

Quality & Productivity Commission Leadership Conference

Los Angeles County Looks Forward to Hosting Major Sporting Events, Including the 2028 Olympic & Paralympic Games

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The Quality and Productivity Commission (Commission), in collaboration with the Board of Supervisors (Board), Chief Executive Office, and Executive Office of the Board hosted the 21st Annual Leadership Conference on June 20, 2024, at the Music Center, Dorothy Chandler Pavilion-Grand Hall. The 2024 theme was "LA County on the World Stage" with an objective of fostering collaborative leadership that ensures excellence, equity, inclusion, and opportunity as Los Angeles County engages on the world stage.

True to the Conference theme, the speakers focused on the impact of the upcoming major sporting events heading to Los Angeles County, including the 2026 Men's FIFA World Cup and the 2028 Olympics & Paralympic Games.

Led by Commission Chair William B. Parent as Master of Ceremonies, attendees listened to discussions centered in collaborative leadership that fosters excellence, equity, inclusion, and opportunity. Speakers included Supervisor Hilda L. Solis (First District), Fesia A. Davenport (Chief Executive Officer), Susan Goldsmith (Principal, Deloitte Consulting LLP), Kevin McGowan (Director, Office of Emergency Management), Kelly LoBianco (Director, Department of Economic Opportunity), Kristin Sakoda (Director, Department of Arts and Culture), John T. Cooke (Assistant Chief Executive Officer, Asset Management Branch, Chief Executive Office) and Vic Nol (Director, Venue Cities Relations, LA28 Olympic & Paralympic Games).

In anticipation of the 2028 Olympic & Paralympic Games and other global sports events, Los Angeles County is poised to face challenges to infrastructure, safety, and equity. From traffic concerns to housing the homeless, there's a lot of work to be done before the Games. However, where there are challenges, there are ample opportunities to lay

sustainable foundations for the future of Los Angeles County from creating a legacy of arts, diversity and creativity; to making a lasting impact on sustainability and innovation, infrastructure, and improvements; and engaging with working communities by creating youth development opportunities in sports and work, focusing on local and targeted worker hiring, and forging career pathways with major sports entertainment venues. No matter the challenges, Los Angeles County leadership proves that being on the world stage can also bring a lasting legacy of leadership, opportunity and equity for the history books.

Overall, each speaker provided details on their respective organizations' involvement in the upcoming Games, including planning efforts and collaborations. We thank all speakers for sharing their time and expertise at this year's Conference. We also thank the Leadership Conference ad hoc Committee members—Commissioners Dion Rambo (Chair), J. Shawn Landres (Vice Chair), Nancy G. Harris, Ed McIntyre, Marsha D. Mitchell, William B. Parent, Mark A. Waronek, William Wright, and Heidi Oliva (Productivity Manager, Fire Department)—for their leadership in planning the Conference.

For a copy of the program book and to watch the conference video, please visit the Commission website at qpc.lacounty.gov ([click here](#)).