stephanie serves on the FirstNET Board for the state of California, and the Technology Council for the City of Sacramento. Within the first six months of joining CDT, leveraging her corporate background and skillset, Stephanie re-invigorated the California Broadband Council, has become an advocate for Digital Literacy and tribal needs, and evolved the state's vendor relationships to focus on broadband access and adoption.

Prior to joining the state, Stephanie was the Director of Sales Programs for the North America Technology Division at Oracle Corporation. She was selected as a core team member for Oracle's new cloud solution engineering group driving a customer first, service oriented culture shift at the company. Stephanie joined Oracle in 1999 as a Partner Marketing Manager in the Alliance and Channels division. During her 19 years at Oracle, Stephanie's responsibilities expanded into more challenging and complex roles as the lead in sales and marketing teams and included the inaugural Executive Engagement team where she was responsible for managing and executing customer engagement strategies for Oracle's corporate executives.

Prior to joining Oracle, Stephanie led Business Development for the International Sales division at CyberCash, Inc. driving the establishment of CyberCash GmbH and CyberCash K.K. Other work experience includes: Aerotek and IBM. Leveraging her sales and marketing background focused on the high technology industry, in 2015 Stephanie founded 2S Technology Services - a small business providing technical support to private residences and small businesses.

Stephanie is passionate about leveraging her corporate experience to give back to the community. She was the Chairperson and Co-Founder of Oracle's first Asian employee resource group, Oracle Professional Asian Leadership (OPAL) and served on the Board of Directors for the California Asian Chamber of Commerce. Currently, Stephanie is a member of the Board of Directors for Asian Resources Inc. (ARI) and Ascend's Northern California Division.

Stephanie is the Co-chairperson for Ascend's "Inspiring Across Generations" (IAG) professional development program providing private sector middle management Asian Pacific Islanders (APIs) critical skills for advancement. She is a Strategic Advisor for My Sisters House, a nonprofit dedicated to serving women and

children impacted by domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking, where she launched the first “Fashion for A Cause” fundraiser.

Stephanie is a member of the Asian Pacific Islander Public Affairs (APAPA) Steering Committee for its Annual Statewide Voters Education and Candidates Forum, and the Asian Pacific State Employees Association (APSEA).

Stephanie cherishes time with family and friends, and practices self-care with music, meditation and yoga. She holds an M.B.A. in Global Business Practices from San Jose State University and a Bachelor’s of Science Degree from California Polytechnic University, San Luis Obispo with a concentration in International Management.

Rochelle Swanson

Government Affairs Manager
Crown Castle

Rochelle Swanson is the Government Affairs Manager for Crown Castle in the Northern California region. In that capacity, Rochelle leads Crown Castle’s Government Affairs strategy which includes engaging local jurisdictional leaders, and leading Crown Castle’s legislative goals in Sacramento. Her area of responsibility ranges from San Luis Obispo County to the Oregon Border, as well as the Northern portion of Nevada. Prior to joining Crown Castle, she was a Davis City Councilmember from 2010 to 2018, serving as Mayor Pro Tempore in 2011 & 2012. During her time on Council, she also served as a founding board member of Greater Sacramento Economic Council (GSEC).



In her current role with Crown Castle, she enjoys serving on multiple committees associated with infrastructure, economic development and community resiliency. The core of her work involves working closely with community and policy leaders at all levels of government. For nearly twenty years she has focused on Land Use Planning and Telecommunications. Ms. Swanson earned her B.A. in Political Science from the University of California, Davis and a Juris Doctor from University of the Pacific, McGeorge.

Michael Flood

Senior Vice President, Strategy
Kajeet

Michael is an active force in the ed tech community. He is regularly invited to participate in panels and speak to industry leaders where telecommunications and education intersect. Michael brings 10 years of dedication to ensuring students have equal access to technology. At Kajeet he oversees the product team and leads business development.



Prior to Kajeet, Michael held multiple management positions at Sprint in their K-12 and education divisions. Michael was recently elected to the Board of Directors for the Consortium on School Networking (CoSN). In Atlanta, he serves as the Chairman for the Board of Advisors to AIESEC and as a volunteer with AFS Intercultural Programs. He is a founding member of the Georgia Gwinnett College Technology Advisory

Council and serves on the Advisory Board for Georgia Tech's Center for International Business, Education and Research (GT-CIBER).

Michael earned his undergraduate degree from Georgia Tech where he studied Computer Science with a focus in Management and International topics. He received his MBA from the Goizueta School of Business at Emory University. He lives in Atlanta with his wife and two children.

Tony Thurmond
State Superintendent of Public Instruction
California Department of Education



Tony Thurmond was sworn in as the 28th California State Superintendent of Public Instruction on January 7, 2019.

Superintendent Thurmond is an educator, social worker, and public school parent, who has served the people of California for more than ten years in elected office. Previously, Superintendent Thurmond served on the Richmond City Council, West Contra Costa Unified School Board, and in the California State Assembly, representing District 15.

Like many of California's public school students, Superintendent Thurmond came from humble beginnings. His mother was an immigrant from Panama who came to San Jose, California, to be a teacher. His father was a soldier who didn't return to his family after the Vietnam War. Superintendent Thurmond met him for the first time when he was an adult. After Superintendent Thurmond's mother died when he was 6, he and his brother were raised by a cousin who they had never met.

Superintendent Thurmond's family relied on public assistance programs and great public schools to get out of poverty. Superintendent Thurmond's public school education allowed him to attend Temple University, where he became student body president. He went on to earn dual master's degrees in Law and Social Policy and Social Work (MSW) from Bryn Mawr College and began a career dedicated to service.

Much of Superintendent Thurmond's social service work has focused on improving the services provided to foster youth and directing programs that provide job training to at-risk youth. He also led programs to provide help for individuals with developmental disabilities. Tony has 12 years of direct experience in education, teaching life skills classes, after-school programs, and career training.

Superintendent Thurmond served on the Richmond City Council from 2005-2008. While on the council he served as Liaison to Richmond's Youth Commission and Workforce Investment Board and the Council Liaison to the West Contra Costa Unified School District. He was chair of Richmond's 2005 Summer Youth Program which employed 200 local teens.

Superintendent Thurmond served from 2008-2012 on the West Contra Costa School Board, where he coordinated a plan to keep schools open during the 2008 recession.

Superintendent Thurmond helped restore fiscal solvency and local control to the School Board, while supporting campaigns to put millions of dollars toward preserving counseling, after-school, music, and

athletic programs. Under Superintendent Thurmond's leadership, the School Board rebuilt dozens of schools to provide state-of-the-art student learning facilities.

Superintendent Thurmond funded programs to help students learn about and apply to top universities. He also led efforts to expand drug and alcohol treatment services for youth, and to bring nutrition and wellness programs to schools. Additionally, Superintendent Thurmond spearheaded a campaign that reduced school suspensions by 27%.

In the State Assembly, Superintendent Thurmond served on the Assembly Education, Health, and Human Services Committees. He chaired the Assembly Labor Committee and the Assembly Select Committee on Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Education.

Education is at the core of Superintendent Thurmond's legislative record. He authored legislation that successfully expanded the free lunch program, bilingual education, and the Chafee Grant college scholarship program for foster youth. Additionally, Superintendent Thurmond's legislation guaranteed preferential voting rights for student school board members, improved access to families for early education and childcare, and shifted millions of dollars directly from prisons to schools. Superintendent Thurmond introduced legislation to expand STEM education, improve school conditions for LGBTQ youth, and tax private prisons to fund early education and afterschool programs.

In recognition of his social service leadership, Superintendent Thurmond has been a Fellow in the Annie E. Casey Foundation's Children and Family Fellowship program.

Superintendent Thurmond lives in Richmond with his two daughters who attend local public schools. They are his inspiration and a constant reminder about the promise of our neighborhood schools and the strong future that every child deserves.