



Panelists



Julie Caskey serves as Director of Climate Partnerships in the Office of Oakland Mayor Sheng Thao. She is working with City staff on efforts to attract and retain green businesses to make Oakland a hub for climate technology. She is also collaborating on public-private and philanthropic partnerships to develop and fund Oakland's robust Equitable Climate Action Plan (ECAP) goals. Through Oakland's ECAP, we plan to decarbonize, expand community resilience, and lead a just energy transition, prioritizing equity and our frontline communities.

Julie is also working on efforts to create green jobs for Oakland residents and serves as the Mayor's liaison to national and international climate organizations that help cities fight climate change, including the Resilient Cities Network and Climate Mayors. Julie has over two decades of public interest legal experience and is a graduate of Barnard College and Columbia Law School.



Salvador Llamas is the Chief Operating Officer for the Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District (AC Transit) located in Oakland, California. He has over 30 years of progressive leadership experience in transit operations. Before joining AC Transit, Sal worked at LA Metro and served in the United States Marine Corps. He started his career as a floor mechanic and rose through the ranks to manage operations at the third largest bus only transit agency in the United States. Providing leadership focused on delivering measurable service improvements is Sal's passion. Bringing together innovation with human creativity has been his mission. Collaborating with a team of AC Transit professionals, Sal helped design and implement one of the nation's most comprehensive zero emission bus program that includes a ZEB Transition Plan and Zero Emission Bus University.

Salvador is a graduate of the Eno Transit Senior Executive Program, American Public Transportation Association Leadership Program, and holds a bachelor's degree in business management from the University of Phoenix. Inspiring future leaders is one of Sal's passions; he serves as a Board Member for the American Public Transportation Foundation, served as Vice President of the Board for Latinos In Transit in 2020 and 2021, and continues to participate on various local and national leadership programs as a mentor.



Sal Vaca has a distinguished 35+ year career in workforce development & public service. He held several senior level positions with the city of Richmond including Community Services Director and Executive Director of the Richmond Workforce Development Board. Mr. Vaca has a track record for developing and implementing innovative and effective private/public partnerships and impactful programs including the award-winning RichmondBUILD program.

He currently serves as the Project Director for the Working Waterfront Coalition (WWC). WWC is a regional partnership comprised of maritime industry employers, ferry operators & funders, unions, community organizations & Workforce Development Boards.

Moderator



Brian Beveridge has more than 30 years of experience in communications. Beginning as a technical writer, he earned a BA degree in Mass Communications from the University of South Florida. From 1987 to 2004, Mr. Beveridge owned and managed an independent video production company in the Bay Area. He has created marketing programs for Fortune 500 corporations, such as Shell Oil, produced TV programs for the Sports Channel and the San Francisco Giants and written and directed documentary videos for state and local non-profit groups including the California Child Care Resource and Referral Network and the East Bay Asian Local Development Corporation.

A resident of West Oakland since 1999, Mr. Beveridge joined the struggle for environmental justice in 2003 after personally experiencing the toxic emissions from the Lesaffre Corporation's Red Star Yeast factory in his neighborhood.