



# 11TH ANNUAL LEGISLATIVE SUMMIT



# WELCOME

**Hello and welcome to California Asian Pacific Chamber of Commerce's 11th Annual Legislative Summit.** On behalf of our entire organization, including our Board of Directors, we sincerely appreciate you taking time out of your busy schedule to virtually participate in this important program of the Chamber.

Every year, we convene our small business community's, regional leaders, and representatives at our Summit. This program has empowered our State's small business and Asian Pacific Islander (API) communities to learn about the legislative processes that affect them and how to become informed and involved advocates for themselves. We are especially appreciative to have **Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon** join us as a Keynote and **Assemblymember David Chiu** join as the API Caucus Chair.

Additionally, the Summit is followed by Legislative Office Visits tomorrow, **August 6, 2020**. These meetings afford our participants an opportunity to solidify their advocacy and political participation skills. We are extremely honored to have members of both Houses of the Legislature join us in both our program and Legislative Visits, including Senate Majority Leader, **Senator Robert Hertzberg**.

As a participant in this program, this Summit will provide you and your fellow delegates the needed access and information to the Legislature. There could not be a more critical time for API and minority voices to be represented in the legislative process.

It is our hope, and the hope of our sponsors, that this program serves you and your representative organization well. Without the support of our sponsors, this event would not be possible. If you have any policy questions throughout these two days, please contact our Director of Public Policy, David Nelson, at [dnelson@calasiancc.org](mailto:dnelson@calasiancc.org). For logistical questions, please contact our Digital Marketing & Events Coordinator, Janice Garcia, at [jgarcia@calasiancc.org](mailto:jgarcia@calasiancc.org). Thank you again for your participation.



**Pat Fong Kushida**  
President & CEO  
California Asian Pacific  
Chamber of Commerce



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**Wednesday, August 5, 2020**  
**Virtual Legislative Summit**

## AGENDA

9:00 AM – 9:10 AM	Welcome Remarks
9:10 AM – 9:40 AM	Keynote: Speaker Anthony Rendon, California State Assembly
9:40 AM – 10:40 AM	Panel: The Future Landscape of Business
10:45 AM – 11:15 AM	Update from the API Legislative Caucus Chair, Assemblymember David Chiu
11:15 AM – 12:15 PM	Panel: Leading Our State Toward a More Inclusive Economy
12:15 PM – 1:00 PM	Closing Remarks

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## KEYNOTE SPEAKER



**Speaker Anthony Rendon**  
California State Assembly

Anthony Rendon was sworn-in as the 70th Speaker of the California State Assembly on March 7, 2016.

Rendon represents the 63rd Assembly District, which includes nine cities in Southeast Los Angeles County.

In 2017, Rendon led the most progressive and productive legislative session in memory – a year in which the Assembly passed a landmark \$52 billion transportation funding plan, extension of California’s cap-and-trade program, first-of-its-kind clean air measure, and legislation to address the affordable housing crisis. The 2017 state budget included expansion of the earned income tax credit and child care eligibility, record investment in education, and reforms to the Board of Equalization and University of California.

Prior to serving in the Assembly, Rendon was an educator, non-profit executive director, and environmental activist.

He attended Cerritos Community College and California State University, Fullerton and earned a Ph.D. from the University of California, Riverside.

Rendon resides in Lakewood with his wife Annie.

# Update from the API Legislative Caucus



**Assemblymember  
David Chiu**

Chair of the API  
Legislative Caucus

As a member of the California State Legislature, David Chiu represents the 17th Assembly District, which encompasses eastern San Francisco. He is the current Chair of the Asian and Pacific Islander Legislative Caucus and the Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee.

During his first 5 years in the Legislature, Chiu has authored 59 new laws addressing a wide spectrum of issues, including housing, homelessness, transportation, education, environment, health, public safety, and civil rights.

For six years, David served as President of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors. David was the first Asian American to serve as President of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, and the first Asian American to represent eastern San Francisco in the California State Legislature.

Before running for office, David was a criminal prosecutor at the San Francisco District Attorney's Office, a civil rights attorney with the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights, and president of the Asian American Bar Association of the Greater Bay Area. The son of immigrant parents, David grew up in Boston and received his undergraduate, law and master's in public policy degrees from Harvard University.



# The Future Landscape of Business

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## MODERATOR



**Michelle Stephens**

Program Director,  
CA Association for Local  
Economic Development

Michelle is the Program Director for CALED and its affiliates. As the Program Director, she is the in-house economic development practitioner for CALED and the lead for the Rural Economic Development Exchange and the Economic Development Finance & Real Estate Committee as well as CALED's federal grants. She also promotes CALED's economic development finance tools including the Statewide Revolving Loan Fund and the California Enterprise Development Authority.

After completing her Master's in Community & Regional Planning at the University of Texas at Austin, Michelle interned with the International Economic Development Council in Washington DC before moving back to her native California to work on improving the economic opportunities for communities.



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## PANELIST



**Darlene Chiu Bryant**  
Executive Director,  
GlobalSF

Darlene Chiu Bryant is Executive Director of GlobalSF, a non-profit organization established to support San Francisco's economic development efforts with global partners. Appointed by the late San Francisco Mayor Edwin M. Lee to head up ChinaSF, a public private partnership of the City of San Francisco, she oversaw efforts that brought in more than \$5.1 billion in Foreign Direct Investment, created more than 788 jobs and recruited more than 98 companies to San Francisco Bay Area.

Darlene has had a diverse career in both the public and private sectors, in international trade overseas working for German, Japanese and Chinese multinational firms and in her native San Francisco to work in communications and public affairs for Mayor Gavin Newsom, East West Bank, United Commercial Bank and Pacific Gas & Electric Company.

Bryant is a current boardmember of Angel Island Immigration Station Foundation, founding boardmember of Asian Pacific American Leadership Foundation and CALNET, boardmember of the Edwin M. Lee Democratic Club, and advisory boardmember of the University of San Francisco Chinese Business Studies Initiative.

In 2015, she was named the “fixer” for Chinese Businesses looking to make hay in San Francisco by San Francisco Magazine.



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## PANELIST



**Steve Chariyasatit**

Associate General Counsel,  
Litigation and Employment,  
Instacart

Steve Chariyasatit is the Associate General Counsel, Litigation and Employment for Instacart, a technology company that provides a grocery-delivery platform and other online solutions for retailers to connect with their customers.

As the company's lead litigation and employment attorney, Steve manages a team responsible for all domestic and international litigation, as well as contractor and employee-related matters, including labor relations and government audits and claims.

Prior to Instacart, Steve worked as an associate at two large international law firms and served as Counsel, Employment Litigation for 21st Century Fox supporting Fox Sports Media Group and Twentieth Television. Steve received his J.D. from NYU School of Law and received his B.A. in Integrative Biology from the University of California, Berkeley.

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## PANELIST



**Jim Watson**

President & CEO,  
California Manufacturing  
Technology

Jim Watson is the President and CEO of California Manufacturing Technology Consulting (CMTC). Mr. Watson started with CMTC in 1999 as Vice President of Business Development and transitioned to the position of Vice President of Operations in 2001 with responsibility for the day-to-day operations of CMTC. He was appointed President and CEO in 2011.

Mr. Watson is responsible for crafting the future vision of CMTC, promoting the importance of the manufacturing sector and expanding the awareness of CMTC's capabilities throughout California.

With over 30 years of management experience in areas of strategic planning, operations management, organizational design, sales and marketing and change management, Mr. Watson brings a wide range of knowledge to his position as President and CEO. He started his career with Western Airlines advancing to Vice President of Passenger and Cargo Sales, then became the Vice President and General Manager of SuperShuttle International before moving to Anchor Audio as the Vice President of Sales and General Manager, Europe.

Mr. Watson holds a bachelor's degree in political science from California State University, Northridge.



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**Inclusive  
Economy**

## MODERATOR



**Annie Lam**

Executive Director,  
League of CA Cities Asian  
Pacific Islander Caucus

Annie V. Lam, principal of the Lam Consulting Group, is a recognized expert in public and nonprofit service. She is well known for her strategic approach to enhancing and revitalizing organizations.

Annie is very passionate in helping increase participation of elected and career professionals in government through leadership and professional development programs. Annie founded APIs Mobilize to build the community power of Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders through its statewide educational programs.

She is the recipient of the Bizwomen Headliner in Professional Services Award, the Sacramento Business Journal's 40 under 40 Award, and the National Association of Asian Pacifics in Politics and Public Affairs' inaugural Forward Award.

She holds a Master of Public Administration degree with honors and certification in public policy from the University of Southern California and a Bachelor of Arts degree with honors from UC Davis majoring in Asian American Studies.



## PANELIST



**Assemblymember  
Rudy Salas**  
32nd Assembly District

First elected in 2012, Assemblymember Rudy Salas represents the 32nd Assembly District, which is comprised of a portion of the city of Bakersfield, the cities of Arvin, Avenal, Corcoran, Delano, Hanford, Lemoore, McFarland, Shafter, Wasco and the communities of Armona, Buttonwillow, Home Garden, Kettleman City, Lamont, Lost Hills, Stratford and Weedpatch.

Since he was first elected to office, Assemblymember Salas has championed issues for working families in the Central Valley and has dedicated himself to addressing the unique interests and needs of the region. Assemblymember Salas has been a voice for the Valley, bringing historic levels of investment to the community to fight Valley Fever, support agricultural education, expand workforce development, and strengthen public safety.

Assemblymember Salas has been named “Legislator of the Year” by the California Police Chiefs Association, the American GI Forum of California, the California Issues Forum, the California Latino Capitol Association Foundation, the Foundation for Independent Living Centers, and the California Optometric Association.

Assemblymember Salas graduated from UCLA with degrees in History and Political Science. Prior to serving in the Assembly, he served as the first Latino City Council member in the City of Bakersfield.

He currently serves on the following Assembly Committees: Veterans Affairs; Water, Parks & Wildlife; Governmental Organization; Agriculture; and is Chair of the Joint Legislative Audit Committee. He also serves as Chair of the Select Committee on Early Childhood Development.

## PANELIST



**Ismael Herrera**

Director of Regional  
Stewardship, California Forward

Ismael D. Herrera, Jr. is CA Fwd's Director of Regional Stewardship. He will be responsible for coordinating the collective impact activities of members of the California Stewardship Network (CSN) and to advance the policy initiatives of CA Fwd through the California Economic Summit.

Prior to joining California Forward, Herrera spent 10 years at the Office of Community and Economic Development at California State University, Fresno (OCED), most recently as its Executive Director. While at OCED, he contributed to the development of university-led activities that aligned Fresno State's assets to regional initiatives aimed at improving the quality of life and economic competitiveness of the 8-county San Joaquin Valley. Herrera served as the Lead Executive for the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley, an unprecedented public-private partnership sharply focused on establishing the region as California's 21st Century Opportunity through three overarching goals of developing a prosperous economy, sustaining a quality environment, and achieving social equity. In 2010, he also helped launch the nationally-recognized San Joaquin Valley Rural Development Center that serves as a "one-stop hub" for rural local governments, nonprofits, school districts, entrepreneurs and small businesses, and residents to access a wide range of technical assistance, training, specialized services, and resources to ensure their needs are met efficiently, effectively, and affordably.

Herrera is currently one of twenty-five people in North America participating in the 2018-2019 Business Alliance for Local Living Economies (BALLE) Local Economy Fellowship. He is also a 2019-2020 California Stewardship Network Steward Leadership Program Fellow.

Herrera has dedicated almost a decade to public service. He has served on the Mendota Unified School District Board of Trustees (Fresno County), the Fresno County Board of Education, and is currently serving on the City of Kerman's (Fresno County) City Council and Recreation & Community Services Commission.

Herrera earned two Bachelor's degrees in Sociology and Chicano/Latino Studies from the University of California, Irvine and a Master's degree in Education Policy and Management from the Harvard Graduate School of Education.

# Leading Our State Toward a More Inclusive Economy

## PANELIST



**Kunal Modi**

Associate Partner,  
McKinsey & Company

Kunal Modi is an Associate Partner in the San Francisco office of McKinsey & Company and a leader in the Firm's Public Sector and Banking Practices. Kunal's expertise includes stewarding digital and operational transformations for public agencies, spearheading regional economic development efforts, and working on financial risk and public finance topics.

Modi has also led customer experience and operational transformation for Driver's Services agency in Western US State. The effort included a rapid diagnostic of existing operational data, deep customer and field research, and process mapping to identify and execute operational improvement levers and design new processes and digital tools for front line staff. In addition, he stewarded regional economic development effort in a major State region to align key members of the region's civic, community, and business leadership around a shared 10 year vision of economic growth and develop a community investment plan made up of a portfolio investible initiatives. Modi also created a strategic blueprint for mortgage originator by understanding the macro housing market growth prospects, designing a channel strategy, devising operational blueprint, and scenario planning various risk and regulatory outcomes, and served Mayors' Offices across US on efforts including improving city-wide hiring practices, streamlining permitting process for large scale events and festivals, improving 911 call center operations, and capture better data on homelessness and envision solutions.

Kunal holds a B.A. in Economics and Political Science from Northwestern University, a Master in Public Policy from Harvard Kennedy School, and an MBA from Harvard Business School.

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