

# PEOPLE ON THE MOVE

HIRINGS, PROMOTIONS, BOARD MEMBERS AND SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS IN SAN DIEGO



## CONSTRUCTION New Hire



**Austin  
Wheelon**

## CONSTRUCTION

**PCL Construction** welcomes **Austin Wheelon**, LEED AP (BD+C), STS to the company's San Diego office as Preconstruction Manager. Over his 13-year PCL career, Austin has held roles including project manager and design manager for projects ranging in value from \$8 million to over \$1 billion. Austin oversees active preconstruction efforts, manages design-build and GMP pursuits, and assists in developing new business strategies for the area. As an adaptable construction partner committed to custom client approaches, Austin leverages relationships and resources to achieve client and partner goals, making him a tremendous asset to the San Diego AEC community.



## RESIDENTIAL REAL ESTATE New Hire



**Chris Martin**

**Chris Martin** has been a high-performing residential real estate agent in San Diego's luxury communities since 2015, developing successful relationships with many of the area's professional athletes and looks forward to continuing to serve these clients and others with the same dedication to excellence and commitment to successful collaboration fundamental to Barry Estates' core values.

Chris is partnering with **Barry Estates** agent Beth Davidson to strategically target the luxury residential home markets in the 92127 zip code, including Santaluz,

The Crosby, and The Estates at Del Sur, among others. He made San Diego his home while serving in the U.S. Navy in 1998. As an avid golfer and member of the Santaluz Club, Chris enjoys connecting with other Santaluz members, residents, and those of surrounding communities.

Located in Rancho Santa Fe, family-owned Barry Estates is the top-performing brokerage in San Diego's luxury communities. In 2020, Barry Estates teams represented over half a billion dollars in residential property transactions, including many of the highest-priced sales in the area. The deep roots of Barry Estates have become the foundation for many of the area's most successful luxury home selling and buying journeys. Chris looks forward to carrying on this tradition to benefit clients in the 92127 area while providing home sellers and buyers the same level of market expertise, access to local connections, and exceptional client service that Barry Estates is known for.

**Chris can be reached at 619-962-7588 or [chris@barryestates.com](mailto:chris@barryestates.com)**



## CONSTRUCTION New Hire



**Bryan  
Pickard**

National design & construction firm **C&S Companies** has hired **Bryan Pickard** as a senior project manager in their growing San Diego-based construction practice. Bryan brings over two decades of experience in both special projects and new build construction. Bryan will lead the team through the 3 Roots Design-Build Wellness Center project for Lennar, which is scheduled to commence in June 2021. Bryan was most recently part of a multi-family project management team that built close to 800 high end apartments over four years. C&S's construction group serves the aviation, private sector, retail, educational, governmental, and commercial/industrial markets throughout Southern California.

**Bryan Pickard can be contacted at [bpickard@cscos.com](mailto:bpickard@cscos.com)**



## HEALTHCARE Promotion



**Laura Josh**

### **Laura Josh, Area Vice-President, Gallagher on behalf of California Schools VEBA**

As Area Vice-President, Gallagher on behalf of California Schools VEBA, Laura is responsible for providing the vision, leadership, oversight, and delivery of all marketing, well-being services, and external affairs initiatives and works to enhance VEBA's strategic positioning on a national level.

For the past 12 years, Laura has been an integral part of the VEBA team, where she has held numerous roles throughout the organization, including helping lead the launch of the VEBA Resource Center, a holistic wellness center supporting VEBA members navigate their path to total well-being in 2019. She is a dynamic leader with a proven ability for developing and implementing innovative strategies that have contributed to the overall success of VEBA. Laura holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Economics from Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania, a Master of Business Administration degree from University of Southern California. Laura enjoys giving back to her community, most recently serving on the Executive Leadership team for the American Heart Association's Go Red for Women Campaign and is a volunteer for Girls for a Run and North San Diego Business Chamber Women's Week.



**Matt Bittner**

### **Matt Bittner, Area-Vice President, Gallagher on behalf of California Schools VEBA**

Matt Bittner is the General Manager of California Schools VEBA – a joint labor-management trust that provides healthcare to over 150,000 public sector employees. Whether building strategic partnerships, improving member care, or designing high-value, cost-containment programs, Matt has extensive experience working with plan sponsors to manage healthcare programs. Equally focused on relationship building, program development, and expansion, Matt is a community-minded and business-savvy leader who guides strategic direction for the trust. Foundational to his approach is collaboration amongst diverse parties- labor union leaders, executives of large public sector employers, major healthcare systems and ultimately members of VEBA. In an industry that values the high quality, low-cost healthcare paradox, Matt and his team achieve this by respecting all stakeholder opinions and needs. As VEBA evolves to serve members of the modern era, they are dedicated to changing the way healthcare is delivered through innovative plan designs, which put the member at the center of the healthcare experience. Through the integration of mental health and personalizing the healthcare a member receives, VEBA is building sustainable healthcare solutions that continue their 28-year history of improving quality to reduce cost. After moving to Southern California from the Midwest, he received a degree in Economics from San Diego State University in 2010. While his role driving meaningful healthcare solutions for Californians is his primary focus, Matt enjoys hiking and camping when away from his work.