

## PARTICIPANTS

**Mark Baldassare** is president and CEO of the Public Policy Institute of California, where he holds the Arjay and Frances Fearing Miller Chair in Public Policy. He is a leading expert on public opinion and survey methodology, and has directed the [PPIC Statewide Survey](#) since 1998. He is an authority on elections, voter behavior, and political and fiscal reform, authoring ten books and numerous reports on these topics. He often provides testimony before legislative committees and state commissions, and regularly hosts PPIC's Speaker Series, a public forum featuring in-depth interviews with state and national leaders. Previously, he served as PPIC's director of research. Before joining PPIC, he was a professor of urban and regional planning at the University of California, Irvine, where he held the Johnson Chair in Civic Governance. He has conducted surveys for the *Los Angeles Times*, the *San Francisco Chronicle*, and the California Business Roundtable. He holds a PhD in sociology from the University of California, Berkeley.

**Dr. Joseph I. Castro** is the eighth chancellor of the California State University system, the first Californian and first person of color in this role. California State University is the nation's largest and most ethnically and economically diverse four-year university, comprising 23 campuses with more than 485,000 students and 53,000 faculty and staff. Prior to his appointment as CSU chancellor he served as president of California State University, Fresno, beginning in 2013. He worked in the University of California system for 23 years, serving as vice chancellor of student academic affairs and as professor of family and community medicine at the University of California, San Francisco, from 2006 to 2013. Earlier in his career, he held faculty or administrative leadership positions at four other University of California campuses: Berkeley, Davis, Merced, and Santa Barbara. In 2019, he received his fifth Excellence and Innovation Award from the American Association of State Colleges and Universities. In 2018, he was named CSU President of the Year by the California State Student Association and the City of Fresno District 4 Man of the Year. In 2017, he received the mayor of Fresno's Community Partnership Award. In 2016, he received the Alumni Excellence in Education Award from the Stanford University Graduate School of Education and the Ohtli Award, the highest honor granted by the Government of Mexico to leaders in the United States. He earned a bachelor's degree in political science and a master's degree in public policy from the University of California, Berkeley, and a PhD in higher education policy and leadership from Stanford University.