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South Central Florida Megaregion Pre-Meeting

**Thursday, September 21 – South Central Florida Megaregion Pre-Meeting
South Florida Regional Planning Council
3440 Hollywood Blvd., Suite 140, Hollywood, Florida**

10:00 – 3:00 p.m. **One day forum on the South-Central Florida Megaregion**
Open to South Florida business, civic, community leaders and public officials to discuss the boundaries of the South Florida Megaregion, major policy and planning issues and shared policy objectives.

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**Friday, September 22 – South Florida Roundtable/ Welcome Reception
Doubletree Surfcomber Hotel Miami-South Beach
1717 Collins Avenue, Miami Beach, Florida**

3:00 p.m. **South Florida Megaregion Roundtable in the Atlantic Room:** Report on previous day's proceedings with an invited panel of mega-regional leaders.

Moderator: Carolyn Dekle, Executive Director, South Florida Regional Planning Council

Panelists:

Neisen Kasdin, Chair, The Beacon Council

Philip Laurien, Executive Director, East Central Florida Regional Planning Council

Daniella Levine, Executive Director, Human Services Coalition of Dade County, Inc.

James Murley, Director, Florida Atlantic University Center for Urban and Environmental Solutions

Manny Pumariega, Executive Director, Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council

5:00 p.m. **Metropolitan Regions Forum Opening Reception on the Upper Pool Deck**

7:00 p.m. **South Beach Art Deco Walking Tour**
Dr. Paul George, Historical Museum of South Florida
Tour starts from the reception on the Upper Pool Deck.

Saturday, September 23 – Main Program
Doubletree Surfcomber Hotel Miami-South Beach, Atlantic Room

7:30 a.m. **Informal Breakfast**
Terrazos Restaurant

8:30 a.m. **Welcome and Introductions**
Cameron Moore, Executive Director, National Association of Regional Councils
Robert D. Yaro, President, Regional Plan Association
Armando Carbonell, Chairman, Department of Planning and Urban Form, Lincoln Institute of Land Policy

9:00 a.m. **Protecting Large Scale Environmental Landscapes and Estuaries: Promoting Megaregional Collaboration**
Presenter: Mr. Ken Ammon, Deputy Executive Director, CERP, South Florida Water Management District
Respondent: Carolyn Dekle, Executive Director, South Florida Regional Planning Council

10:30 a.m. **Break**

10:45 a.m. **John (Toby) Burke, Special Assistant to the President, Office of Intergovernmental Affairs**

11:00 a.m. **Megaregion Transportation: How High Speed Rail, Smart Highways and Intermodal Hubs can Support Megaregional Development**
Presenter: George Schoener, Executive Director, I-95 Corridor Coalition
Respondent: Mark Pisano, Executive Director, Southern California Association of Governments

12:30 p.m. **Lunch and Presentation: America 2050 Project Update**
Petra Todorovich, Senior Planner, Regional Plan Association

- 1:30 p.m. **Networked Economies for Growth and Prosperity**
 Presenter: Kip Bergstrom, Executive Director, Rhode Island Economic Policy Council
 Respondents: Jim Wunderman, President and CEO, Bay Area Council
 Mike McKeever, Executive Director, Sacramento Council of Governments
- 3:00 p.m. **Break**
- 3:30 p.m. **Institutional Arrangements – Megaregional Governance**
 Moderator: Armando Carbonell, Chairman, Department of Planning and Urban Form, Lincoln Institute of Land Policy
- Panelists:
 Thomas Dallessio, Vice President and New Jersey Director, Regional Plan Association
 Ron Thomas, Executive Director, Northeastern Illinois Planning Commission
 Jim Wunderman, President and CEO, Bay Area Council
- 5:00 p.m. **Adjourn**
- 7:00 p.m. **Reception and Dinner hosted by Lincoln Institute of Land Policy and Regional Plan Association**
 Mark’s South Beach, 1120 Collins Avenue, The Nash Hotel, Miami Beach

Sunday, September 24 – Setting the Federal Transportation Agenda
Doubletree Surfcomber Hotel Miami-South Beach, Atlantic Room

- 7:00 a.m. **Informal Breakfast**
 Terrazos Restaurant
- 8:00 a.m. **Best Practices Sharing Roundtable**
 Discussion leader: Cameron Moore, National Association of Regional Councils
- 10:00 a.m. **Break**
- 10:30 a.m. **Federal Transportation Roundtable**
 Presenter: Emil Frankel, Senior Vice President, PB Consult
 Respondent: David Warm, Executive Director, Mid-America Regional Council
- 12:15 p.m. **Adjourn**

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Speaker Biographies

Kenneth Ammon

Mr. Ammon has over 30 years of water resource planning, design, permitting, and engineering experience in both the private and public sectors in the state of Florida.

From 1976 to 1989, Mr. Ammon was employed by Gee and Jenson where he gained 13 years experience as a private engineering consultant and was Vice President and Regional Manager of the Stuart office for the second largest engineering firm in the State.

In April, 1991, Mr. Ammon joined the South Florida Water Management District where he is still employed today. In October of 1999, Mr. Ammon was promoted to Director of the Water Supply Department. His responsibilities included oversight of 4 Divisions and 145 employees. He was in charge of Regional Water Supply Planning, Consumptive Use Regulation and Rule Development, Water Conservation, Alternative Water Supply Grant Programs, and Regional Hydrologic Modeling. Mr. Ammon was responsible for the completion of the first four Regional Water Supply Plans and establishment of the District's first seven Minimum Flow and Levels for Priority Water Bodies. He also was the principal author of the District's "White Paper" defining the technical process and policy implications of establishing Reservations of Water for the Environment under Federal and State Law.

In October of 2003, Mr. Ammon was appointed Director of the Ecosystem Restoration Department. He was responsible for 170 employees and oversight of the planning, design, and implementation of the \$8.7 billion Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Program and the Kissimmee River Restoration Program. Mr. Ammon testified before the Senate Natural Resources Committee regarding the development of Minimum Flows and Levels and also was the District representative to the Senate Subcommittee on reservations for the environment convened by Senator David Dockery.

In August of 2004, Mr. Ammon was promoted to Assistant Deputy Executive Director and was responsible for the Everglades restoration "Accelerate Program" whose mission is to plan, design, construct, and operate eight major above-ground reservoirs within the next five years at a cost of approximately 1.5 billion dollars.

In June of 2005, Mr. Ammon was promoted to Deputy Executive Director of the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Program (CERP) with oversight of 450 employees. In his present capacity Mr. Ammon is responsible for all land acquisition and management, Regional Hydraulic Modeling, CERP Planning and the District's Acceler8 program within the 16 county area encompassed by the District.

Kip Bergstrom

Kip Bergstrom is the Executive Director of the Rhode Island Economic Policy Council, which convenes leaders from Rhode Island government, business, labor and colleges to focus the state's economic development efforts on game-changing initiatives. As a cross-sector network, the Policy Council is particularly fertile ground for new ideas, both original and borrowed, which it converts to strategy and takes to practical application by telling stories with data, creating the organizational capacity for catalytic change, and forming successful legislative coalitions. Kip has 30 years of experience in the private and public sectors, in both planning and management roles. Kip has a Master's in City and Regional Planning from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, where he was the first student to specialize in economic development.

Armando Carbonell

Armando Carbonell is Senior Fellow and Chairman of the Department of Planning and Urban Form at the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy in Cambridge, Massachusetts. He also teaches in the Department of City and Regional Planning at the University of Pennsylvania and in the Department of Urban Planning and Design at the Harvard Graduate School of Design.

Prior to his appointment to the Lincoln Institute in 1999, Carbonell had been Executive Director of the Cape Cod Commission, a regional planning and land use regulatory agency. In 1986, he initiated Prospect: Cape Cod, the strategic planning project that led to the 1989 passage of the Cape Cod Commission Act. During 1992-1993, he held a Loeb Fellowship in the Graduate School of Design at Harvard University. He chaired the National Academy of Sciences panel on groundwater vulnerability in 1991-1992.

Carbonell was a founder of 1,000 Friends of Massachusetts and chaired its Board of Directors. He was also a founding Director of the Cape Cod Center for Sustainability. He was President of the consulting firm Ecologia, Inc., which performed the definitive evaluation of the large and controversial Gabcikovo-Nagyamaros Barrage project on the Danube River. Earlier, he taught urban and environmental analysis and policy on the faculty of Boston University and had been Senior Environmental Analyst and Director of Land Use Policy in the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection.

Carbonell was the 1999 recipient of the Distinguished Leadership/Service Award for Professional Planner, Massachusetts Chapter of the American Planning Association for “distinguished practice, teaching and writing.” He is a Member of the American Institute of Certified Planners. He serves on the Board of Directors of the Center for Coastal Studies in Provincetown, MA. He is a Fellow of the Forum for Urban Design in New York. He is a member of the Loeb Fellowship Council at Harvard. He has also served on the boards of the Massachusetts Audubon Society and Environmental League of Massachusetts.

Carbonell received his A.B. degree in geography from Clark University and was a Doctoral Fellow in geography at the Johns Hopkins University.

Carolyn Dekle

Carolyn A. Dekle is the executive director of the South Florida Regional Planning Council, a planning and public policy agency serving Broward, Miami-Dade and Monroe counties. Prior to becoming the executive director in October 1991, Carolyn served as the Council’s assistant director and was responsible for program management. Carolyn’s specific responsibilities include development and administration of the local plan review process and development and implementation of the Strategic Regional Policy Plan for South Florida. Building consensus around the identification and resolution of critical issues and policies for the South Florida area is an area of primary responsibility.

Carolyn was a member of Governor Bob Graham’s staff from 1979 to 1986, including four years as staff within the Governor’s Strategic Planning Policy Unit. This Unit was primarily responsible for the creation of Florida’s Growth Management legislation and specifically the development of Florida’s State Plan.

Thomas Dallessio

Tom Dallessio is Vice President and New Jersey Director at Regional Plan Association. Since joining RPA in late January 2002, Tom has directed RPA’s New Jersey Office and managed six N.J. Mayors’ Institutes on Community Design, coordinated RPA efforts in the Highlands, and promoted Affordable Housing, Transportation Finance and Property Tax reforms. He has served as project manager for smart growth initiatives in Hope Township and Eatontown Borough, and is currently engaged in a Community

Livability Survey with the New Jersey Institute of Technology for the City of Paterson. In addition, Tom has organized the annual Northeast State Planning Leadership Retreats for state planning directors, and given national and international presentations on the America 2050 project to create a new national growth strategy.

Previously, Tom was a Senior Policy Advisor to New Jersey Governors Christine Todd Whitman and Donald T. DiFrancesco. His areas of responsibility included smart growth, environmental protection and agriculture. Tom drafted the Garden State Preservation Trust Act, the law that will ensure the protection of a million more acres of open space and farmland in New Jersey. He was also the Governor's representative to the State Planning Commission, where he worked to draft and implement the second State Development and Redevelopment Plan. And, he helped advance legislation that enabled the creation of Revenue Allocation Districts and tax increment financing mechanisms.

For over a decade, Tom held a number of positions at the N.J. Office of State Planning, working with the State Planning Commission to draft the first State Plan, as well as with local communities to implement that smart growth document. As the Area Planning Manager for the Northwest, Tom provided technical assistance to local officials in Hunterdon, Morris, Somerset, Sussex and Warren Counties to revise plans and promote smart growth policies. He also worked with legislative leaders to advocate laws and regulations that improved local and regional planning. He is a licensed professional planner, and a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners. Tom is on the Board of Directors of Downtown New Jersey, Coalition for Conservation, and the Main Street New Jersey Board of Advisors.

Tom is an adjunct professor at the New Jersey Institute of Technology and Mercer County Community College. A former Council President and 3-term Councilman in Hopewell Borough (Mercer County), Tom served on the Hopewell Planning Board, Economic Development Commission and the Hopewell Public Library Board of Trustees. Tom was a candidate for the N.J. General Assembly for the 15th District in 2001. He is also a former Trustee at Rutgers University, and a former President of the Rutgers Alumni Association and the Bloustein School Alumni Association. In addition, Tom is a fellow of Leadership New Jersey. He and his wife Kathy have a 7 year old son, Jack.

Emil H. Frankel

Emil H. Frankel is a principal consultant of PB Consult, the management and strategic consulting unit of Parsons Brinckerhoff, an international consulting, engineering and program management organization. He is also a senior vice president of Parsons Brinckerhoff.

Before joining Parsons Brinckerhoff, Mr. Frankel was assistant secretary for transportation policy at the U.S. Department of Transportation. Appointed by President George W. Bush in 2002, Mr. Frankel played a key role in the coordination and development of the administration's proposal to reauthorize the Federal highway, transit, and highway safety programs. He also provided leadership in such areas as intermodal freight transportation, reform of the nation's intercity passenger rail system, transportation infrastructure project financing, and the application of information technologies to transportation systems operations and maintenance.

From 1995 to 2001, Mr. Frankel was Of Counsel to Day, Berry & Howard in the law firm's Stamford, Connecticut, office. During that time he was also a management fellow at Yale University's School of Management and a senior fellow at the School of Forestry and Environmental Studies, engaged in teaching and research on issues of transportation and environmental policy and public management. In 1995, he was a joint fellow at the Center for Business and Government and the Taubman Center for State and Local Government at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government.

Mr. Frankel was commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Transportation from 1991 to 1995, responsible for managing an agency with more than 4,100 employees and an annual budget of \$1 billion. Previously, he served as a special assistant to the under secretary at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and as a legislative assistant to U.S. Senator Jacob K. Javits.

Mr. Frankel is a member of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials and Chairman of the organization's Standing Committee on the Environment. He served as vice chairman of the I-95 Coalition and was a director of the Regional Plan Association of New York. He earned an LL.B. degree from Harvard University and a B.A. from Wesleyan University, and was a Fulbright Scholar at Manchester University in the United Kingdom. He was a trustee of Wesleyan University from 1981 to 1997 and is currently a trustee emeritus. He served as a selectman of the town of Weston Connecticut, from 1999 to 2001.

Paul S. George

Paul S. George is a Professor of History, Miami-Dade College, Wolfson Campus. He also serves as Historian to the Historical Association of Southern Florida. A native Miamian, Paul George is a graduate of Miami Dade Community College and the University of Miami. He holds a Masters and Ph.D. degree in History from the Florida State University. Dr. George has taught in several universities and colleges, including Florida State University, Florida A & M University, Florida Atlantic University, and the University of Miami.

Dr. George has authored ten books, over one hundred articles and book reviews, and numerous unpublished manuscripts. Two of the books have won awards. He has also edited two books. He has served as president of the Florida Historical Society, vice chairman of the City of Miami's Heritage Conservation Board, director of the Historic Broward County Preservation Board, and sits as a member of Metro Dade County's Preservation Board. He is a recent past-president of the Louis Wolfson II Florida Moving Image Archive. Mr. George is editor of both *Tequesta*, the scholarly journal of the Historical Association of Southern Florida, and the same organization's *South Florida History* magazine. In 2002, the Florida Historical Society recognized *Tequesta* as the outstanding historical publication for the previous year. Dr. George has twice been cited as Miami's outstanding Historian by *New Times, Miami*. He was the narrator and a principal in a historical documentary on the Miami News/Freedom Tower created by WLRN Television. The documentary was selected as the top film in its category by the Louis Wolfson II Florida Moving Image Archives in 2004. He was the recipient in 2003 of an award from Miami-Dade County School's Social Science Division for Excellence in that field. The Notre Dame Club of South has feted Dr. George as it Person of the Year in 1997 through its Exemplar Award. He was recognized in 1995 as Teacher of the Year for Miami-Dade Community College, Wolfson and Interamerican campuses. Between 1997 and 2000, he held the Arthur Hertz Endowed Chair at Miami-Dade College.

Dr. George has curated several historical exhibits at the Historical Association of Southern Florida and at the Jewish Museum of Florida. He also conducts about thirty-five different history tours of Dade, Broward, and Monroe Counties. His Crime tour and boat tour the waters along Key Biscayne and Stiltsville were feted by *New Times, Miami* as the "Best Tours" in recent years.

Neisen O. Kasdin

Neisen O. Kasdin is a shareholder at Gunster Yoakley, practicing in the areas of land use and public incentives for development. He is a member of the firm's Real Estate Department and chair of the firm's Land Use Practice Group. Mr. Kasdin joined the firm in 2000.

Mr. Kasdin was instrumental in leading the revitalization of Miami Beach's South Beach through his work as chair of the Miami Beach Community Development Corporation, city commissioner and as mayor. He has significant experience in public/private projects, urban development and neighborhood revitalization. He has practiced law for over twenty-five years.

Mr. Kasdin's practice areas include land use law, commercial real estate, and local government law. He received his B.A. from Northwestern University and his J.D. from the University of Florida.

Philip C. Laurien

Philip Laurien, AICP, is Executive Director of the East Central Florida Regional Planning Council. He earned a Bachelor of Arts from Miami University (Ohio) and a Masters in Community Planning from the University of Cincinnati (1974).

His approach to regional planning is to build relationships with elected and appointed officials, the development community and citizens, help them develop a common vision for the community in a regional context, then help them implement that vision.

His thirty two years of experience includes planning, town management, and real estate development. He has authored numerous white papers, comprehensive plans and zoning codes in Ohio, Kentucky, and New Hampshire. He has been a guest lecturer at four universities, and taught Ohio planning, zoning and subdivision law for the National Business Institute.

As a consultant in his own planning and development firm from 1982-1990 he designed over 350 developments in four New England states, and served various communities as their consultant.

As a project manager for a production builder he designed and initiated development of Arbor Park, a \$12,000,000 cluster and condominium complex.

As Executive Director of the Delaware County (Ohio) Regional Planning Commission from 1998-2006 his task was to manage orderly development for the 11th fastest growing county in America. His Conservation Subdivision code has been accepted by home builders and communities as a Smart Growth alternative to rural sprawl. The fifteen grass roots community master plans he and his staff compiled were the basis for a County Thoroughfare Plan and Sewer Master Plan, which received a National Association of Counties Award.

As Executive Director of the East Central Florida Regional Planning Council the challenge is to acknowledge each community's autonomy in land use decisions, while engaging local officials in a dialogue about the regional consequences of local growth.

A good comprehensive plan always answers the question of "how do we want our community to ultimately look?" A good regional perspective becomes an ongoing discussion about "how do we want our region to ultimately look?"

Daniella Levine

Daniella S. Levine is Executive Director of the Human Services Coalition of Dade County, Inc. which she founded in 1996. She facilitated the formation of the county coalition in order to meet the needs of families and neighborhoods through public education, advocacy, promotion of collaboration and public dialogue on critical human services issues. Some of the major initiatives include: Growing Healthy, promoting improved access to children's health care; Rise Up to Meet the Road, Train the Trainer curriculum on welfare reform; Interfaith Conference on Role of Faith Community in Era of Welfare Reform, Citizenship Assistance; and Hunger Has a Cure Campaign: outreach to immigrants losing benefits and others in need of food with public and privately donated relief funds.

In 1982, Ms. Levine was the Director of the Educational Advocacy Project for Legal Services of Greater Miami. She advocated for low income Miami-Dade residents through a federally funded legal service program with special focus on children in the public school system who are at risk for delinquent behavior due to school failure. Her experience included significant involvement in public benefits and immigration law, particularly targeting children's needs, including major impact class action litigation. From 1986 to 1993, Ms. Levine became the Associate and Acting Director of the Florida Guardian Ad Litem Program of the 11th Judicial Circuit. She served in an administrative and legal capacity for a government and nonprofit organization (the largest of its kind in the nation) that advocates for abused, abandoned and neglected children by providing trained, court appointed and attorney volunteers in child welfare and related proceedings and advocating in the larger community to create awareness of children's needs. From 1987 to 1988, Ms. Levine also served as the Associate Director of the Dependent Children Project, League of Women Voters. She designed and implemented a study on dependent children's legal rights by recruiting and training qualified volunteers to observe court proceedings, conducting interviews with key court personnel and designing and administering questionnaires funded by the Florida Bar Foundation. In 1990, Ms. Levine became President and Board Member for the Voices for Children of Miami-Dade County, Inc. She developed the non-profit support arm for the Guardian Ad Litem Program, taking it from \$10,000 to \$250,000 in annual revenue and creating service initiatives in criminal court advocacy. She also recruited multi-ethnic and cultural volunteers with special focus on needs of children languishing in foster care.

In 1993 Ms. Levine moved to the Department of Children and Families serving as Acting District Program Manager, Acting Managing Attorney and consultant. There she was administratively responsible for 700 employees and handled all district child welfare services with active participation in state policy and rule development. She supervised a 70 member legal staff and was the strategic planning and management consultant for intake, foster care and legal staff. She facilitated the implementation of critical system reforms and created and managed a 50 person staff on a special project to eliminate investigative case backlog. She also designed projects to address foster care and protective supervision backlogs. In 1995 Ms. Levine became the Coordinator of the Academy for Better Communities at Barry University's School of Social Work. There she was primarily responsible for the development of community programs and initiatives.

Ms. Levine has served on a numerous community organizations including the North Dade Medical Foundation, the Florida Bar Public Interest Committee, Legal Needs of Children Committee, Haitian Support, Inc., Kristi House (treatment program for the sexually abused), Dade and Florida League of Women Voters (Off-Board for Welfare Reform) Boards.

Ms. Levine has been recognized by receiving numerous awards for her achievements including: 11th Circuit Lorraine Monroe Award, and the Statewide Outstanding Achievement Award for her Guardian Ad Litem Program, 11th Circuit Juvenile Court Wall of Honor, Margery Hemsing Rankin Memorial Award for her achievements in the Dade County League of Women Voters, the Women of Influence Award as an emerging leader, Champion for Children's Award from the Children's Resource Fund, Red Cross Spectrum Award for Women, and In the Company of Women Award from the Miami-Dade County Commission on the Status of Women. She is a Leadership Foundation Fellow of the International Women's Forum.

Ms. Levine has made numerous guest lecture appearances at area universities, local, state and national conferences and has written numerous publications. Ms. Levine attended Yale University where she received her bachelor of arts in psychology and child studies. In 1983, she received her Juris Doctor from Columbia University's School of Law, as well as her Masters of Social Work at Columbia University School of Social Work. She is married to Robert C. Cava, MD and has two children, Eliza and Edward.

Mike McKeever

Mike McKeever, AICP, was appointed Executive Director of the Sacramento Area Council of Governments Board of Directors on December 17, 2004. Previously, Mr. McKeever, 49, was project manager of the Blueprint Project at SACOG.

Over his 20-year career specializing in the field of planning, he has owned and managed two private businesses that specialized in working with local governments on innovative multi-jurisdictional projects. He has been instrumental in developing cutting-edge planning techniques to integrate land use and transportation planning.

Mr. McKeever was the founder and President of McKeever/Morris for 13 years and then a Senior Supervising Planner for Parsons Brinckerhoff, before joining SACOG as Blueprint Project Manager in 2001.

More recently, Mr. McKeever was the principal creator of PLACE3S planning method and software, designed to help professional and citizen planners to understand the connections between land use, transportation, and air quality issues. He has authored several manuals and guidebooks on various aspects of local government collaboration, and teaches Stretching Community Dollars seminars throughout California for the City, County, Schools Partnership to help these units of government find creative ways to work together.

Mr. McKeever has also been involved in projects with the Sacramento Regional Transit District, and regional planning projects in Portland, OR; Salem, OR; San Diego, CA; San Francisco, CA; Chicago, IL; Albuquerque, NM; Austin, TX; and Victoria, British Columbia.

He is a native of Nampa, Idaho and received his B.A. with Honors from the University of Oregon. He lives in Sacramento with his wife and stepchildren.

Cameron Moore

Cameron Moore is currently serving as the Executive Director of the National Association of Regional Councils (NARC). His professional career spans over twenty years of service at the executive level in a variety of community and economic development organizations including the Northeastern Pennsylvania Alliance (President & CEO), the Greater Phoenix Chamber of Commerce (VP of Economic Development), the Greater Flagstaff Economic Council (President & COO), the Muscatine Development Corporation (Executive Director) and the Southeastern Illinois Regional Planning and Development Commission (Executive Director).

His professional background includes achieving Certified Economic Developer (CEcD) status from the International Economic Development Council and Economic Development Finance Professional (EDFP) status from the National Development Council. He has been recognized by the Governor of Iowa for excellence in the design and implementation of programs to retain and expand businesses and served as a member of the Marketing Advisory Group to Iowa Communities and on the Board of the Professional Developers of Iowa while Co-Chairing the Legislative Committee.

Cameron was appointed by the Governor of Arizona to serve on the Canamex Commission as well as the Governors Strategic Partnership for Economic Development (Executive Committee) and the Arizona Partnership for the New Economy (Executive Committee) and was part of the Management Group that developed the Phoenix Economic Development Plan in addition to serving as chair of the Legislative Committee for the Arizona Association for Economic Development. He also served on the Board of Directors and as Chair of the Local Development District Association of Pennsylvania.

In recent year Cameron has taught classes for the International Economic Development Council such as *Managing Economic Development Organizations*, *Planning for Economic Development* and *Introduction to Economic Development*. He graduated *cum laude* from Augustana College in Rock Island, Illinois with a triple major in Political Science/Public Administration/International Management and also attended the University Of Iowa College Of Law and the graduate school at Southern Illinois University. He enjoys an active outdoor lifestyle and currently resides in Montgomery County, Maryland.

James Murley

In February 1999, Jim became the Director of the Florida Atlantic University Anthony James Catanese Center for Urban & Environmental Solutions in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. The mission of the Catanese Center is "to work with policy makers and the public in their pursuit of options for managing growth while preserving natural systems, promoting a strong economy and planning livable communities."

Jim is a 1974 graduate of the George Washington University Law School where he specialized in environmental and land-use law. Before coming to Florida, he worked for the National Atmospheric and Oceanographic Administration in coastal zone management.

He first joined the Florida Department of Community Affairs in 1983 as its director of Resource Planning and Management. In that position, Jim helped draft and gain passage of Florida's landmark Growth Management Act.

In 1987, Jim left DCA to head 1000 Friends of Florida, a nonprofit, public interest group that works to promote sensible planning, economic development, and environmental preservation. Jim was then appointed Secretary of DCA by Governor Lawton Chiles, who called him a "seasoned leader on growth management issues with nearly two decades of experience under his belt."

Jim is a former member of the Miami River Commission and the Legislative Committee on Intergovernmental Coordination. A fellow of the National Academy of Public Administration, a board member of the Seaside Institute, and the Congress of New Urbanism.

Mark Pisano

Mark Pisano has served as Executive Director of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) since November 1976. SCAG is the nation's largest regional planning agency with a membership that consists of Imperial, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, and Ventura, and cities within these counties. The purpose of this voluntary association of local governments is to provide an open forum where region-wide problems can be explored and comprehensive plans dealing with air and water quality, transportation, regional growth and development, housing, and other areas critical to the region can be developed.

Prior to joining SCAG in November 1976, Mr. Pisano was director of the Environmental Protection Agency's Water Quality Planning Division. For several years, Mr. Pisano was responsible for developing policy on implementation of the nation's water quality management process, including basin and facility planning and wastewater management programs. He previously served as an economist with the Environmental Protection Agency.

From 1965 to 1966, Mr. Pisano was vice president and general manager of Frank Pisano and Associates, an engineering firm in San Jose, California.

A Ph.D. candidate at Georgetown University, Mr. Pisano was a lecturer there during the summers of 1970 and 1971. He is also the author of several papers on economics and water resources. Mr. Pisano is also a member of various organizations, including: Resources for the Future; National Civic League; California School of Professional Psychology/Alliant International University and LINC Housing.

Manny L. Pumariega

Manny L. Pumariega is Executive Director of the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council. A long-time resident of Tampa, Mr. Pumariega graduated from the University of South Florida with a Bachelor of Science in Accounting. He earned a Master in Business Administration from the University of Tampa. Manny is a Certified Public Accountant and is a member of the Florida and American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. He is also a member of the Florida Government Finance Officers Association and the American Management Association.

Mr. Pumariega started his career as Operations Manager for the B. F. Goodrich Tire Company. After three years as Operations Manager with B.F. Goodrich, Manny accepted a position with the City of Tampa as an Accounting Supervisor.

His tenure with the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council began in 1980 as the Finance Director. In 1986, he was promoted to Deputy Director; and in 1998 was appointed as the Executive Director of the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council. In conjunction with his responsibilities as Executive Director, he has been appointed to the State Emergency Response Commission by Governor Bush, serves as the Chair of the Florida Regional Councils Association Advisory Committee and is a member of various regional organizations. Mr. Pumariega has earned the distinction of the American Institute of Certified Planners (A.I.C.P.). He is also very involved with civic and community organizations throughout the region.

The Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council brings together local governments and gubernatorial appointees in the Region to coordinate planning for the community's future, while providing a venue for analyzing, resolving, and sharing solutions among the 43 jurisdictions in Pasco, Hillsborough, Pinellas, and Manatee Counties.

George E. Schoener

Mr. Schoener, Executive Director of the I-95 Corridor Coalition, is responsible for managing the day-to-day implementation of the Coalition's program, projects and activities. The I-95 Corridor Coalition is a partnership of state departments of transportation, regional and local transportation agencies, toll authorities, and related organizations, including law enforcement, port, transit, and rail organizations, from Maine to Florida, with affiliate members in Canada.

Prior to his position with the I-95 Corridor Coalition, Mr. Schoener retired from the U.S. Department of Transportation and FHWA. Most recently he served as Deputy Assistant Secretary of USDOT with primary responsibility for developing national transportation policy, including the Administration's reauthorization legislation for surface transportation. In that position, he also worked with public and private sector representatives to develop a national freight policy framework and established intermodal teams to facilitate implementation of projects of national and regional significance.

While at FHWA, Mr. Schoener's positions included those of Director of Planning, Chief of the Intermodal Division, and Chief of Transportation System Management. Additionally, he was a Professional Staff Member of the U.S. Senate Environment and Public Works Committee.

Mr. Schoener holds a Masters Degree in Engineering from Pennsylvania State University and Bachelors of Civil Engineering from the University of Minnesota.

Ronald L. Thomas

Ron Thomas is executive director of the Northeastern Illinois Planning Commission (NIPC). Since joining the agency in 2000, he has focused the NIPC mission on providing more direct assistance to local communities based on their diverse planning, development, and environmental issues. He launched NIPC's award-winning Common Ground regional planning program and the innovative Full Circle community housing information center.

His career work, formerly based in Washington, DC and Seattle encompasses a range of local and national planning issues such as land use, environment, housing, transportation (especially context sensitive design), economic development and many urban design and quality of life programs. He has pioneered extensive applied projects and published work on new planning approaches to visioning and strategic planning using innovative participation and communication technology.

He is on the boards of Chicago Wilderness, Illinois Association of Regional Councils, the National Association of Regional Councils, the National Trust for Historic Preservation, and the Campaign for Sensible Growth, where he serves as co-chair. He holds graduate-level degrees in architecture and management, and completed post-graduate course work in communications.

Petra Todorovich

Petra Todorovich is a Senior Planner at RPA. She directs RPA's Lower Manhattan work and coordinates the Civic Alliance to Rebuild Downtown New York, a network of civic organizations that came together after 9/11 to promote a participatory and equitable rebuilding process for the World Trade Center site and Lower Manhattan.

Currently Petra is project director of America 2050, a national project based at RPA. This new initiative addresses the anticipated 40% increase in population growth in the U.S. by the year 2050 by strengthening emerging mega-regions – extended networks of metropolitan areas – where most the population and employment growth will be focused in the coming decades.

For RPA Petra has traveled to Germany, Denmark, the Netherlands, and Belgium to participate in planning exchanges related to the rebuilding of Lower Manhattan. She received a Bachelor of Arts in Geography and French from Vassar College and a Master in City and Regional Planning from the Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy at Rutgers University.

David Warm

David Warm has been executive director of the Mid-America Regional Council since July 1990. As the association of local governments for the bistate Kansas City region, the Mid-America Regional Council works to build a strong metropolitan community. It serves as a forum for intergovernmental cooperation, conducts long-range planning for the region and provides information and services to local governments and the regional community.

Prior to coming to MARC, David was the city administrator at Liberty, Missouri, and also served in administrative positions with the city of Kansas City, Missouri.

David is a native Californian and received his B. A. degree in political science and economics from the University of California at Santa Barbara and his master's degree in public administration from the University of California in Riverside.

David is active in both state and national professional associations, as well as a member of civic, school and church-related initiatives. David and his wife, Julie, have two daughters – Anna, age 16, and Mary, age 14.

Jim Wunderman

Jim Wunderman is the president and chief executive officer of the Bay Area Council. Led by CEOs, the Bay Area Council presents a strong, united voice for hundreds of major employers throughout the nine-county region whom employ more than 495,000 workers, or 1 of every six private sector employees in the Bay Area. Since becoming CEO in April of 2004, Wunderman has led the 60-year-old public-policy organization to significantly increase its advocacy efforts.

Under Wunderman, the Council lobbied hard for the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine, or Stem Cell Institute, to be headquartered in the Bay Area – and won – after it organized more than 60 elected officials from each of the nine Bay Area counties and all of the major business organizations in a regional effort.

In 2005, the Bay Area Council took the lead among California business associations in advocating for Proposition 42 gas tax monies to be used for transportation – and won – successfully convincing Governor Schwarzenegger to restore \$1.3 billion annually to the budget for road and public transportation projects.

Wunderman and the Council played a strong role in preserving leadership in the state legislature for the Bay Area (helping Senator Perata of Oakland in his election as the President pro Tempore or leader of the state senate).

After years of pushing the concept of “Smart Growth” in the Bay Area, the Council won a significant policy change from the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) – which oversees the distribution of transportation dollars in the Bay Area – that will create “transit villages” across the region. In November of 2004, Wunderman and the Council co-chaired the 3-county campaign to raise almost \$1 billion for BART’s seismic safety improvements, as well as drove support for four successful countywide transportation sales tax measures, raising \$5 billion for future projects. In June of 2005, Wunderman and Council helped prevent a BART strike that could have crippled commutes and caused severe economic damage.

In early 2006, the Council helped pass the “Million Solar Roofs” initiative through the California Public Utilities Commission. The \$2.8 billion program of rebates will immediately cut the cost of solar panel installation by a third. It could put solar panels on the roofs of 1 million California houses and generate 3,000 megawatts of power.

Prior to the Bay Area Council, Wunderman spent about half of his career in the private sector and the other half in the public sector. From 1997-2004, Wunderman was Senior Vice President of Corporate Affairs at Provident Financial Corporation. Before joining Provident, Wunderman operated his own consulting company, The Wunderman Group, providing public affairs, political campaigning and marketing strategies. From 1992 through 1995, Wunderman served as Chief of Staff to San Francisco Mayor Frank M. Jordan. He oversaw the operations of all city departments and was responsible for annually balancing San Francisco’s \$3 billion budget during a particularly challenging economic period. From 1988 through 1991, Wunderman was General Manager for a Norcal Waste Systems’ subsidiary that served a 200-square-mile area in Silicon Valley, as well as the General Manager for Golden Gate Disposal Company in San Francisco. From 1984 to 1988, Wunderman was a Special Assistant to San Francisco Mayor Dianne Feinstein. He also played a key role preparing the city for the 1984 Democratic National Convention.

Wunderman serves on the boards the Bay Area Economic Forum, the Bay Center, the California Center for Regional Leadership, California Pacific Medical Center, the Community Advisory Board for KB Home, Junior Achievement of the Bay Area, the National Smart Growth Council, and the Summit Bank Foundation. Wunderman was previously the Treasurer of the California Childcare Resource Referral Network, the Chairman of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, and co-chaired the Public Affairs Roundtable of the Bay Area Council.

He graduated with honors from San Francisco State University, majoring in Political Science. He also holds an Associate of Applied Sciences Degree (summa cum laude) from Kingsborough College of the City University of New York, where he majored in Business Administration. While Wunderman has lived and worked throughout the region, he currently resides in Contra Costa County with his wife Heather. He has four children.

Robert D. Yaro

Mr. Yaro is the President of Regional Plan Association, where he has been on the staff since 1990. Headquartered in Manhattan and founded in 1922, RPA is America's oldest and most respected independent metropolitan research and advocacy group.

Mr. Yaro is also Practice Professor in City and Regional Planning at the University of Pennsylvania. Formerly he served on the faculties of Harvard University and the University of Massachusetts at Amherst.

He chairs the Civic Alliance to Rebuild Downtown New York, a broad-based coalition of civic groups formed to guide redevelopment in Lower Manhattan in the aftermath of the September 11 attacks on the World Trade Center. He is also a director of Alliance for Regional Stewardship.

Mr. Yaro is an honorary member of the Royal Town Planning Institute.

Mr. Yaro holds a Masters Degree in City and Regional Planning from Harvard University and a BA in Urban Studies from Wesleyan University.