



**South Bay Cities Council of Governments' 26th Annual General Assembly
Thursday, March 26, 2026, westdrift Manhattan Beach Autograph Collection**

8:30 am Registration, Exhibit Hall, and Networking

- Exhibit Hall closes 10:30am

10:00 am Welcome

- **Bernadette Suarez**, SBCCOG Chair & Councilmember, City of Lawndale
- **Mark Rogondino**, On Air Talent, Fox 11 Sports / Apple TV

10:30 am Uniting Communities Through Art, Culture, and Entertainment

- **Amy Eriksen**, Executive Director, Angels Gate Cultural Center, representing local arts
- **Linda Grimes**, Executive Director, San Pedro Waterfront Arts District, representing local arts
- **Elizabeth Hause**, Community Services Director, City of Redondo Beach, representing civic cultural facilities
- **Eric Johnson**, CEO, Jerico Development Inc., representing West Harbor waterfront destination
- **Mark Rogondino**, On Air Talent, Fox 11 Sports / Apple TV, Moderator

11:30 am City Hall to Center Stage: A Mayors Panel

- **George Chen**, Mayor, City of Torrance
- **Jim Light**, Mayor, City of Redondo Beach
- **Cedric Hicks**, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Carson
- **Michelle Keldorf**, Councilmember, City of El Segundo
- **Mark Rogondino**, On Air Talent, Fox 11 Sports / Apple TV, Moderator

12:00 pm Lunch, Networking

1:00 pm Sports, Places, and Entertainment – Moving the South Bay Economy Forward

- **Christy Castillo Butcher**, SVP of Programming and Booking, SoFi Stadium and Hollywood Park, representing SoFi Stadium and Hollywood Park
- **Evan Eleff**, Partner, Sports Facilities Companies, representing sports and recreation facility planning
- **Allen Sanford**, Founder, BeachLife & California Surf Club, representing BeachLife Festival
- **Larry Kosmont**, CEO, Kosmont Companies, Moderator

2:00 pm From Arrival to the Final Whistle: Managing the Full Event Experience

- **Joe Forgiarini**, Senior Executive Officer, Service Department, LA Metro, representing transportation
- **Rachel Johnson**, Chief of Police, City of Manhattan Beach, representing public safety
- **Jim McCafferty**, Director of Catering and Events, westdrift Hotel, representing hospitality
- **Dana Pynn**, Assistant Director of Transportation, GTrans, representing transportation
- **Dan Rodman**, Deputy Executive Director, City of LA Office of Major Events, representing LA28 Olympic and Paralympic Games
- **Mark Rogondino**, On Air Talent, Fox 11 Sports / Apple TV, Moderator

3:00 pm Closing Remarks & Raffle

- **Bernadette Suarez**, SBCCOG Chair & Councilmember, City of Lawndale

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