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Donna Lucas is founder and CEO of Lucas Public Affairs, a California-based strategic consulting, public affairs, and communications firm. She has served on PPIC's board of directors since 2007. Over the course of her career, she has provided strategic counsel to large corporate clients, labor unions, nonprofits, and political candidates. Prior to forming Lucas Public Affairs in 2006, she served as a deputy chief of staff for strategic planning and initiatives for Governor Schwarzenegger and chief of staff to First Lady Maria Shriver. Previously, she was the global and public affairs practice leader for Porter Novelli and CEO of the Nelson Communications Group. She also served as deputy press secretary for Governor George Deukmejian, deputy treasurer for Tom Hayes, and California press secretary for President George H. W. Bush. In addition, she was the chairperson of the American Association of Political Consultants. Currently, she serves on the boards of the California Chamber of Commerce, the College Futures Foundation, Maria Shriver's A Woman's Nation Foundation, and the Scripps Institute of Oceanography. She is a graduate of the University of Southern California's School of Journalism.

Anthony Rendon is speaker of the California State Assembly, a position he has held since 2016. Since 2012, he has represented the 63rd assembly district, which includes nine cities in southeast Los Angeles County. In his three years as speaker, he has led progressive and productive legislative sessions. Among the assembly's accomplishments are the restoration of funding for early childhood education, a landmark \$52 billion transportation funding plan, the extension of California's emissions reduction and clean air goals, and the nation's first \$15 minimum wage. Prior to becoming speaker, he authored Proposition 1, the \$7.5 billion state water bond that voters overwhelmingly passed in 2014, and legislation that spurred much-needed revitalization of the lower portion of the Los Angeles River. Before serving in the assembly, he was an educator, nonprofit executive director, and environmental activist. He attended Cerritos Community College and California State University, Fullerton, and he earned a PhD from the University of California, Riverside.