



Los Angeles Area
Chamber of Commerce

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LA AREA CHAMBER ANNOUNCES 2005 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Chris Martin takes helm of LA County's leading business advocacy organization

Los Angeles, CA – The Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce yesterday announced its 2005 Board of Directors and welcomed Christopher C. Martin, CEO, AC Martin Partners as the new chair at the organization's first board meeting of the year.

Martin is the third-generation leader of AC Martin Partners, one of Southern California's oldest planning, architecture and engineering firms, celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2005. His architectural work has contributed to the economic vitality of downtown Los Angeles, and as a civic leader, he has devoted a significant portion of his time to critical issues facing the city.

"It is an honor to chair an organization as important as the LA Area Chamber of Commerce," said Martin. "Under George Kieffer's leadership the past two years, the Chamber has reasserted itself as a trustee for the LA region's business climate and quality of life. 2005 is going to be a pivotal year in our state's history, and the Chamber is positioned to play a leadership role."

Martin has spearheaded a number of innovative planning efforts, including the concept for a Los Angeles Government Center, which would be the second largest government center in the U.S. after Washington D.C. He was a founding member of the Los Angeles Business Improvement District (BID), an idea that he helped initiate in his past role as Chair of the Central City Association. The BID is now the largest in the nation and has improved street cleanliness, maintenance, friendliness, and safety for property owners, residents, and visitors. He championed the need to restore and update, rather than merely seismically retrofit, Los Angeles City Hall, which recently reopened as a vibrant seat of local government.

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“In Chris Martin, I am confident that the LA Area Chamber will continue to grow its influence for the betterment of the business community and quality of life in general throughout the region,” said Kieffer. “Chris was key to the Chamber’s efforts in pushing business tax reform and the LAX Consensus Plan, and we are fortunate to have him at the helm of our board of directors.”

Kieffer led the Chamber through two years of powerful growth, increased influence, and thoughtful policy advocacy. Among his many accomplishments as Board Chair, perhaps most noteworthy is his crafting the framework for what became the LAX Consensus Plan and orchestrating the successful, collaborative effort to secure \$492 million in federal funds for the Gold Line light rail extension into East LA.

“The Chamber’s 2005 board of directors is talented and diverse. We have representation from almost every industry, region, business size and ethnicity in Los Angeles County. I am looking forward to a great year,” said Rusty Hammer, President & CEO of the LA Area Chamber.

Martin’s Executive Committee officers include:

- First Vice Chair and Vice Chair, Programs & Events:
Dave Nichols, Senior Vice President External Affairs South, SBC
- Treasurer:
Matt Toledo, Publisher, *Los Angeles Business Journal*
- Vice Chair, Development:
John Semcken, Senior Vice President, Majestic Realty Co.
- Vice Chair, Diamond Club:
Martin Newton, Senior Vice President, Wells Fargo
- Immediate Past Chair and Vice Chair, Public Policy:
George Kieffer, Partner, Manatt, Phelps & Phillips, LLC
- President & CEO:
Russell J. Hammer

Policy Committee Chairs

Economic Development & Land Use
Education & Workforce Development
Entertainment Industry Business
Council Legislative Committee
Environmental Quality
Health Care
Transportation & Goods Movement

David Abel, ABL Incorporated
Maureen Kindel, GCG Rose Kindel

Robert Simonds, The Robert Simonds Co.
Thomas McHenry, Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher, LLP
Thomas Priselac, Cedars-Sinai Health Systems
Joe Czyzyk, Mercury Air Group, Inc.

The complete Board of Directors roster and Martin’s bio and photo are attached.

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The Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce, with 1,400 members, represents the interests of business in LA County. Founded in 1888, the Chamber promotes a prosperous economy and quality of life in the Los Angeles region. For more information visit www.lachamber.org.

LOS ANGELES AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 2005 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Immediate Past Chair
President & CEO

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George Kieffer, *Partner*, Manatt, Phelps & Phillips, LLP
Russell J. Hammer

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James D. Barber, *President & CEO*, Hospital Association of Southern California
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Samuel W. Cargill, *Resident Managing Director*, Aon Risk Services, Inc. of Southern California
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Maria Contreras-Sweet, *President*, FORTIUS Holdings, LLC
Joseph Czyzyk, *President & CEO*, Mercury Air Group, Inc.
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James O. Hernandez, *Managing Partner*, Accenture
Raymond W. Holdsworth, *President*, AECOM Technology Corporation
Clarisa Howard, *President & CEO*, BD Systems
Jane H. Jelenko, *Senior Advisor*, Bearing Point
Sarah Meeker Jensen, *Principal*, Jensen + Partners
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Don Jue, *V.P., Server Sales Western Region*, IBM Corporation
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Scott I. London, *Partner*, KPMG
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Thomas J.P. McHenry, *Partner*, Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP
Kathleen H. McKeon, *Director of Sales/GM of Growth Markets*, AT&T

James F. McNulty, *Chairman & CEO*, Parsons Corporation
Irving A. Miller, *Group VP, Corporate Communications*, Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A., Inc.
Caroline W. Nahas, *Managing Director, Southwest Region*, Korn/Ferry International
Martin Newton, *Senior Vice President, Regional Manager*, Wells Fargo
Ivan K. Nikkhoo, *President*, Vertex Systems, Inc.
Alfred A. Plamann, *President & CEO*, Unified Western Grocers, Inc.
Cheryl Pope, *Regional VP, Large Group Sales*, Blue Cross of California
Thomas M. Priselac, *President & CEO*, Cedars-Sinai Health Systems
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Dean A. Scarborough, *President & COO*, Avery Dennison
John H. Semcken, III, *Vice President*, Majestic Realty Company
Jeff Shell, *Chief Executive Officer*, TV Guide International Inc.
Robert Simonds, *President*, The Robert Simonds Company
Roger Snoble, *Chief Executive Officer*, Metropolitan Transportation Authority
Steve Soboroff, *President*, Playa Vista
R.K. (Rod) Spackman, *Manager, Public and Government Affairs-LA Basin*, ChevronTexaco Corporation
Howard Stern, *Chief Investment Officer*, Arden Realty, Inc.
Matthew A. Toledo, *President & Publisher*, Los Angeles Business Journal
Laura Skandera Trombley, *President*, Pitzer College
Carlos J. Valderrama, *Director of Latin American Operations*, Carlsmith Ball, LLP
Alan B. Wayne, *Regional Director, Governmental/Public Affairs*, United Airlines
Timothy Wennes, *Executive Vice President*, Countrywide Bank
Stewart Wolmark, *Managing Director*, CDR Financial Inc.
Charles Woo, *Chief Executive Officer*, Megatoys
Kenton C. Woods, *Chief Executive Officer*, Rose Hills Company
Robert A. Wyman, *Partner*, Latham & Watkins LLP
Julie K. Xanders, *Senior Vice President, Legal*, Los Angeles Times

EX-OFFICIO PARTNERS

Samuel P. Bell, *President*, Los Angeles Business Advisors
Martin Cooper, *Chairman*, VICA
David Crippens, *Chair*, UNITE-LA
Vivian Campbell, *Immediate Past Chair*, Los Angeles Junior Chamber of Commerce
Ray Durazo, *Chair*, Latin Business Association
Barbara Glennie, *President & CEO*, Torrance Chamber of Commerce
Leron Gubler, *President & CEO*, Hollywood Chamber of Commerce
Eugene Hale, *Chairman*, Greater Los Angeles African-American Chamber of Commerce
Lee Harrington, *President & CEO*, Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation
Lynne C. Hess, *CEO*, Pasadena Chamber of Commerce
Nancy Hiromoto, *Chair*, World Trade Week Executive Committee
Ross Hopkins, *Public Affairs Consultant*, United Chambers of Commerce
Joseph Jou, *President*, Asian Business Association
Mark S. Liberman, *President & CEO*, LA Inc. The Convention and Visitors Bureau
Cynthia McClain-Hill, *Chair*, NAWBO-LA
David Simon, *President*, Los Angeles Sports Council
Steven W. Weston, *Chairman*, Central City Association

DIRECTORS EMERITI ALUMNI DIRECTORS PROGRAM

All past chairs of the Board
Adrienne Hall, *Chair*

CHRISTOPHER C. MARTIN, FAIA
CEO/Co-Chairman

Education

University of Southern California
Bachelor of Science, Architecture

License

Architect - California, New York,
Arizona, Illinois and Texas
NCARB certified

Awards

American Institute of Architects
Los Angeles Chapter
Building Team of the Year Award
Los Angeles City Hall, 2001

American Institute of Architects,
California Council
Jefferson Society Award, 1997

American Institute of Architects
California Council
Firm of the Year Award, 1996

Building Owners and Managers Assn. -
Office Building of the Year Sanwa Bank
Plaza, 1995

California Preservation Foundation
Historic Preservation Design
Award - State of Calif. Needs
Assessment Study, Los Angeles Basin,
1994

Downtown Breakfast Club Rose Award
- Home Savings Tower, 1992

International Downtown Association
Merit Award - State of California
Needs Assessment Study, Los Angeles
Basin, 1994

Los Angeles Central City Association
- Treasure of Los Angeles Award, 1997

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Professional Organizations

- Commissioner, Los Angeles Civic Center Authority
- 1st Vice Chair (Chair 2005-06), Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce
- Board of Advisors, Los Angeles Headquarters City Association
- Past Chairman, 2000, American Institute of Architects, Los Angeles Chapter
- Board Member, American Institute of Architects, Los Angeles Chapter
- Board Member, American Institute of Architects, California Council
- Past Chairman, 1992 - 1994, Officer and Member of the Executive Committee, Central City Association
- Board Member, Central City Association
- Trustee, Orthopaedic Hospital Foundation
- Dean's Advisory Counsel, USC School of Architecture

Publications

"AC Martin: A Dynasty of Design Endures", Los Angeles Times, 8/11/98

"Mentors Column: A Family-Run Design Firm has a Time-Tested Strategy of Collaborating with Engineers Throughout the Design Process", Architectural Record, 9/98

"For Hybrid High-Rise, Frame Follows Function", Engineering News Record, 7/28/98

"Building Los Angeles", USC Trojan Family Magazine, Autumn 1997



Project Experience

Government Facilities

- California EPA Headquarters, Sacramento, California
 - U.S. Green Building Council, Gold Certification
 - Environmental Protection Agency, Energy Star
 - 2002/2003 Earth Award, BOMA Pacific Southwest Region
 - 2002 Design-Build Excellence Award, Design-Build Institute of America
 - 2002 Project of the Year, American Public Works Association
- Hollenbeck Replacement Station, Los Angeles Police Department
 - 2004 Architectural Grand Prix Award, LA Cultural Affairs Commission
- CalTrans Headquarters - Phase I Executive Architect, Los Angeles, California
- Los Angeles City Hall Seismic Rehabilitation
- State of California, Needs Assessment Study, Los Angeles Basin
- San Joaquin County, Human Services Building, Stockton, California
- Beverly Hills Civic Center Expansion, Beverly Hills, California
- Department of Energy, National Ignition Facility

Educational Projects

- LAUSD High School No. 9 - Grand & Caesar Chavez
- LAUSD Gratts Elementary School, Los Angeles, California
- UCLA Science & Technology Research Building, Los Angeles
- California Institute of Technology, Beckman Institute, Pasadena
- USC Graduate School of Business, Los Angeles, California
- UCI Humanities/Fine Arts Complex, Irvine, California
- Chapman University Student Center, Orange, California
- California Institute of Technology, Master Plan Enhancement

Office Buildings

- 865 South Figueroa Office Tower, Los Angeles, California
- California Plaza, Phase 2A, Los Angeles, California
- Home Savings Tower, Los Angeles, California
- Sanwa Bank Plaza, Los Angeles, California
- Brinderson Plaza Towers, Irvine, California
- Manufacturer's Life Insurance Building, Los Angeles, California

Additional Experience

- Subway Terminal Building, Housing Conversion, Los Angeles, California
- Central City YMCA, Los Angeles, California
- House Ear Institute, Los Angeles, California
- Observational Instrument Lab, Jet Propulsion Laboratory

