EDC HISTORY & VISION
A private nonprofit, the EDC was founded in 1996 with funding from the County of Ventura, the 10 cities in the county and key private-sector companies to provide a pathway to business growth, economic prosperity and high quality of life for all.

The EDC creates confident, connected and directed business owners, civic leaders, and community partners by providing tools to build pathways for economic development.

TOP 4 REASONS FOR SERVING AS A EDC BOARD MEMBER

• **Leadership:** The EDC Board of Directors is an elite and diverse group of leaders invited to the table for their vision, passion and ability to positively impact our region’s economic vitality. Board positions are by invitation only.

• **Impact:** Board members participate peer-to-peer with visionary leaders, providing guidance and input to the organization that is the leading voice and resource for delivering outcome-driven economic development services in Ventura County.

• **Public/Private Collaboration:** Board members work side-by-side with elected officials and top-level public sector staff in a way that fosters ongoing relationships and communication, providing members with a strong network in the public and private sectors for advising policy and business and economic priorities.

• **Perspective:** Board members contribute invaluable insights into the region’s business community and economic landscape and gain understanding on the assets and resources, regionally and statewide, contributing to our economic competitiveness.

TOP 4 THINGS YOU GAIN FROM ATTENDING EDC BOARD MEETINGS

• **Set Priorities, Drive Initiatives, Evaluate Outcomes:** Meetings concentrate on the strategies we deploy for growing the Ventura County economy and on the service outcomes for our return on investment.

• **Networking:** Board meeting participation builds strong relationships among your peer group, jointly dedicated to economic growth and regional quality of life.

• **Information:** Staying current on action in our region’s leading industry sectors and on opportunities and barriers to economic prosperity.

• **Effective Use of Time:** There are 10 board meetings per year, running approximately one hour, concentrating on regional economic issues.

WHO SERVES ON THE EDC BOARD OF DIRECTORS?
A majority of members are recruited from the private sector to represent leadership and expertise from the diversity of firms that drive the region’s economy.

• One elected city council member from each of the county’s 10 cities.

• Two members of the County Board of Supervisors.

• Executive representation from CSUCI, California Lutheran University, the Port of Hueneme, VCEDA and the Chambers of Commerce Alliance.

• Advisory representatives from Naval Base Ventura County, a regional water district and a regional tourism association.
Haider Alawami  
Economic Development Round Table  
Representative, City of Thousand Oaks

Gerhard Apfelthaler  
California Lutheran University

Mayor Will Berg  
City of Port Hueneme

Vance Brahosky, Advisor  
Naval Base Ventura County

Mayor Pro Tem Dee Dee Cavanaugh  
City of Simi Valley

Gary Cushing  
Camarillo Chamber of Commerce

Kristin Decas  
The Port of Hueneme/Oxnard Harbor District

Victor Dollar  
Ventura County Lodging Association

Nan Drake. Vice Chair  
E.J. Harrison Industries

Henry Dubroff  
Pacific Coast Business Times

Harold S. Edwards  
Limoneira Company

Bob Engler  
City of Thousand Oaks

Amy Fonzo  
California Resources Corporation

Mayor Clint Gorman  
City of Santa Paula

Greg Gillespie  
Ventura County Community College District

Anthony Goff, Advisor  
Calleguas Municipal Water District

Council Member Cheryl Heitmann  
City of Ventura

Supervisor Bob Huber  
County of Ventura

Council Member Carlos Juarez  
City of Santa Paula

Jey Lacey  
Southern California Edison

Supervisor Kelly Long  
County of Ventura

Chris Meissner  
Meissner Filtration Products, Inc.

Council Member Roseann Mikos  
City of Moorpark

Council Member Manuel Minjares  
City of Fillmore

Michele Newell  
VCEDA

Mayor Carmen Ramirez, Chair  
City of Oxnard

Jim Scanlon  
Arthur J. Gallagher & Co. Insurance

Alex Schneider  
The Trade Desk

Cari Shore  
Rabobank, N.A.

Tony Skinner  
I.B.E.W. - Local 952

Trace Stevenson  
AeroVironment, Inc.

Sim Tang-Paradis  
City National Bank

Vice Mayor Tony Trembley  
City of Camarillo

Ysabel Trinidad  
California State University Channel Islands

Council Member William Weirick  
City of Ojai

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