

## Board of Trustees

### Camilla Townsend

AltaSea Board Chairman,  
Former Port of Los Angeles  
Harbor Commissioner;  
Executive Director, Max H.  
Gluck Foundation

Camilla Townsend is executive director of the Max H. Gluck Foundation, which provides funding for education outreach and arts programs throughout Southern California and New York. She has served the city of Los Angeles and the Harbor community in many other capacities as a professional educator and as a city and community volunteer leader. Ms. Townsend is a past Board Member of the San Pedro Historic Waterfront Business Improvement District (PBID) and the Board of Trustees to Marymount California University. She is the Founder and President Emeritus of the Port of Los Angeles Charter High School. She has also served as President of the San Pedro Chamber of Commerce from 2006 to 2011. Ms. Townsend has been appointed to numerous city and county commissions including the Harbor Area Planning Commission, the Los Angeles Board of Harbor Commissioners, the City of Los Angeles Commission for Children, Youth and their Families, and the Presidents' Joint Commission on LAUSD Governance. She is a native Angelino and 35-year resident of San Pedro.





## Doane Liu

AltaSea Board Vice  
Chairman, Executive  
Director, Los Angeles  
Department of Convention  
and Tourism Development



In March 2017, Doane Liu was appointed by Mayor Eric Garcetti as the Executive Director of the Los Angeles Department of Convention and Tourism Development (CTD), with the goal to further enhance and increase Los Angeles' prominence and attraction as a world class tourist and convention destination.

Liu joined the CTD after serving as Deputy Executive Director and Chief of Staff at the Port of Los Angeles, where he was the second in command at the busiest container port in North America and head of the Port's External Affairs Bureau.

Before the Port, Liu was Deputy Mayor for the City of Los Angeles. He managed the Mayor's Office of City Services and helped the Mayor oversee 15 City Departments, including the Los Angeles Department Water and Power, Public Works, Transportation, Recreation and Parks, Public Library, and LA Zoo. He also established the Great Streets Studio and LA RiverWorks in the Mayor's Office. A first-generation Korean-American, Liu also was a liaison in the Mayor's Office to the Korean-American community in Los Angeles.

Liu was previously Chief of Staff for Councilman Joe Buscaino and served as Chief of Staff for Councilwoman Janice Hahn, Deputy Mayor for Mayor James K. Hahn and District Director for Congresswoman Jane Harman. He was also Senior Vice President of Government Banking at JP Morgan Chase and Vice President in the Real Estate Industries Group at Security Pacific National Bank.

Liu currently serves on the boards of the Los Angeles Fleet Week Foundation and Sister Cities of Los Angeles. He has previously served on the boards of LA County Business Federation, Harbor Interfaith Shelter, Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy, Los Angeles Neighborhood Initiative, Los Angeles Regional Food Bank, Mary Star of the Sea High School, and Holy Trinity School.

Liu graduated from the Wharton School at University of Pennsylvania and received an MBA from University of Southern California. He and his wife have four grown children and have lived in San Pedro for nearly 30 years.

## Martin H. Blank Jr.

AltaSea Board Secretary and Treasurer, Co-Trustee and COO, The Rosalinde and Arthur Gilbert Foundation

Martin H. Blank, Jr. is an attorney specializing in all aspects of real estate law, including financing, leasing, purchasing, selling and the formation and management of corporations, partnerships, limited liability companies and other entities. He received his undergraduate and law degrees from the University of California, Berkeley and is a member of the Beverly Hills and Los Angeles County Bar Associations as well as the State Bar of California.

Mr. Blank serves as a Co-Trustee and COO of the Rosalinde and Arthur Gilbert Foundation. Headquartered in Santa Monica, CA, the foundation which makes grants in the areas of education, health care, cultural programs, Jewish organizations and the support of a variety of causes in Israel. He is also a trustee of the Gilbert Collection Trust, which is responsible for ownership and management of an art collection now located at the Victoria and Albert Museum in London, England, and at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art.





## Yehudi “Gaf” Gaffen

Chief Executive Officer at Gafcon, Inc.; Managing Partner of Protea Waterfront Development, LLC



Yehudi “Gaf” Gaffen has more than 40 years of construction and program management experience and holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Construction Management from the University of Cape Town, South Africa. He immigrated to San Diego in 1979 to work in construction and real estate development. In 1987, he and his wife founded Gafcon, Inc. with the purpose of assisting owners to deliver complex projects that power vibrant communities. Under his leadership as CEO, it has grown into a globally respected program and construction management consulting firm. It has been responsible for the success of hundreds of projects including high profile projects such as: The City of San Diego North Embarcadero Visionary Plan; the Port of Los Angeles Waterfront and Promenade; the recent redevelopment of the Los Angeles Forum; multiple large projects on the UCLA campus as well as over \$45 billion in K-14 education bond programs throughout California.

In 2016, after an heavily competed international competition the Port of San Diego awarded Protea Waterfront Development an exclusive agreement for a \$1.2B redevelopment of 70 acres of the San Diego Waterfront known as the Central Embarcadero. As the active Managing Partner, Gaf will steward the project to its successful completion by providing leadership and direction for the strategy and execution with Gafcon, Inc. providing program management services. To be completed over the next decade, Seaport San Diego will be an interactive, diverse new downtown district offering recreational, commercial, cultural and educational attractions with vital, ongoing programs and activities while incorporating the rich aquatic heritage of the region.

Gaf currently serves on the boards of the San Diego Regional Economic Development Corporation, Foundation for Grossmont and Cuyamaca Colleges, Meridian Residential Association and Wende Museum Advisory Group. He has previously served on the boards of San Diego Taxpayers Association, San Diego Hebrew Homes, San Diego Jewish Federation, Explorer Charter School, New Americans Immigration Museum and Learning Center, and UCSD Cancer Center.

## Eric Johnson

### Principal of the Victory Group of Companies

AltaSea Trustee, is a principal of the Victory Group of Companies, headquartered in San Pedro California. Mr. Johnson's current positions include president of Jerico Development, Inc. and Victex, Inc. real estate companies with operations in California, Colorado and North Carolina. The Victory Group's real estate activities include the commercial development of office, industrial, institutional and retail, dining and entertainment projects. Mr. Johnson is also president of Victory Oil Company, an independent oil and gas exploration and production company founded in 1934. In addition, Mr. Johnson is the CEO of Crail Capital LLC a venture capital investment, financial services and family office accounting firm.

Mr. Johnson is active in the Los Angeles philanthropic community as the founding board chairman of the Crail Johnson Foundation, a private family foundation serving the youth of urban Los Angeles since 1988 with special emphasis on programs supporting education, health care and family self-help. Mr. Johnson's interests are focused on public school reform, math science education and urban community building. Mr. Johnson has served for over a decade as president of the Accelerated School board of trustees, a charter management organization comprised of three public charter schools serving 2,000 students in the South Central Los Angeles community. Mr. Johnson also serves as the chairman of the board of directors of The Los Angeles Maritime Institute. Founded in 1992, the mission of the Los Angeles Maritime Institute is to provide youth with real-life challenges that develop knowledge, skills and attitudes needed to live healthy, productive lives, through its Topsail Youth Program. The Institute is a public-private partnership with the Port of Los Angeles, the LA City Council, The Los Angeles Unified School District, and private funders.

Mr. Johnson's educational and professional background is in the earth sciences and engineering, receiving degrees in geology and chemistry from the University of Colorado. Mr. Johnson's personal interests are focused on experiencing the outdoors with family and friends, primarily in alpine, desert, and the ocean environments. Mr. Johnson has extensive hiking, climbing, and blue water sailing experience and holds a 100-ton Master Mariner license from the USCG.



## Roberta Marinelli, Ph.D.

### Dean of the College of Earth, Ocean, and Atmospheric Sciences at Oregon State University

Roberta Marinelli is Dean of the College of Earth, Ocean, and Atmospheric Sciences at Oregon State University. As dean she leads one of the strongest Earth sciences programs in the nation, with nationally recognized teaching and research expertise in oceanography, atmospheric sciences, geology, geography, and coastal studies.



Previously, Marinelli served as executive director of the Wrigley Institute for Environmental Studies at the University of Southern California, a post she held since 2011. There, she played a leadership role in planning and implementing an expansion of academic and research programs in environmental studies at USC's University Park Campus, and directed the Philip K. Wrigley Marine Science Center on Santa Catalina Island. Marinelli also oversaw the George and Mary Lou Boone Center for Science and Environmental Leadership, a nexus where scientists and policy makers can meet to resolve environmental challenges.

Prior to her arrival at USC, Marinelli was the Director of the Antarctic Organisms and Ecosystems Program in the National Science Foundation's Antarctic Sciences section, where she helped to lead the development of collaborative, interdisciplinary programs across the Foundation, including the International Polar Year, Climate Research Investments, and SEES (Science, Engineering and Education for Sustainability). She was a tenured associate professor on the faculty at the University of Maryland's Center for Environmental Science, and an assistant professor at the Skidaway Institute of Oceanography.

Marinelli received her master's and doctoral degrees in marine science from the University of South Carolina, and her bachelor's degree from Brown University. She is a member of the American Geophysical Union, the Association for the Sciences of Limnology and Oceanography, and The Oceanography Society.



## Alex J. Rose

### Senior Vice President, Continental Development Corporation

Alex J. Rose serves as Senior Vice President for Continental Development Corporation in El Segundo, California. He is responsible for leading all development, acquisition, disposition and redevelopment activities for the suburban office/medical/R&D park developer, whose holdings cover nearly 5 million square feet in Southern California's Los Angeles County South Bay and City of San Francisco markets.



Rose has overseen the development and acquisition of over 2 million square feet of Class A office, medical, recreation and retail space and the redevelopment of nearly 2 million square feet of single-tenant R&D facilities into multi-tenant office space, restaurants, retail, entertainment and education uses. Previous responsibilities have included planning and execution of all tenant improvement, core and shell renovation and new construction work; major facilities maintenance and upgrades; project budgeting and cost controls; internal project management; architect, engineer and contractor management; asset and property management. Rose also has extensive experience in title insurance and is a licensed California attorney, with experience in general civil and bankruptcy litigation practices.

He is an Urban Land Institute Trustee and Foundation Governor, has served as Chair of ULI's Los Angeles District Council Executive Committee, Chair of ULI's Commercial and Retail Development Council and numerous other national and local leadership positions. Rose has chaired and served on over 30 national ULI Advisory Service assignments focusing on downtown and transit corridor redevelopment, revitalization and strategies as well as office and mixed use development issues.

Rose serves on the Board of Directors of Cross-Campus, a Los Angeles-based co-working/shared office space provider, on the Board of Trustees of the California Science Center Foundation, on the Board of Business Advisors of Tideline Partners, a San Diego-based small scale, infill development firm, and in various leadership positions in numerous other non-profit, civic, community and academic organizations. Rose regularly mentors numerous students and young professionals through formal mentoring programs organized through ULI as well as UCLA and USC undergraduate/graduate programs in business and real estate.

Rose received his MBA from the University of Southern California, his JD from Southwestern University School of Law and BA, Political Science from UCLA.