

CONFERENCE AGENDA

- 9:00 a.m. Welcome and Introductions
- Opportunity Drawing
- 9:15 a.m. Hilda L. Solis, Chair of the Board of Supervisors
1st District Supervisor, County of Los Angeles
"Reaching Forward"
- 10:10 a.m. Opportunity Drawing; *Morning break immediately following*
- 10:40 a.m. Dr. Christina Ghaly, M.D., Director, Los Angeles County Health Services
"Gloves On: Let's Fight COVID Together"
- 11:05 a.m. Impromptu Network
- 11:25 a.m. Opportunity Drawing
- 11:30 a.m. Lunch Break
- 12:25 p.m. Fesia A. Davenport, Chief Executive Officer
"State of the County"
- 12:50 p.m. Opportunity Drawing; *Evening Break immediately following*
- 1:25 p.m. Panel Discussion: *"Reaching Social Justice, One Decision at a Time"*
Ricardo García, Los Angeles County Public Defender
Panel Moderator
Judge Songhai Armstead (Ret.), Executive Director of Alternative to Incarceration Initiative
"Reform NOT Reframe"
George Gascón, Los Angeles County District Attorney
"Social Justice for All through Modernizing the System"
D'Artagnan Scorza, Ph.D., Executive Director of Racial Equity Initiative
"Racial Equity THE Pathway to Social Justice"
- 2:40 p.m. Impromptu Network
- 3:15 p.m. Final Opportunity Drawing and Concluding Remarks
- 3:30 p.m. End of Conference

GUEST SPEAKERS



Supervisor Hilda L. Solis was sworn in as Los Angeles County Supervisor for the First District of Los Angeles County on December 1, 2014. She was re-elected to a new four-year term in 2018.

As County Supervisor, Solis' priorities include combatting homelessness and building affordable housing, expanding County services to all residents, environmental justice, good-paying jobs, health care access, criminal justice reform, improving parks and open space, and ensuring arts equity for all.

Prior to becoming Supervisor, Solis served as Secretary of Labor under President Barack Obama. Supervisor Solis was confirmed on February 24, 2009, becoming the first Latina to serve in the United States Cabinet. Before that, Supervisor Solis represented the 32nd

Congressional District in California, a position she held from 2001 to 2009.

In Congress, Supervisor Solis' priorities included expanding access to affordable health care, protecting the environment, and improving the lives of working families. A recognized leader on clean energy jobs, she authored the Green Jobs Act which provided funding for "green" collar job training for Veterans, displaced workers, at risk youth, and individuals in families under 200 percent of the federal poverty line. She served in Congress until her nomination for Secretary of Labor.

Supervisor Solis began her career working in the Carter White House Office of Hispanic Affairs and was later appointed as a management analyst with the Office of Management and Budget in the Civil Rights Division. Solis was first elected to public office in 1985 as a member of the Rio Hondo Community College Board of Trustees. The first woman to represent the San Gabriel Valley in the California State Legislature, Solis served in the California State Assembly from 1992 to 1994, and in 1994 she made history by becoming the first Latina elected to the California State Senate. Her California environmental justice legislation, enacted in 1999, was the first of its kind in the nation to become law. As a result, Solis became the first woman to receive the John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Award in 2000 for her pioneering environmental justice work.

Supervisor Solis was the first in her family to graduate from college, graduating from California State Polytechnic University, Pomona; she also earned a Master of Public Administration from the University of Southern California.

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Dr. Christina Ghaly was appointed by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors as the Director of the Department of Health Services (DHS) on September 25, 2018 after having served in the role as Acting Director since October 2017. In this capacity, Dr. Ghaly has had responsibility for overseeing the operations of the County's four public hospitals and 23 outpatient clinics. She leads strategic, operational, and clinical/financial initiatives critical to DHS' financial health and continued transformation in an era of health reform.

Dr. Ghaly previously served as Chief Operations Officer for DHS from 2016 until her permanent appointment as Director. Her previous roles within DHS also include serving as the Deputy Director for Strategy and Operations and as the Interim Chief Executive Officer at Olive View – UCLA Medical Center and LAC+USC Medical Center.

In 2015, Dr. Ghaly served in a temporary role as the Director of Health Care Integration for the County of Los Angeles Chief Executive Office. This position was created to lead an assessment regarding the potential creation of a health care agency, integrating the Departments of Health Services, Mental Health (DMH) and Public Health (DPH). The Los Angeles County Health Agency was formally created in November 2015.

Dr. Ghaly attended Harvard Medical School and completed a residency in internal medicine at the University of California, San Francisco. Dr. Ghaly currently sees patients in the urgent care and on the inpatient medicine service at LAC+USC Medical Center and Olive View – UCLA Medical Center, respectively.

Judge Songhai Armstead (Ret.), a longtime advocate for the underserved and an innovator within Los Angeles County's justice system, was selected to head Los Angeles County's groundbreaking Alternative to Incarceration Initiative (ATI) beginning September 2020.

As the office's first executive director, she oversees implementation of recommendations to make "care first, jails last" a reality in Los Angeles County, coordinating among multiple departments and community stakeholders.

Armstead was appointed to the Superior Court by Gov. Jerry Brown in 2015. She retired in 2020 to assume her new role as ATI Executive Director. As a judge, she was instrumental in creating innovative programs to assist justice-involved veterans, people experiencing homelessness, and those with mental health and substance abuse disorders—all with a focus on getting people the treatment and housing resources they need to improve their lives and break the cycle of incarceration.

A graduate of the University of Nevada, Reno, Armstead earned her law degree at UCLA School of Law, where she was the first-ever African American female student body president. In her personal life, she overcame a tumultuous childhood that included stints in the foster care system and the now-closed MacLaren Hall Children's Center.

A gifted educator on the topic of implicit bias, she has trained hundreds of justice system participants, including justices of the California Supreme Court, on how powerful unseen biases shape lives and actions, and contribute to the perpetuation of systemic racism.



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On Dec. 7, 2020, **George Gascón** was sworn in as the 43rd District Attorney of Los Angeles County, delivering his visionary approach to criminal justice reform to the nation's largest local prosecutorial office.

Gascón, who rose through the ranks of the Los Angeles Police Department from patrol officer to Assistant Chief of Police under Bill Bratton, served as Chief of Police in Mesa, Ariz., before being named Chief of Police in San Francisco by then-Mayor Gavin Newsom.

In 2011, Newsom tapped Gascón to fill the District Attorney vacancy created by Kamala Harris' election to California Attorney General. The Cuban-born attorney became that city's first Latino police chief and the nation's first police chief to become District Attorney.

During his two terms in office, Gascón decreased San Francisco's jail population by nearly 30% and reduced violent crime to historic lows. He was the nation's first District Attorney to call for an end to cash bail and first to launch an automatic record-clearing program for marijuana convictions following legalization.

Gascón created California's first independent investigation bureau to enhance transparency and limit the conflict of interest that occurs when police agencies investigate themselves. He was the state's only District Attorney to support a law creating stricter standards for police use of force.

Gascón holds a Bachelor of Arts in History from California State University, Long Beach, and a Juris Doctor Degree from Western State University, College of Law.



Dr. D'Artagnan Scorza currently serves as the inaugural Executive Director of Racial Equity for Los Angeles County. In this capacity, he is tasked with championing the elimination of structural racism while also promoting efforts to deepen the County's work on diversity, equity and inclusion.

Dr. Scorza's life's work is centered on building leaders who fight for equity in communities and schools. In his previous roles as the Executive Director of Social Justice Learning Institute, a UC Regent and the President of the Board of Education for the Inglewood Unified School District, he launched programs that helped youth of color become social justice leaders and college graduates. He also helped pass policies that prioritized \$160 million for student services across UC campuses and secured \$350 million to support school construction for k-12 schools.

As a U.S. Navy Iraq-War Veteran and civic leader, he has received numerous awards and accolades, including being recognized as one of the 40 Emerging Civic Leaders under 40 in 2018 and received the UCLA Recent

Graduate Achievement Award in 2016.

Dr. Scorza has been quoted in multiple publications, such as *The New York Times*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Huffington Post*, *Los Angeles Magazine* and several podcasts.

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Pictured from left to right: **Holly J. Mitchell**, Second District; **Sheila Kuehl**, Third District; **Hilda L. Solis**, First District; **Janice Hahn**, Fourth District; and, **Kathryn Barger**, Fifth District.



Fesia A. Davenport was appointed Chief Executive Officer of Los Angeles County in January 2021. She is responsible for managing the strategic direction and day-to-day operations of the nation's largest municipal government, including the oversight of Los Angeles County's **\$37 billion-plus budget** and coordinating implementation of key priorities of the Board of Supervisors.

In a County career spanning more than two decades, she has successfully facilitated cross-departmental, public-private, and inter-governmental collaborative efforts aimed at implementing a range of major initiatives involving data sharing to prevent homelessness and track outcomes for justice involved individuals, probation reform, and providing legal defense services for undocumented residents at risk of imminent removal.

She also played a leadership role in the launch of several new organizational units within the County, including the Office of Child Protection, the Center for Strategic Partnerships, the Office of Immigrant Affairs, the Chief Sustainability Office, the Women and Girls Initiative, and the Office of Youth Diversion and Development, with two new units underway: the Alternatives to Incarceration and the Anti-Racism, Diversity and Inclusion Initiatives.

A graduate of Cal State Long Beach, she earned a master's degree in public administration from Cal State Northridge and a law degree from the University of California, Hastings College of Law.