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Speakers' Biographies (alphabetical)

Robert Bobb – Mr. Bobb is a Director of Strategic Consulting with the PFM Group. He has over 30 years of professional management experience in the private and public sectors at the chief executive level. He is nationally recognized for innovative leadership, with special achievements in public safety, finance, community development, employee development, and community empowerment programs. Mr. Bobb is the former City Administrator and Deputy Mayor for Washington, D.C. and served as the District of Columbia's Homeland Security Advisor. He also served as the City Manager of Oakland, California and Executive Director of the Oakland Redevelopment Agency, and as City Manager of Richmond, Virginia, Santa Ana, California, and Kalamazoo, Michigan. Mr. Bobb holds the distinction of having served on a continuous basis as the longest tenured African-American City Manager/City Administrator in the nation. Among his many awards, his career earned him the prestigious International City/County Management Association's (ICMA) L. P. Cookingham Award for Career Development. Mr. Bobb earned a Bachelor of Arts in political science from Grambling State University in Grambling, Louisiana and an M.S. in Business from Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, Michigan. He also completed the certificate program for Senior Executives in State and Local Governments from Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government, where he served as a member of the Executive Alumni Council.

Henry Gardner – Mr. Gardner is the Executive Director of the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG), official Council of Governments representing the Bay Area's nine counties and 101 cities. Mr. Gardner has served as ABAG's Executive Director since December 18, 2004. He is an award winning professional with more than 30 years of public

service and private consulting experience. He began his career with the City of Oakland, rising from Assistant City Manager to City Manager, a position he held from 1981-93. Mr. Gardner has been the recipient of the National Forum for Black Public Administrators' Mark of Excellence Award, and was the 1992 Selected Fellow of the National Academy of Public Administration. He is the past president and founding board member of the National Forum for Black Public Administrators. Mr. Gardner received an A.B. from the University of Illinois with a major in Political Science and Speech, and an M.A. from Southern Illinois University in Government and International Law and Relations.

Jon Haveman – Dr. Haveman is a founding principal of Beacon Economics. He has been a senior economist with the President's Council of Economic Advisers, and held a faculty position in the business school at Purdue University. Prior to launching Beacon, he was the Director of the Economy Program at the Public Policy Institute of California. He also has a work history related to private asset accumulation in the United States. Dr. Haveman is an expert in goods movement, international trade policy, and labor market issues. He has published widely on transportation and security issues at California's seaports, business outsourcing, trade in technology products, and in the areas of labor and international economics. He is routinely contacted by the press as an expert source and has testified at numerous federal and state government hearings on issues related to seaport activity and security, technology trade, and local economic development. Dr. Haveman holds a Ph.D and a Master of Science in Economics from the University of Michigan, and a Bachelor of Science in Economics from the University of Wisconsin.

Sean Randolph – Dr. Randolph is President of the Bay Area Council Economic Institute, a public-private partnership of business, labor, government and higher education that works to foster a competitive economy in California and the Bay Area. He previously served as President & CEO of the Bay Area Economic Forum, which merged with the Bay Area Council in January 2008, and as director of international trade for the State of California. Before service with the state, he was Managing Director of the RSR Pacific Group, an international business consulting firm, and prior to that served as International Director General of the Pacific Basin Economic Council, a 15-nation international organization of leading U.S., Asian and Latin American corporations. From 1981-85 Dr. Randolph served in the U.S. State Department on the Policy Planning Staff, as Special Adviser for Policy in the Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, and as Deputy/Ambassador-at Large for Pacific Basin affairs. From 1985-88 he served as Deputy Assistant Secretary of Energy for International Affairs, where he managed nuclear non-proliferation, energy research, and global oil and gas issues. Dr. Randolph holds a J.D. from the Georgetown University Law Center, a Ph.D. from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy (Tufts and Harvard Universities), and a B.S.F.S. from Georgetown's School of Foreign Service.

Fred Silva – Mr. Silva has spent the last 40 years in the development of public policy in state and local government in California. In 1981, he was appointed to the position of Chief Fiscal Advisor to the President Pro Tem of the California State Senate. He advised two Senate Presidents Pro Tempore in this capacity, including Senators David Roberti and Bill Lockyer, and advised the Democratic membership of the Senate on state and local finance issues. He also served in the executive branch, working for the California Council on Intergovernmental Relations and the Office of Planning and Research. He was Chief Consultant to the Senate Local Government Committee in 1978 when Proposition 13 was passed, and assisted the legislature in developing the fiscal relief program and legislation implementing Proposition 13. More recently, Mr. Silva has been the Executive Secretary to the California Constitution Revision Commission, and from 1996 to 2006, was Senior Advisor at the Public Policy Institute of California where he authored numerous reports dealing with state and local finance. Mr. Silva holds a

Bachelor of Arts in Public Administration from California State University at San Jose.

Christopher Thornberg – Dr. Thornberg is a founding principal of Beacon Economics. Formerly, he was an economist with the UCLA Anderson Forecast where he regularly authored the economic outlooks for California, Los Angeles, and the San Francisco East Bay – as well as specialized forecasts for various regions and industries. He has been involved in numerous studies measuring the effect of important events on the economy, including the North American Free Trade Agreement, the California power crisis, port security, California's water transfer programs, and the September 11th terrorist attacks. He teaches in the MBA program at the University of California at San Diego Rady School of Business, and previously held a faculty position in the Economics Department at Clemson University. He is a nationally sought after lecturer and one of California's most widely quoted economists in the media. He has appeared on CNN, Fox News, CNBC, and in the *Wall Street Journal*, *Washington Post*, and *Los Angeles Times*. He is an expert in the study of regional economies, real estate dynamics, labor markets, and business forecasting. Dr. Thornberg holds a Ph.D in Business Economics from the UCLA Anderson School of Management and a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from the State University of New York at Buffalo.