

Official Notification – 2024 Slate of Board of Directors








October 5, 2023

Dear Member of the West Ventura County Business Alliance:

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 5 - Selection and Elections of Directors, this serves as notification of members regarding the names of the persons nominated as candidates for Directors and the right to petition.



Below are the candidates and a short bio of each. The following are three (3)-year terms.

	<p>Erin Antrim, Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Oxnard and Port Hueneme</p> <p>Erin Reardon Antrim is the CEO of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Oxnard and Port Hueneme, Ventura County’s largest Boys and Girls Club serving over 10,000 youth annually and 2,000 youth daily. Erin has grown the organization from 16 sites to 22 and increased the operating budget by over \$2 million annually. She holds a bachelor’s in liberal studies from San Diego State University and a master’s from California Lutheran University in educational psychology.</p>
	<p>Michael Brody, LightGabler</p> <p>Michael Brody litigates a broad range of employment and business matters in both state and federal court, as well as in administrative proceedings. Since 2005, his practice has focused on civil litigation, including representing a wide variety of clients in business and corporate transaction litigation. Michael graduated summa cum laude from the University of California, Los Angeles with a bachelor’s in political science and history. He received his Juris Doctor from the University of San Diego School of Law.</p>
	<p>Reyna Chavez, Residence Inn by Marriott</p> <p>Reyna Chavez has been a Ventura County resident for over 32 years and has worked in hospitality industry for over 20 years. Reyna is driven by the growth she has seen in the community in the past several decades. She enjoys supporting local businesses in the area and loves promoting them to out-of-town guests. She is proud to serve her community by volunteering at Food Share and supporting beach clean ups and enjoys hiking local trails with her husband and son.</p>
	<p>Israel Gomez-Vera, MacValley Oil Co.</p> <p>Israel Gomez-Vera was raised in Inglewood, California. He has been a sales professional for over 21 years and has successfully led dealerships with the Penske Automotive Group, particularly under the Volkswagen brands. He moved to Ventura County from Chicago, Illinois, in 2019 to join the MacValley Oil Co. team.</p>
	<p>Richard LeRoy, California State University Channel Islands</p> <p>Richard LeRoy was named Vice President for University Advancement of California State University Channel Islands in November 2022, after serving as Interim Vice President starting in January 2022. He initially joined CSU Channel Islands in August 2017 as Senior Director of University Development and was named Associate Vice President for Development in 2021. Ritchie grew up in New Orleans, Louisiana, and went to Louisiana State University for bachelor’s degrees in Spanish and political science. He served in the Peace Corps in Armenia from 1996-1998.</p>
	<p>Laura Ramirez, Ventura County Credit Union</p> <p>Laura Ramirez has lived in Camarillo for over 20 years and is currently Branch Manager of Ventura County Credit Union in Oxnard. She began her career at the credit union as a teller over 17 years ago and has gained experience in every in-branch role. She is very passionate about improving their members’ financial well-being and helping in the community. In her free time, Laura enjoys spending time with her family and Frenchie named Diesel.</p>
	<p>Natalie Yanez, Southern California Edison</p> <p>Natalie Yanez is a Government Relations Manager within Local Public Affairs for Southern California Edison (SCE). Before joining SCE, Natalie spent over 15 years in the financial sector, including her time with Ventura County Credit Union, where she oversaw the credit union’s payment services, strategic community partnerships, corporate giving, and financial literacy program. Philanthropy is truly at the heart of her work and she has dedicated her time, talents, and treasures to nonprofits throughout Southern California.</p>

Nominations by Petition. Nominations by Petitions may be accepted in accordance with the West Ventura County Business Alliance bylaws (Article IV, Section 5). “Additional names of candidates for directors can be nominated by petition bearing the genuine signatures of at least twenty-five (25) qualified members of the WVCBA. Such petition shall be filed with the Nominating Committee within ten (10) days after notice has been given of the names of those nominated. The determination of the Nominating Committee as to the legality of the petition(s) shall be final.” Petitions should be delivered to: West Ventura County Business Alliance, 400 E. Esplanade Drive, Suite 302, Oxnard CA 93036. If no petition is filed within the designated period, the nominations shall be closed and the nominated slate of candidates shall be declared elected by the Board of Directors at their regular October Board meeting.