



**AL BALDWIN**  
CEO/CHAIRMAN, BALDWIN & SONS

Al Baldwin is CEO/Chairman of Baldwin & Sons. Baldwin's career in homebuilding has spanned more than three generations and has impacted homebuyers from San Diego to Los Angeles. He has built more than 20,000 homes and developed neighborhoods and communities that continue today. His commitment to architectural innovation and quality craftsmanship are evident in the homes he has created and has earned him praise from homeowners and industry peers. His development of Otay Ranch has showcased the company's abilities as both a developer and builder. Otay Ranch will contain 10,000 homes upon its completion. He has served on many boards and has received numerous awards from his industry and for community service.



**LINDEN S. BLUE**  
VICE CHAIRMAN, GENERAL ATOMICS

Linden Stanley Blue is a familiar figure in San Diego defense contracting circles. He and brother Neal Blue bought General Atomics from Chevron in 1986. The brothers spent their early years in agriculture in Central America, and Linden Blue tells a harrowing tale of being imprisoned in Cuba prior to the Bay of Pigs invasion. Blue, who sits on the board of the Hudson Institute, recently authored "Losing Freedom," a critique of left-wing politics. Linden Blue's nephew, Linden P. Blue, runs General Atomics Aeronautical Systems Inc.



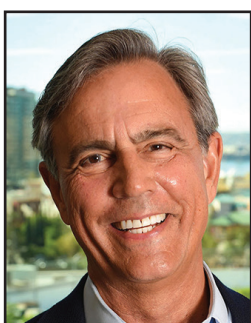
**PAUL BARBER**  
CHAIRMAN, JMI EQUITY

Paul Barber, who has been with JMI Equity since 1998, was named chairman in 2021. JMI is a growth equity firm that invests in leading software companies. Barber was previously managing general partner and continues to serve as a director for JMI portfolio companies; he is also involved in JMI's investment committee. He served as board chairman at ServiceNow from inception in 2005 until 2016. Before joining JMI, Barber worked at Alex Brown, Merrill Lynch and Microsoft. A graduate of Stanford, he is a former member of the university's board of trustees.



**CHARLES BRANDES**  
FOUNDER, BRANDES INVESTMENT PARTNERS LP

Charles Brandes developed an investing approach based on undervalued stocks, and he grew his namesake asset firm to managing a peak of nearly \$120 billion. He retired from the firm in 2018, which has about \$28 billion in assets under management. Through the Manzanita Foundation, he has supported a number of organizations, including the San Diego Symphony, San Diego Jewish Academy and Rady School of Management and several charities.



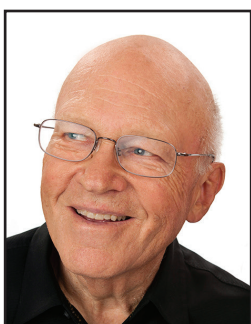
**PHIL BLAIR**  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER, MANPOWER SAN DIEGO

Phil Blair is a keen observer of the world of work. He thinks about work, speaks about work, and writes about work. With partner Mel Katz, he is co-owner of the Manpower of San Diego employment agency franchise, also overseeing operations in other Western cities. He appears frequently in the region's business press, on television and radio. He is the author of the job hunting guide "Job Won!" Blair is involved in multiple civic and business organizations. A Kansas native, he received his business degree from Oklahoma State.



**MALIN BURNHAM**  
CHAIRMAN, THE BURNHAM FOUNDATION

The year 2021 saw Malin Burnham expand his already extensive civic and philanthropic work. He became founder and chairman of the Burnham Center for Community Advancement. The organization bills itself as a "think-and-do tank" working to improve San Diego's future. For six decades, Burnham was involved in or led his family's insurance and commercial real estate businesses; Cushman and Wakefield bought the CRE business in 2008. Organizations such as the Sanford Burnham Prebys Medical Discovery Institute and the Burnham-Moores Center for Real Estate at the University of San Diego have benefited from his support.



**KEN BLANCHARD**  
FOUNDER, THE KEN BLANCHARD COS.

Since the 1980s, Ken Blanchard has written scores of business books on topics including Servant Leadership. His most iconic book, "The One Minute Manager," has been in print 40 years; in 2015 Blanchard and co-author Spencer Johnson, M.D., released an updated edition of the slim volume. A native of New Jersey who grew up in New York, Blanchard — along with his wife Marjorie — formed Blanchard Training and Development. That eventually became The Ken Blanchard Cos., which today focuses on management training, consulting and coaching.



**CONSTANCE CARROLL**  
RETIRED CHANCELLOR, SAN DIEGO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

Constance Carroll retired in July 2021 as chancellor of San Diego Community College District, a position she had held since 2004. As chancellor, she guided the second largest community college district through unprecedented expansion funded by a \$1.555 billion bond program, for which the district received Moody's and Standard and Poor's highest possible rating. Carroll was previously president of San Diego Mesa College for 11 years, and served a six-year term on the National Council on the Humanities.



**J. NEAL BLUE**  
CEO AND CHAIRMAN, GENERAL ATOMICS

J. Neal Blue oversees General Atomics (GA) and its affiliated companies. GA is based in La Jolla and also has a massive manufacturing facility and presence in Poway, where it builds the Predator drone. His son is now CEO of GA Aeronautical Systems Inc. Blue is intensely private and makes few public appearances. GA's portfolio of business encompasses aviation, uranium mining, nuclear engineering, real estate, and oil and gas exploration.



**DAVID COHN**  
CO-FOUNDER, PRESIDENT, COHN RESTAURANT GROUP

David Cohn and his wife Lesley opened their first restaurant in 1982, a burger joint on Mission Gorge Road. Since then, they have amassed an eclectic collection of nearly two dozen restaurants throughout San Diego County, including Coasterra, The Prado at Balboa Park, Indigo Grill, BO-beau and 333 Pacific. David Cohn is currently a board member of the SDSU Hospitality and Tourism Management Program, California Restaurant Association and Gaslamp Quarter Association. He is a past president of the San Diego Restaurant Association and a past chairman of the board for the San Diego Convention and Visitors Bureau.





## LESLEY COHN

CO-FOUNDER, COHN RESTAURANT GROUP

Lesley Cohn, as well as her husband and business partner David, was inducted into Junior Achievement's San Diego Business Hall of Fame in October 2021. Over the decades, their Cohn Restaurant Group has grown to two dozen outlets, which the Cohn family runs with imagination, flair and a sense of style. The Cohns also give back. In 1996, they founded a culinary arts program for at-risk youth. More recently, when the COVID-19 pandemic swept through San Diego, the Cohns put together a program to support out-of-work hospitality staff.



## JOAN EMBERY

FOUNDER, EMBERY INSTITUTE FOR WILDLIFE CONSERVATION

A generation of Americans became familiar with Joan Embery and her then-employer, the Zoological Society of San Diego, with her more than 100 television appearances on "The Tonight Show." Studies in zoology and communications set the stage for more than 1,000 TV appearances, four books and numerous speaking engagements. Embery serves on many boards focusing on conservation and wildlife issues and is an accomplished horsewoman. She lives on a 50-acre ranch in Lakeside with her husband, artist Duane Pillsbury.



## GENEVIEVE CRAIG

FOUNDER, JENNY CRAIG

Jenny Craig was among the first women to turn a given name into an enduring brand, launching the Jenny Craig weight loss business in Australia in 1983. She and her husband brought it to North County in 1985. The business — now owned by H.I.G. Capital — is based in Carlsbad, has nearly 500 company-owned and franchised locations in the U.S. and Canada, and approximately 600 centers worldwide. Craig has long been involved in the horse racing scene, and her name adorns the University of San Diego Jenny Craig Pavilion, affectionately known as the Slim Gym.



## ANNE EVANS

CHAIRMAN EMERITUS, EVANS HOTELS

Anne Evans co-founded the namesake company in 1953 along with her late husband, William D. Evans, and in 30 years as chairman she grew it to include the Bahia Hotel on Mission Bay, the Catamaran Resort in Pacific Beach and The Lodge at Torrey Pines. She has served on many influential state and local boards and is a member of the California Tourism Hall of Fame. The Evans family was awarded the first long-term lease on Mission Bay for a 14-acre parcel of waterfront property known as Bahia Point that would eventually become the Bahia Resort Hotel.



## STANLEY CROOKE

FOUNDER, N-LOREM FOUNDATION

Stanley Crooke founded the company that would eventually be named Ionis Pharmaceuticals in 1989 and was its CEO until 2020. In 2021 he retired from his role as executive chairman and his role on Ionis' board, shifting his focus to his scientific interests and the nonprofit organization he founded. That organization, the n-Lorem Foundation, provides free individualized antisense treatments to patients living with ultra-rare diseases for life. Crooke has published nearly 600 scientific publications, edited more than 20 books, and is a named inventor on numerous patents.



## PETER FARRELL

FOUNDER AND BOARD CHAIR AT RESMED

Peter Farrell is founder and board chair at ResMed, and was previously its CEO. ResMed's digital health technologies and cloud-connected medical devices transform care for people with sleep apnea, COPD, and other chronic diseases. It has customers in more than 140 countries. Farrell received his Ph.D. from the University of Washington, Seattle and his D.Sc. from the University of New South Wales, Sydney, for research contributions in the field of treatment with the artificial kidney. He has participated in many philanthropic efforts in the San Diego region.



## STEPHEN CUSHMAN

PRESIDENT, CUSH ENTERPRISES

Stephen Cushman is a fourth-generation San Diegan whose career includes real estate development, auto dealers and being key adviser to mayors, councils and commissions. He served as a commissioner for the San Diego Unified Port District from 1998 to 2010. He has served on more than 70 boards. In August 2021, Federal Realty Trust of Maryland bought a 60% interest in the Grossmont Center retail property from the Cushman family. The Cushman Foundation has donated millions to local causes, including the Jacobs & Cushman San Diego Food Bank.



## MICHAEL FASULO

RETIRED PRESIDENT AND COO, SONY ELECTRONICS

Michael Fasulo retired from his job as president and COO of Sony Electronics in 2021. Fasulo led Sony Electronics' operations in North America for seven years. He led the strategic turnaround of the business in North America, achieving record results, cutting the number of products and emphasizing Sony's status as a premium brand. He is on the boards of the Consumer Technology Association and the national Boys & Girls Clubs of America. Fasulo received the Lifetime Achievement Award as part of SDBJ's 2020 CEO of the Year Awards.



## MARK DANKBERG

EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN, VIASAT INC.

Mark Dankberg co-founded Viasat Inc. in 1986 and was CEO through 2020. Today as executive chairman he focuses on advancing the strategic technology and business direction of the company, including the "transformative combination" with London-based Inmarsat. Dankberg also contributes to the debate on space and broadband policy, both nationally and globally. He is an acknowledged industry expert in aerospace, defense and satellite communications. He received B.S. EE and M.S. EE from Rice University. He was admitted to the Society of Satellite Professionals Hall of Fame in 2015.



## JAY FLATLEY

FORMER CHAIRMAN AND CEO, ILLUMINA INC.

Jay Flatley is among the few CEOs who have successfully guided a life science company through landmark product development, commercialization and large-scale growth. He became CEO in 1999 when the company had 30 employees and by the time he became executive chairman Illumina had become San Diego's largest life science company. The company has about 7,800 employees and \$3.2 billion in annual revenue.





## RON FOWLER

VICE CHAIRMAN AND CO-OWNER, SAN DIEGO PADRES

Ron Fowler is vice chairman and co-owner of the San Diego Padres, and a member of Major League Baseball's Labor Policy Committee. He is chairman and CEO of San Diego-based beer distributor Liquid Investments, Inc. and a principal and board member of Columbia Distributing in Oregon and Washington. In 2016, Fowler and his wife Alexis gave a \$25 million endowment gift to San Diego State University's business school, now known as the Fowler College of Business Administration. The University of San Diego's 1,700-seat ballpark is named in his honor.



## SELWYN ISAKOW

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD, CALPRIVATE BANK

Selwyn Isakow is founder, chairman and CEO of the Oxford Investment Group Inc., a private equity, real estate and venture investment firm that has built over 80 manufacturing, financial services and niche distribution companies in 17 countries since 1985. Isakow, a South Africa native, has founded several commercial banks and been a board member for several companies traded on the New York Stock Exchange. He is currently chairman of CalPrivate Bank and is chair of City of Hope, one of the largest cancer treatment and research hospitals in the country.



## ALAN GOLD

CHAIRMAN EMERITUS, BIOMED REALTY

Alan Gold served as chairman, CEO and president of BioMed Realty Trust, Inc. specializing in acquiring, leasing, developing and managing laboratory and office space for the life science industry, from its inception in 2004 through the sale of the company to affiliates of Blackstone Real Estate Partners VIII L.P. in January 2016. Gold also served as chairman, president and chief executive officer of BioMed Realty's privately-held predecessor, Bernardo Property Advisors, Inc. Gold currently serves as a member of the board of trustees for the Salk Institute for Biological Studies.



## JO DEE JACOB

FORMER CEO, GIRL SCOUTS SAN DIEGO

A Girl Scout program unique to San Diego, Operation Thin Mint, is now headed into its third decade thanks to the early organizing efforts of Jo Dee Jacob. The retired U.S. Navy captain served as CEO of Girl Scouts San Diego from 2001 to 2016. Since 2002, under Operation Thin Mint, the Girl Scouts have shipped a total of 3.25 million boxes of cookies to military troops overseas. During her time in the Navy, Jacob oversaw U.S. military assets in Guam. She is past president of Rotary Club 33.



## ERNIE HAHN

CHAIRMAN, DREAM HAHN

Ernie Hahn, chairman of Dream Hahn, has been a leader in marketing, sports and entertainment for the last 30 years in San Diego. Until recently, his career was tied closely to the San Diego Sports Arena (now Pechanga Arena). Hahn was the general manager of the venue from 1996-2021, and had a hand in thousands of events. Today he leads an experiential full service marketing company that includes Wonderbus Entertainment, which was unveiled in 2021. He was founding partner in the Wonderfront Festival, whose 2019 premiere featured seven stages in downtown San Diego.



## IRWIN JACOBS

CO-FOUNDER, QUALCOMM INC.

Irwin Jacobs in 1985 was among the co-founders of Qualcomm Inc., which developed the CDMA technology that paved the way for cellphones. During his 20 years as CEO Qualcomm grew to be the largest company in San Diego. He and his wife Joan are among the region's most generous philanthropists and have given more than \$100 million to each of the San Diego Symphony, UC San Diego and the UC San Diego Health system. They also donated \$11 million to the Symphony to assist with the development of their new outdoor venue. The area is named Jacobs Park in their honor.



## KAREN HAYNES

FORMER PRESIDENT, CAL STATE SAN MARCOS

Karen Haynes has more than 30 years of experience as a university administrator. She was president of California State University San Marcos from 2004 until her retirement in 2019. During that time she oversaw record expansion in campus construction and student population. She was president of the University of Houston-Victoria from 1995 to 2004 and dean of the graduate school of social work at the University of Houston from 1985 to 1995. She is a trustee of Sanford Burnham Prebys, the research institute on Torrey Pines Mesa.



## BARRY JANTZ

RETIRED CEO, GROSSMONT HOSPITAL DISTRICT

Barry Jantz is an unabashed champion of East County. He served as CEO of Grossmont Healthcare District from 2004 until his retirement in 2021. Jantz led the effort to complete over \$260 million in Proposition G improvements at Grossmont Hospital, as well as a successful 2014 ballot measure to continue the lease of the hospital to Sharp HealthCare until 2051. He served four terms on the La Mesa City Council. He is steeped in the community and well-connected in political circles.



## T.W. (BILL) HOEHN III

PRESIDENT, HOEHN MOTORS

Bill Hoehn is the third generation to work in the car dealership business, succeeding his grandfather, Theodore W. Hoehn, and his father, Theodore W. "Bill" Hoehn Jr., and nurturing a fourth generation to carry on the family's legacy. Hoehn has served on the boards of the San Diego County YMCA, Fuller Foundation and The Bishop's School and has been a member of the San Diego Motor Car Dealers Association, Audi National Dealer Council, and Mercedes Benz National Dealer Council. The Hoehn family supports numerous other charities and nonprofits.



## TOM KARLO

GENERAL MANAGER EMERITUS, KPBS

Tom Karlo retired from KPBS on Dec. 30, 2020 and is now general manager emeritus. Karlo began his career at KPBS in 1973 as a part-time assistant while studying television and film at SDSU. He held numerous positions, from assistant cameraman to associate general manager of business, finance and operations. He was named general manager in 2009. During his leadership, the station merged the TV, radio and digital departments into one content producing center. KPBS won 419 journalism awards and the station enjoyed staff, audience and fundraising growth during his leadership.





### STATH KARRAS

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, BURNHAM-MOORES CENTER FOR REAL ESTATE**

Stath Karras is the Executive Director of the Burnham-Moores Center for Real Estate at the University of San Diego School of Business. Karras served as the executive managing director at Cushman & Wakefield and CEO of Burnham Real Estate Services before selling the company to Cushman & Wakefield. Karras received his bachelor of science in mathematics and an MBA from the University of Utah. He has served as Chairman of Connect, chairman of the San Diego Regional Economic Development Corp. and co-chair of LEAD San Diego.



### SUSAN LEW

**FOUNDER AND CEO, S. LEW & ASSOCIATES INC.**

Susan Lew is CEO of S. Lew & Associates Inc., a real estate development firm she founded in 1978. She has overseen the acquisition of over \$1 billion of multifamily and commercial investments, including retail and shopping centers, industrial and office buildings. Lew founded Emerald Chinese Seafood Restaurant and Pearl Chinese Cuisine. She served two terms on the San Diego Port Commission, and has been a member of numerous other boards, including 1st Pacific Bancorp and Bank of Commerce. She is a trustee of the UC San Diego Foundation.



### MEL KATZ

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND CO-OWNER, MANPOWER SAN DIEGO**

Mel Katz and partner Phil Blair bought the local Manpower franchise in 1977 and have built it into the largest in the United States. Katz has been active in many local organizations, including his leadership role with the e3Civic High charter high school. He serves as a board member of the San Diego Foundation, the UC San Diego Foundation, the San Diego Rotary Foundation and inewsource. Other organizations he has worked with include the San Diego Workforce Partnership and San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce.



### DOUG MANCHESTER

**CHAIRMAN, MANCHESTER FINANCIAL GROUP**

"Papa Doug," one of the region's most prolific developers and philanthropists, is working on a major hotel, the Manchester Pacific Gateway project on the San Diego bayfront. Manchester built Manchester Grand Hyatt, the Marriott Marquis and Marina and the Fairmont Grand Del Mar. He also once owned The San Diego Union-Tribune. Manchester donated \$5 million each to San Diego State University and Wake Forest University. He also made multimillion dollar donations to the University of San Diego and The Bishop's School. When he donated to San Diego State, Centennial Hall was renamed Manchester Hall in his honor.



### JOHN D. KLINEDINST

**FOUNDER AND CHAIRMAN EMERITUS, KLINEDINST PC**

John D. Klinedinst has achieved substantial success in both the legal and business community. He started his business law firm in 1983, oversaw its growth to five West Coast offices, and took the title of chairman emeritus in 2021. His practice focuses on business litigation, where he has tried dozens of cases, including professional liability and IP disputes. He has served on the boards of many professional groups, nonprofits, and educational institutions. He was recognized by SDBJ as one of San Diego's Most Admired CEOs in 2019.



### LIDIA S. MARTINEZ

**MANAGER OF COMMUNITY OUTREACH (RETIRED), SOUTHWEST AIRLINES**

For 30 years, Lidia S. Martinez has been a visible reminder of Southwest Airlines' commitment to corporate social responsibility. Her trajectory took her from the border town of Ciudad Juarez, Mexico (her mother was a housekeeper in El Paso) to the halls of corporate power. She built goodwill for her corporation in the Latinx community and in other communities as well. Today Martinez is a mentor and volunteers for several organizations. She received the Lifetime Achievement Award during the San Diego Business Journal's 2020 Business Women of the Year Awards.



### JESSIE KNIGHT JR.

**FORMER CEO AND CHAIRMAN, SAN DIEGO GAS & ELECTRIC**

Jessie Knight Jr. is best known for his tenure as CEO of San Diego Gas & Electric. He also served on the California Public Utilities Commission, was CEO of the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce and held several roles with Semptra Energy, the SDG&E parent. He is managing director of Knight Angels LLC, a private equity investor. He serves on the boards of Alaska Airlines, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the UC San Diego Foundation and the Timken Museum of Art.



### ARMON MILLS

**PUBLISHER EMERTIUS, SAN DIEGO BUSINESS JOURNAL**

Armon Mills began his career in Public Accounting spending over 25 years in the profession. He also spent over 30 years working for several local Business Journals. He was President of American City Business Journals and was involved with starting and acquiring local Business Journals nationwide. He was named President & Publisher of the San Diego Business Journal in 2004. Armon retired from that position in 2016 and is currently recognized as Publisher Emeritus. Armon currently is consulting with CBIZ/MHM, the nation's 10th largest accounting firm. He is a life member of the San Diego Holiday Bowl.



### BOB LEONE

**RETIRED CEO, MRC SMART TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS**

Bob Leone is founder and former president of MRC, California's largest and leading technology company helping businesses increase productivity and reduce costs. He retired after 48 years in July 2021. Leone led the evolution of MRC from a single San Diego office to sites in Cypress, Pleasanton, Sunnyvale, Hayward and, outside California, Hawaii, with revenue exceeding \$300 million. A five-time winner of the San Diego Business Journal's CEO of the Year Award, Leone now consults on business issues and volunteers with multiple homeless services agencies.



### STEVE MOLLENKOPF

**RETIRED CEO, QUALCOMM**

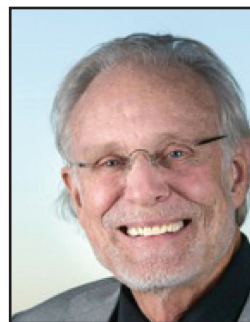
Steve Mollenkopf joined Qualcomm in 1994 and was CEO from 2014 to his retirement in 2021. He grew the firm to \$33.6 billion in revenue, shepherded fifth generation (5G) wireless technology from the lab to commercialization, and successfully navigated several crises, including a hostile takeover attempt by Broadcom, a legal fight with Apple and an antitrust dispute with U.S. authorities. In 2020, Mollenkopf joined the board of Boeing Co., where he sits on the aerospace safety and compensation committees. He previously served as a director for General Electric.





**JOHN MOORES**  
PRINCIPAL, JMI SERVICES INC.

Software entrepreneur John Moores once owned the San Diego Padres and led the redevelopment of East Village with more than \$3 billion in projects. His companies include JMI Realty and JMI Equity. He made his wealth building BMC Software in Texas and Peregrine Systems and ServiceNow locally. He has donated hundreds of millions to, among others, San Diego State University, the Scripps Research Institute, UC San Diego and the University of San Diego. Moores received his bachelor's degree in economics and his J.D. from the University of Houston.



**ROB QUIGLEY**  
PRINCIPAL, ROB WELLINGTON QUIGLEY, FAIA

Rob Quigley's \$185 million Central Library opened in East Village almost a decade ago, in September 2013. It was a milestone in Quigley's architecture practice, now in its fifth decade. The architect's portfolio includes academic buildings, cultural centers, high-rise towers, and master plans for neighborhoods, campuses, parks and transit corridors. Quigley's firm, with offices in San Diego and Palo Alto, has won more than 70 regional and national awards. Other recent designs include Bayside Fire Station No. 2; Fire Station No. 5; and an \$81 million affordable housing complex going up in Mid-City.



**JERRY NAVARRA**  
CHAIRMAN, JEROME'S FURNITURE

Jerry Navarra is the namesake of Jerome's Furniture, founded by his father in 1954. He became president in 1974 and has appeared in thousands of television commercials over the years. Today the business includes multiple generations of family and has a presence in San Diego, the Inland Empire, Orange County and Los Angeles County with 14 home furnishings retail locations, one Urban Outlet showroom and 10 stand-alone mattress retail locations. Recognized with numerous awards and a Top 50 retailer, Jerome's recently introduced augmented reality software to help customers shop.



**ERNEST RADY**  
FOUNDER, AMERICAN ASSETS INC.

Rady, a Canadian by birth, founded several financial services and real estate firms, the most prominent of which, Westcorp, was bought by banking giant Wachovia for \$3.8 billion in 2005. The Radys are among the most generous philanthropists in the region. Gifts include more than \$300 million to the San Diego Children's Hospital, which bears the Rady name; and more than \$150 million to UC San Diego, including the initial gift to create the Rady School of Management. The Radys also donated the lead gift of \$15 million to the San Diego Symphony to create its new outdoor venue. The Rady Shell is named after them.



**JOE PANETTA**  
CEO, BIOCUM CALIFORNIA

The name Joe Panetta is synonymous with biotech. The CEO of Biocom California received the Lifetime Achievement Award at SDBJ's CEO of the Year Awards in 2021. Biocom is an association for life science companies and service providers. Panetta guides Biocom by setting strategic direction, guiding policy priorities, and championing the industry at the local, state, national and international levels. He expanded Biocom's footprint to include offices in San Francisco, Los Angeles, Tokyo and Washington, D.C. In 2021, Biocom California launched a statewide Diversity, Equity and Inclusion member pledge.



**DEBRA L. REED**  
RETIRED CHAIRMAN AND CEO, SEMPRA ENERGY

Debra L. Reed had a trailblazing career with Sempra Energy beginning in 1978. She began her career as a civil engineer but quickly established her leadership skills, and at age 32 became the first female officer in the history of the energy holding company. She held top executive roles at subsidiaries San Diego Gas & Electric and Southern California Gas Co. and served as Sempra CEO from 2011 to 2018. She retired from her role as Executive Chairman on Dec. 1, 2018. During her time as CEO, Sempra doubled its business.



**MICHAEL PERSALL**  
FOUNDER AND CHAIRMAN, C3 BANK, ABP CAPITAL

Michael Persall is founder and chairman of ABP Capital and is the owner and chairman of C3Bank. He is also a founder and board member of Blooma — an AI-powered loan origination platform — and is a lead investor and board member for Vuori, a performance apparel company. He is a member of the board of trustees for his alma mater, the University of San Diego. As a Certified Public Accountant he has extensive experience in construction, real estate and finance. He began his career with Ernst & Young LLP.



**GARRY RIDGE**  
CEO, WD-40 CO.

Garry Ridge calls himself the chief of the WD-40 tribe. He began at WD-40 Co. in 1987 and was named CEO in 1997. He has worked directly with WD-40 in 50 countries. In 2017, Inc. Magazine named Ridge fourth on the list of the World's Top Ten CEOs who lead in a totally unique way. He teaches leadership development, talent management and succession planning at the University of San Diego's Business School. A native of Australia, Ridge also serves on the Board of Directors of The Gorilla Glue Co. In 2021, he was named CEO of the Year by the San Diego Business Journal.



**ROBERT PRICE**  
CHAIRMAN, PRICESMART INC.

Robert E. Price is co-founder and chairman of PriceSmart Inc. The warehouse-retail company has 47 stores in 12 countries, primarily in Latin America and the Caribbean, and one U.S. territory. Robert Price and his father, Sol Price, started Price Club in 1974 and sold it to Costco Wholesale in 1993. Price is a San Diego native. He is manager of The Price Group LLC and president of Price Charities and Price Philanthropies Foundation. The latter supports charitable activities locally and in the company's markets.



**PATTI ROSCOE**  
OWNER, ROSCOE & ASSOCIATES

Like many, Patti Roscoe got a taste of San Diego as a tourist and came to live as a resident. She moved to the region from Buffalo, N.Y., in the mid-1960s. In the time since, she became an integral part of the community, running her own destination management company from 1981 to 2007. She has contributed to many local causes and organizations, notably San Diego State University and the Comic-Con Museum. Roscoe received SDBJ's Lifetime Achievement Award in 2019.





## IVOR ROYSTON

**CEO AND PRESIDENT, VIRACTA THERAPEUTICS, INC.**

Ivor Royston was a co-founder of Hybritech Inc., San Diego's first biotechnology firm in 1978 and is one of the fathers of the region's life science hub. After Hybritech was purchased by Eli Lilly in 1986, hundreds of spinouts launched the foundation of San Diego's biotech hub. He has founded and invested in dozens of biotech firms over the years.



## PETER SEIDLER

**CHAIRMAN, SAN DIEGO PADRES**

Peter Seidler is chairman of the San Diego Padres and lead investor in the ballclub. He is a founder and managing partner of Seidler Equity Partners, a family-oriented private equity fund that provides capital and management support to growing entrepreneurial companies across the United States and Australia. It manages equity capital with a market value of approximately \$3 billion. He is a driving force behind the "Tuesday Group" of civic leaders focused on San Diego's homeless problem. Seidler sits on the board of the University of San Diego.



## RALPH RUBIO

**CO-FOUNDER, RUBIO'S RESTAURANTS INC.**

Ralph Rubio is responsible for the sale of more than 200 million fish tacos since opening his first restaurant on Mission Bay Drive in 1983. He became acquainted with the taste during surfing trips to San Felipe, Mexico. The business, originally a family affair, was bought by Mill Road Capital in 2010. Carlsbad-based Rubio's Restaurants has more than 150 outlets. Rubio no longer carries a formal executive title but remains active in the menu planning. He is a champion of his alma mater, San Diego State, and his hometown.



## JUDI SHEPPARD MISSETT

**FOUNDER, JAZZERCISE**

Jazzercise traces its roots to 1969, when Judi Sheppard Missett started teaching a dance fitness class in Chicago. The classes grew into the iconic dance fitness company based in Carlsbad. In 2010, daughter Shanna Missett Nelson became company president and in 2020, granddaughter Skyla Nelson certified as a Jazzercise instructor. Sheppard Missett and her instructors have helped raise more than \$28 million for a wide range of charitable organizations. Her numerous honors include Lifetime Achievement Awards from SDBJ and the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports.



## SUSAN SALKA

**CEO, PRESIDENT AND DIRECTOR, AMN HEALTHCARE**

Susan Salka is CEO, president and director of AMN Healthcare. Under her leadership AMN has become known as the innovator in healthcare workforce solutions and the largest diversified healthcare staffing company in the nation. Salka is an active proponent of promoting women in leadership and has prioritized gender equity at AMN. She joined the company in 1990 and served in several other executive positions, including CFO, COO and senior vice president of business development. Over the years, Salka has expanded, diversified and strengthened the firm's offerings through dozens of acquisitions.



## THOMAS SUDBERRY

**CHAIRMAN, SUDBERRY PROPERTIES**

Thomas Sudberry founded Sudberry Properties in 1979. The business has developed numerous high-profile projects throughout the region, notably the 230-acre Civita community on former quarry land in the heart of Mission Valley. Farther north, Sudberry is at work on the 465-acre El Corazon development in Oceanside, which will include a \$40 million arena for the San Diego Sockers as well as housing and commercial space. Sudberry has deep experience in all aspects of development and has been inducted into the California Homebuilding Foundation Hall of Fame.



## JERRY SANDERS

**CEO, SAN DIEGO REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

Jerry Sanders has been president and CEO of the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce since 2013. The Chamber marked its 150th anniversary in early 2021. Sanders was mayor of San Diego from 2005 to 2012, originally taking office after the resignation of a sitting mayor while the city faced a pension debt crisis. Sanders also led the local chapters of the American Red Cross and the United Way. He spent 26 years with the San Diego Police Department, finishing his career as chief. He is a resident of Kensington.



## ROBERT SULLIVAN

**FOUNDING DEAN EMERITUS, RADY SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT, UCSD**

As the founding dean of the Rady School, Robert Sullivan's leadership, passion and vision were instrumental in building the school's philanthropic foundation and its reputation for excellence, innovation and economic impact. During his time as dean, from 2003 to 2019, he led the recruitment of world-class faculty who were consistently recognized for being among the best in the world as scholars and as educators. He received UC San Diego's Revelle Medal in 2021. Sullivan has also been a board member for several companies.





### DEBORAH SZEKELY

FOUNDER, GOLDEN DOOR & RANCHO LA PUERTA

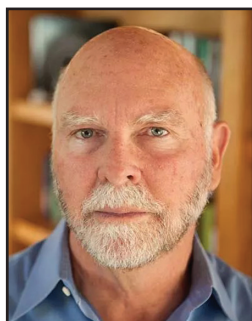
Deborah Szekely, now 99, has been called “the godmother of the wellness movement” and is best known locally for founding the Golden Door spa in Escondido. In 1940 she and her then-husband opened Rancho La Puerta, a wellness camp in Mexico that was part commune, part spa. Today, Rancho La Puerta is a 3,000 acre resort and favorite of celebrities and wellness gurus. The Golden Door attracts fiercely loyal regulars, including Oprah Winfrey and Martha Stewart.



### BILL WALTON

EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN, SAN DIEGO SPORT INNOVATORS

Bill Walton has been executive chairman of San Diego Sport Innovators since the business accelerator spun out of Connect in 2010. The San Diego native and NBA Hall of Famer has helped more than 80 local nonprofits and has a successful broadcasting career. As a motivational speaker he tells of how he overcame depression and back pain to live an active life, along the way helping the Challenged Athletes Foundation achieve world-class status.



### J. CRAIG VENTER

FOUNDER, CHAIRMAN AND CEO, J. CRAIG VENTER INSTITUTE

J. Craig Venter is best known for his role in mapping the human genome. He has been named one of the most influential people in the world by Time magazine and in 2008 received the National Medal of Science. He has led The Institute for Genomic Research, the J. Craig Venter Institute, Synthetic Genomics Inc., and Human Longevity Inc., from which he recently retired.



### BOB WATKINS

PRESIDENT AND CHAIRMAN, R.J. WATKINS & CO. LTD.

Bob Watkins created his executive search company in 1980 and since then has identified and selected over 1,000 senior executives for corporations, government agencies, educational institutions and nonprofits in the San Diego area. He was responsible for recruiting leaders for the San Diego Regional Economic Development Corp., San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce, United Way, the business school at San Diego State University and the San Diego County Water Authority. Watkins has served and continues to serve on a variety of civic and nonprofit boards.



### ANDREW VITERBI

CO-FOUNDER, QUALCOMM INC.

Andrew Viterbi co-founded Linkabit Corp. and Qualcomm Inc., and has been in academia in engineering and applied science at UCLA and UC San Diego. The Viterbi Algorithm is used in most digital cellular phones and digital satellite receivers, as well as magnetic recording, speech recognition, search engines and DNA sequence analysis. USC's engineering school is named after the Viterbi family, recognizing a \$52 million gift to the school. He most recently gave \$50 million to UC San Diego.



### GARY AND MARY WEST

FOUNDERS, WEST CORP., WEST HEALTH INSTITUTE, ET AL

The Wests were technology pioneers in the telemarketing industry, eventually netting \$1.45 billion in 2006 from their stake in West Corp. Since then they have dedicated time and resources to advancing sustainable high-quality health care for seniors with the West empire in Carlsbad – including the West Health Institute, West Health Policy Center, and the Gary and Mary West Foundation, which has awarded more than 500 grants worth more than \$200 million.



### MARY WALSHOK

ASSOCIATE VICE CHANCELLOR (AVC) FOR PUBLIC PROGRAMS

Over the course of 40 years, Mary Walshok built UC San Diego Extension to 100,000 enrollees with a continuing education portfolio admired nationwide. The author of six books and many articles, she is a thought leader in the field of workforce development and economic development. Walshok is currently spearheading the university's new downtown building at Park and Market. She stepped down as dean of the university's extension programs in mid-2021. Walshok studied sociology and anthropology at Pomona College and Indiana University Bloomington and joined UC San Diego in 1972.



### THOMAS WORNHAM

DIRECTOR, CALPRIVATE BANK

Thomas Wornham sits on the board of Private Bancorp of America, the publicly traded parent company of CalPrivate Bank, following his tenure as the bank's CEO. Prior to that, he spent 39 years at Wells Fargo. His civic work included serving on the board of the San Diego County Water Authority, where he worked to approve, finance and construct Carlsbad's desalination plant. He is currently the agency's chairman emeritus. Wornham received his bachelor's degree in political science, international relations and economics from UC Berkeley.