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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.

Janet Napolitano became the 20th president of the University of California in 2013. She leads a university system with ten campuses, five medical centers, three affiliated national laboratories, and a statewide agriculture and natural resources program. As UC president, she has launched initiatives to stabilize in-state tuition and achieve financial stability for the University; improve the community college transfer process; achieve carbon neutrality across the UC system by 2025; accelerate the translation of UC research into products and services; and focus UC resources on local and global food issues. She served as secretary of homeland security from 2009 to 2013, governor of Arizona from 2003 to 2009, attorney general of Arizona from 1998 to 2003, and US attorney for the District of Arizona from 1993 to 1997. In 2014, she was appointed a tenured faculty member of UC Berkeley's Goldman School of Public Policy, and in 2015 she was elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. In 2017, she was inducted into the American Philosophical Association. She is the author of *How Safe Are We: Homeland Security Since 9/11*, published in 2019. She holds a JD from the University of Virginia School of Law and a BS from Santa Clara University.

Eloy Ortiz Oakley has been chancellor of the California Community Colleges since December 2016. He is also a University of California regent, serving a ten-year term that began in 2014. Under his leadership, the California Community Colleges published the Vision for Success, which lays out a focused strategy on increasing the social and economic mobility of all Californians. Before he became chancellor, he served as superintendent and president of the Long Beach Community College District (LBCCD). He also previously served as LBCCD's executive vice president of administrative services and vice president of administrative services. He was vice president of college services at Oxnard College from 2001 to 2002 and an assistant vice president at Keenan and Associates from 1999 to 2001. In 2014, the James Irvine Foundation awarded him their 2014 Leadership Award. In 2016, President Obama recognized him as a White House Champion of Change for his work promoting and supporting the national college promise movement. In addition to serving on the PPIC Higher Education Center Advisory Council, he is a board member of the California Chamber of Commerce, the College Futures Foundation, and the Los Angeles 2024 Olympic Advisory Committee. He served in the US Army and earned both his MBA and bachelor's degrees from the University of California, Irvine.

Timothy White is chancellor of the California State University, one of the most influential, inclusive, and populous systems of higher education in the United States. He guides 23 campuses and a community of more than half a million students, faculty, and staff—along with more than three million alumni. The

seventh CSU chancellor, he is a champion of student success and aims to bring individualized education to scale through the expansion of proven best practices. At the state and national levels, he advocates for a comprehensive learning environment that links classroom learning to practice through research, creative activity, and community engagement. He is a committed advocate for compassionate action on behalf of Dreamers and for providing those with DACA status a clear path to complete their education and build their future. He spearheaded efforts to ensure and increase awareness of federal Title IX rights, sexual assault, and alcohol abuse on campus. Prior to becoming chancellor in 2013, he served as chancellor and professor of biology and biomedical sciences at the University of California, Riverside. Previously, he served as president of the University of Idaho from 2004 to 2008 and as dean, provost, executive vice president, and interim president at Oregon State University from 1996 to 2004. A product of California's Master Plan, he pursued his higher education at Diablo Valley Community College, Fresno State, California State University, East Bay, and the University of California, Berkeley. Like many CSU students and alumni, he was the first in his family to earn a college degree.