Global Initiatives Council

Wednesday, November 21

9 a.m. Registration & Networking
9:30 – 10:30 a.m. Program

MEETING AGENDA

I. Welcome Remarks
   Carlos Valderrama
   Senior Vice President, Global Initiatives
   L.A. Area Chamber of Commerce

   Maria Contreras-Sweet
   2012 Chair, Global Initiatives Council
   Chairwoman of the Board
   PROAMÉRICA BANK

II. 2013 Global Economic Outlook
    Dr. Ira Kalish
    Director of Global Economics
    Deloitte

III. Questions & Answers

Adjourn.

Happy Holidays and best wishes for a successful New Year!

Next meeting:
February 20, 2013
9-10:30 a.m.

GLOBAL COUNCIL CHAIR:
Maria Contreras-Sweet, PROAMÉRICA BANK

CO-CHAIR – International Trade Policy:
Brian Peck, Adjunct Professor, University of Southern California

CO-CHAIR – Trade Commissioners Networking Group:
Tonia Van de Vyver, Trade Commissioner, Flanders Investment & Trade
Dr. Ira Kalish is the director of global economics at Deloitte. He is a specialist in global economic issues as well as the effects of economic, demographic, and social trends on the global business environment. He has written about the economies of Western Europe, Eastern Europe, Southeast Asia, China, Japan, Mexico and South America, and has also written extensively on global consumer markets.

Among his recent publications were the quarterly Global Economic Outlook of which he is the managing editor; the annual Global Powers of Retailing report; China and India: Comparing the World’s Hottest Consumer Markets; China and India: The Reality Beyond the Hype, and Mind The Gap, an article in Deloitte Review.

Dr. Kalish advises Deloitte clients as well as Deloitte’s leadership on economic issues and their impact on business strategy. In addition, he has given numerous presentations to corporations and trade organizations on topics related to the global economy. He is widely traveled and has given presentations in 46 countries on six continents.


Prior to his work at Deloitte, he was chief economist at Retail Forward, a director at PwC, vice president at Bankers Trust, corporate economist at the Eastman Kodak Company, and researcher at the Institute for International Economics.

Dr. Kalish holds a bachelor’s degree in economics from Vassar College and a PhD in international economics from Johns Hopkins University.