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MODERATOR

Val Zavala, award-winning journalist

PANELISTS

Alberto M. Carvalho
Superintendent, Los Angeles Unified School District

Mark Ghaly, MD, MPH
Secretary
California Health and Human Services Agency

Debbie Innes-Gomberg, Ph.D.
Deputy Director, Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health

John Kobara
Chief Facilitator of Change, Random Acts of Progress

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PANELIST Alberto M. Carvalho has served as Superintendent of Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) since February 2022. Since then, he has led the development and implementation of the District's 2022-2026 Strategic Plan, as well as LAUSD's Education Transformation Office, Cultural Arts Passport, and Family Academy. Through his efforts, LAUSD has also strengthened relationships with local municipalities, made progress in greening schools, and secured upgraded credit ratings, generating millions in savings.

Prior to LAUSD, Carvalho led Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS). During his 14-year tenure, M-DCPS became one of the nation's highest-performing urban school systems, winning the 2012 Broad Prize, earning systemwide accreditation from AdvancED, and receiving numerous accolades from the College Board and Magnet Schools of America. As a result of his transformational leadership, Carvalho has been recognized as Superintendent of the Year by AASA, the Council of the Great City Schools, and the National Association for Bilingual Education.

Carvalho has been appointed to several boards, committees, and task forces, including the National Assessment Governing Board and the National Academies of Science, Engineering, and Medicine. He currently serves on the Advisory Committee for the Harvard Program on Education Policy and Governance, the Homeland Security Academic Partnership Council, the Posse Foundation, and the Aspen Institute's Planet Media Task Force, among others.



PANELIST Dr. Mark Ghaly was appointed Secretary of the California Health and Human Services Agency in early 2019 by Governor Gavin Newsom. In serving California, Dr. Ghaly has the privilege of working with partners across sectors and disciplines to improve the lives and life chances of ALL Californians. This has been especially true during our response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Dr. Ghaly is a primary care pediatrician who continues to use his clinical and community experiences,

working in California's health care safety net system, to inform a whole person, whole community approach to integrating services so they are equity-anchored and person-centered for ALL, but especially the most vulnerable Californians. Dr. Ghaly holds the deep belief that together our collective efforts can not only serve Californians well today but set us on a path where ALL Californians have a brighter and healthier future. Nothing he does can be done well without the support of his wife, Dr. Christina Ghaly, and his four young children.

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PANELIST Dr. Debbie Innes-Gomberg is a Deputy Director for the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health with responsibility for Quality Improvement, Quality Assurance, Outcomes and Training.

Over the course of her 31 year career with Los Angeles County, she has assumed leadership roles, overseeing the administration of the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) from 2009 to 2019, outcome evaluation from 2006 until the present, prevention services, adult services, Jail Mental Health Services and served as a District Chief for the Long Beach/South Bay areas of Los Angeles County for 6 years.

Dr. Innes-Gomberg is a member of the American and California Psychological Associations, as well as their Public Service Divisions (CPA- Div. 4 and APA- Div 18). She was the 2023 Chair of the California Quality Improvement Committee (CalQIC) Conference. She has served as the Co-Chair of the County Behavioral Health Directors' Association's (CBHDA) MHSA Committee, including a member of its Governing Board. She is a leader in LA County and across the state on outcome evaluation of public mental health programs.



PANELIST John Kobara considers himself a facilitator of change. He founded Random Acts of Progress, to assist and coach organizations and individuals to align their work to their passions to fully express their potential to build a more joyful, equitable, just, and compassionate world.

His popular Adopting a Compassionate and Philanthropic Career and Lifestyle has been delivered to thousands of attendees all over the world. His work on compassionate leadership has been the subject of his more than 600 blog posts.

John worked primarily in the non-profit arena, interrupted by for-profit work, public-sector jobs and three pioneering start-ups. For 12 years, he served as EVP and COO for the California Community Foundation.

John serves on the boards of the MLK Community Hospital Foundation, Cities4Peace, Japanese American National Museum, Social Benefit Navigator, Southern California Golf Foundation and Walden University.

John was a Coro Fellow in LA and earned degrees from UCLA, USC, and Occidental College.

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MODERATOR Val Zavala spent 30 years as a broadcast journalist at KCET public television in Los Angeles winning numerous journalism awards, including 19 L.A. Area Emmy® Awards. She retired in 2018. During her time at LA's preeminent PBS station she served as a reporter, anchor, producer and V.P. of News and Public Affairs. For much of that time she was also anchor of Life & Times and executive producer/anchor of SoCal Connected. She covered a broad spectrum of Southern

California issues including politics, education, healthcare, environment, demographics, the economy, arts and culture.

She received her undergraduate degree from Yale University and a master's in journalism from American University in Washington D.C.

She currently serves on the board of the combined KCET and PBS SoCal public broadcasting company and is very involved in local community. She lives in Altadena with her artist-husband Mark and their dog Casey.



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Dr. Harold Davidson is President of Harold Davidson & Associates, Inc.; a Los Angeles based investment-counseling firm founded over 40 years ago. His firm provides portfolio management services for individual and institutional clients in stocks, bonds, and real estate investments.

Harold Davidson earned his bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degree in Finance and Urban Economics from USC. He was previously a professor of Finance and Real Estate at both USC and UCLA.

Harold's philanthropic activities include currently serving as a board member for Wayfinder Family Services (formerly Junior Blind), where he served as Treasurer for 12 years followed by Chairman of the Board for 12 years; former Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees and current board member for the Luskin Orthopaedic Institute for Children for over 28 years; and on the Board of Governors for Cedars-Sinai Medical Center. Harold was Past International President of Zeta Beta Tau Fraternity and has served as Executive Director of the USC Chapter of ZBT for the past 30 years. He received such awards as "Man of Distinction" from the International Fraternity of ZBT and together with his wife, Nadine, the Lifetime Achievement from Hillcrest Country Club in 2016. Harold has also been a member of the Water Buffalo Club for over 30 years.



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Camilla Walker is a senior vice president and senior Relationship Manager within the Commercial Banking division of City National Bank. In this role she provides credit, treasury management, and ancillary banking products to middle market companies across various industries.

Ms. Walker has 20 years of financial services experience. Prior to helping start City National's Westside office, she worked in Investment Banking at Wachovia Securities, Private Equity at

Bank of America, Portfolio Risk and Analytics at Ares Management, and Commercial Banking at Wells Fargo Bank.

Ms. Walker graduated summa cum laude with highest honors from University of Georgia. She has been recognized as a top banker with two President's Circle Awards. Ms. Walker serves as co-chair of the Los Angeles Walk to End Alzheimer's and co-chair of the Wayfinder Family Services Impact Council. She leads the Commercial Banking Educational Series and serves as a member of its sales advisory council.



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The Parsons Foundation strives to support the work of the County's best nonprofit organizations, recognizing that communities thrive when all individuals are able to access the resources they need to feel safe, stable, and engaged. The majority of their grantmaking is for unrestricted general operating support because they recognize that organizations need flexibility in order to fulfill their missions and meet community needs. To strengthen the fabric of Los Angeles, they invest in highly effective civic and cultural, education, health, and human services organizations. The focus is on agencies providing direct services.

To The Foundation, success is measured by the achievements of the people their grantees serve. They are grateful to their nonprofit partners who work tirelessly to realize a positive vision for Los Angeles, and they celebrate the astounding accomplishments of these high-performing nonprofits through their grantmaking.

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Harold,

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To Harold Davidson:

As a former Foundation for the Junior Blind leader, it was a pleasure working with your family.

I extend my heartfelt congratulations to you on being honored for your outstanding service as a board member.

This well-deserved recognition serves as a testament to the positive impact you've had on the community.

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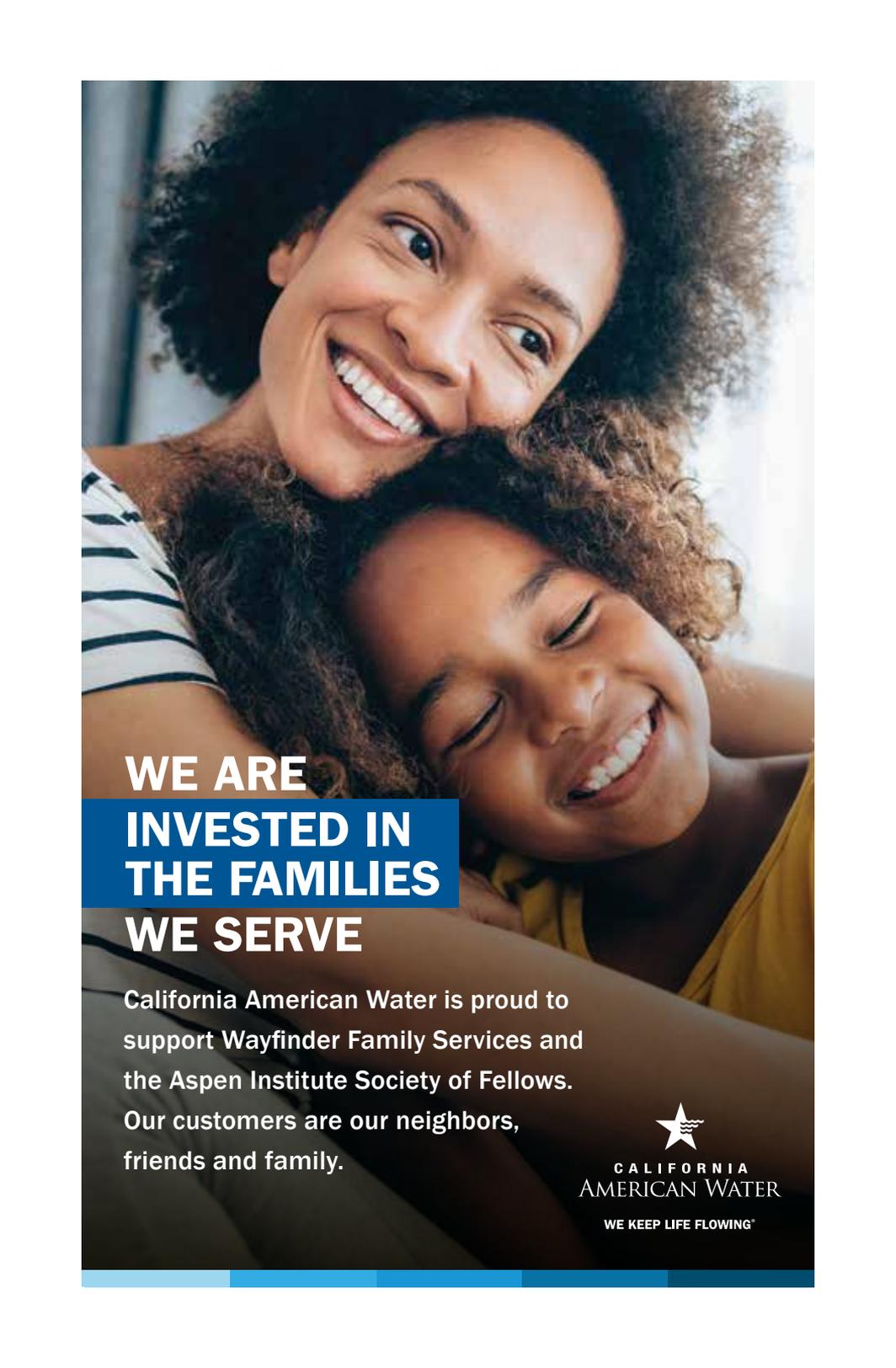


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