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a monthly update from the Southern California Leadership Network

July 2016



Join California Connections, a dynamic nine-month fellowship for working professionals, exploring California's most pressing issues and important assets. **Apply by July 15 and receive \$500 off your tuition!**  
Questions? Please join us for an **informational webinar on Thursday, July 7 at 10 a.m.**  
To RSVP please contact Blanca Zarate at [bzarate@lchamber.com](mailto:bzarate@lchamber.com).

**ATTENTION ALUMNI:** Do you have a new job? Have you joined a board recently? Want to update your contact information?

You can do that [HERE](#).

## COMING UP

Wednesday, July 13  
5:30 - 8 p.m.  
*Thinking Globally, Acting Locally in the Fight Against Terrorism*  
[more info](#)

Wednesday, July 13 - Friday, July 15  
California Connections 2016  
Seminar 5: Los Angeles & Orange Counties  
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Friday, July 22  
8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Leadership L.A. 2016 Seminar 6: Healthcare  
[more info](#)

Friday, Aug. 19  
8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Leadership L.A. 2016 Seminar 7: Economic Development  
[more info](#)

Thursday, Aug. 25

## UPCOMING ALUMNI EVENT



**Thinking Globally, Acting Locally in the Fight Against Terrorism - Wednesday, July 13**

The first in our series *Are We Safe?*, this special briefing will feature an update on the key trends and patterns in global terrorism followed by a conversation with homeland security and local law enforcement experts on the critical questions about our security, including who and where the current threats and targets are, if "homegrown terror" is on the rise and how we can balance public safety and civic liberties.

[RSVP](#) to learn what can we do as individuals to help protect our communities and aid counterterrorism efforts.

### GUEST SPEAKERS:

**Florence K. Chung**, Founder and CEO, The Hetty Group (LLA '13)

**Jim McDonnell**, Los Angeles County Sheriff; SCLN Board Member (LLA '00)

**Ethel L. McGuire**, Assistant Chief of Airport Police, Los Angeles World Airports

**Dr. Erroll G. Southers**, Director of International Programs for the Department of Homeland Security National Center for Risk and Economic Analysis of Terrorism Events (CREATE)

**Intelligence Officer**, San Diego, Office of Intelligence and Analysis, U.S. Department of Homeland Security

## RICHARD DIAZ MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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## OVERHEARD



"You have to make sure to make your case. You can't just storm the castle if you want to work with government."

**Torie Osborn**  
Principal Deputy for Policy and Strategy, Office of Los Angeles County Supervisor Sheila Khuel



Richard Diaz, director of Riordan Leadership Institute (RLI) for more than 15 years, impacted the lives of countless community leaders through his work preparing them to invest their time and talents through service on nonprofit boards. His commitment to the crucial partnerships between highly qualified board members and the nonprofits they serve was unparalleled. Richard's sudden passing in 2014 left a hole in L.A.'s civic fabric.

[The Richard Diaz Memorial Scholarship Fund](#) has been established in collaboration with Richard's family to honor and further his legacy. All donations to the fund will support the participation of qualified, diverse participants in RLI. [Please donate today.](#)

Thank you for honoring Richard and for your commitment to building the next generation of nonprofit board leaders.

## EXTENDED RECRUITMENT

### LSC Application Deadline Extended to July 8!



A dynamic cohort of cross-sector professionals is coming together for Leadership Southern California 2017. Just a few spots are left!

Don't miss your chance to join these leaders as they explore regional issues, learn about leading collaborations and strategic partnerships, and leverage their own networks by participating in events with our 3,000 alumni.

[Apply today](#) to become one of Southern California's most engaged and inspired leaders.

## ISSUES

### Leadership L.A. 2016 - Law and Government



On June 10, Leadership L.A. fellows attended their fourth seminar which focused on Law and Government. The Law and Government seminar is considered by many fellows to be the most intellectually and emotionally demanding yet insightful

experiences in the program.

Beginning in the Tom Bradley Tower at the top of L.A. City Hall, Torie Osborn, principal deputy for Policy and Strategy for Supervisor Sheila Khuel, shared her insights and expertise as one of our nation's most respected advocates on advancing social justice through policy and government. Raphael Sonenshein, executive director of the Edmund G. "Pat" Brown Institute for Public Affairs at CSULA, walked the fellows through the structure of L.A. City government. He then led a panel discussion on how to advance change from within and through local government - as community members, advocates and elected officials - featuring the Honorable Ron Galperin (LSC '09), Los Angeles City controller; Lilian Coral (LLA '08), Chief Data Officer, Office of Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti; and Torie Osborn, principal deputy for policy and strategy, Office of Los Angeles County Supervisor Sheila Khuel.

Fellows spent the afternoon touring Men's Central Jail, where they

explored the County's prison system up close. The group also learned about the significant challenges and opportunities of working in law enforcement.

Thank you to Leadership L.A.'s presenting sponsor Tesoro and silver sponsor Boeing!

## ISSUES

### Leadership L.A. 2016 - Transportation



On June 24, Leadership L.A. Fellows attended their fifth seminar which focused on transportation. Phillip Washington, Metro's CEO, opened the day by sharing his vision for mobility in our region and the role of Metro in L.A.'s transportation future.

Next, Cynthia Guidry, deputy executive director - planning & development group at Los Angeles World Airports, spoke to the group about the significant role of LAX to our region and the modernization plans that will help keep our airport globally competitive. Fellows then engaged in a dynamic discussion on transportation equity with Naomi Iwasaki, program director, Great streets; Jessica Meaney (LSC '09), managing director, Investing in Place; and Stephanie Ramirez, associate state director of advocacy, AARP. After lunch, Fellows explored the city by public transportation on the Metro.

## ALUMNI RECAP

### Alumni Night Out



On Monday, June 20 graduates of Leadership Southern California class of 2016 hosted a fun-filled event at Heal the Bay's Santa Monica Pier Aquarium.

SCLN alumni and their guests were able to engage in an intimate conversation about sustainable development with Rick Cole, Santa Monica city manager, and Richard Katz, former California State assembly member and Metrolink board chair.

Attendees were able to beat the heat while they got up close and personal with dozens of marine animals, explored the aquarium's touch tanks and grazed on hosted sustainable appetizers and cocktails.

Thank you to our event host, Heal the Bay's Santa Monica Pier Aquarium.

## ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



**Darian Chin (LSC '16)**  
**Financial Manager, Port of Los Angeles**

**What are some of the benefits you received from LSC programming?**

LSC creates an environment in which civic-minded professionals are exposed to issues and engage one another with thoughtful perspectives that individually may not have been realized. For example, in Ventura County our seminar focused on affordable housing. The speaker linked other problems that sometimes result. Situations such as crime may arise when parents were too busy working to pay the rent, rather than be home with their children. My worldview has broadened.

LSC helped me to be more in tune with the human element of decisions by seeking out differing viewpoints and building strong

relationships.

**Discuss how SCLN has helped you take steps to increase your philanthropy and community involvement.**

When creating my living mission statement, I was reminded I won a \$1,000 scholarship as a senior in high school. So I decided to establish my own \$1,000 scholarship at my high school to give back and in May 2016, I presented the winner with the award.

Another part of my mission statement is to build new relationships. I sought out to be a member of the Supervisory Committee of LA Financial Credit Union and was appointed in April 2016.

**Do you have any advice for prospective SCLN participants?**

Embrace meeting new people and especially experiences as a way of building your leadership portfolio.

LSC has helped me ask myself, "Who do I want to be and how do I get there?" The 360 degree feedback tool and leadership profile, including writing my mission statement helped chart a path to follow beyond graduation.

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**Who are we?**

The Southern California Leadership Network advances the region and the state by inspiring, preparing and connecting leaders to drive change.

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