



KISH RAJAN NAMED PRESIDENT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

LOS ANGELES – May 13, 2015 - Kish Rajan has been named President of the [Southern California Leadership Council](#), the organization led by three former California Governors and Southern California business and community leaders that addresses and solves public policy issues critical to the region's economic vitality. Rajan was most recently the Director of Governor Brown's Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz) and replaces Billie Greer who has served as Leadership Council President since 2011.

Rajan was appointed the first director of GO-Biz by Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr., in September 2012. His responsibilities included enhancing California's job creation by streamlining business regulations, promoting statewide economic development and fostering greater international trade.

"Kish brings exceptional experience to the Southern California Leadership Council. He is exceedingly familiar with all of the economic development and regional policy issues that we tackle," said Governor Pete Wilson, Co-Chair of the Southern California Leadership Council. "We are grateful for Billie's outstanding leadership. She has taken the council to new levels and established a roadmap for its future."

Rajan has built successful careers in both government and private sectors. He entered the public sector after graduating from UC Berkeley becoming an aide to Senator Barbara Boxer and later to Phil Angelides who became California State Treasurer. He then moved to the private sector where he spent 14 years as a business development executive in the mobile technology field. During this time he earned a J.D. degree from Golden Gate University School of Law. He was elected to the Walnut Creek (CA) City Council in 2008 and became a regional leader, working for transportation improvements, education and economic development.

“Southern California faces a never-ending basket of challenges that require ingenuity, commitment and know-how to solve,” noted Governor Gray Davis, 2014 Co-Chair of the Leadership Council. “We look forward to collaborating with Kish to develop creative solutions that work for both public and private sectors.”

Greer, who completed her contractual four-year commitment April 1, said, “This has been an unprecedented opportunity to achieve substantial goals for the people of Southern California while working hand-in-hand with three incredible past governors and top business leaders. I look forward to new challenges but with much affection for this role.”

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About the Southern California Leadership Council

The Southern California Leadership Council was founded in 2005 as a non-partisan, non-profit, business-led public policy partnership of business and community leaders. The Leadership Council exerts strong leadership on issues of regional significance, providing a common voice on major public policies critical to economic vitality, job growth and quality of life in Southern California. The Leadership Council unites business and community leaders from throughout the seven-county region into one effective leadership organization whose membership includes three former California Governors and two dozen Presidents and CEO’s of top Southern California companies.

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