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## The Mayor's Fund for Education Announces New Additions to Board of Directors

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Long Beach, CA – As the Mayor's Fund prepares to celebrate its 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and the continued growth of our programs, we are pleased to announce the addition of four new Board Members who will bring fresh perspectives and strong commitment to the Mayor's Fund for Education's Board.

### Board of Directors

**Mark Taylor** – Director of CA  
Government Operations,  
*The Boeing Company*  
Co-Chair

**Laurie Peterson** – Founder,  
*EDUCATE*  
Co-Chair

**Celine Cordero** - Senior VP,  
*Englander Knabe & Allen*

**Bob Foster** – Former Mayor,  
*City of Long Beach*

**Julia Huang** – CEO,  
*Renzei Holdings*

**Skip Keesal** – Founder,  
*Keesal, Young, & Logan*

**Vic Nol** – Gov. Relations Mgr,  
*Southern CA Edison*

**Sarah Sangmeister** – Partner,  
*Peacock, Piper, Tong, & Voss  
LLP*

**Michael Vitug** – Ex. Director of  
PR & Strategic Partnerships,  
*Intertrend Communications*

**Janet Watt** – Founder & CEO,  
*Little Owl School*

*In Memoriam*  
*Rosi Pederson*  
*Alma Salazar*

The Mayor's Fund recently welcomed three new Board members:

Celine Cordero



Celine Cordero, Senior Vice President with Englander Knabe & Allen, brings over twenty years of experience in local, state and federal government as well as media relations, crisis communications and litigation communications. She also brings to the Board an enthusiasm for supporting the college and workforce-readiness of local students.

Vichet (Vic) Nol



Vic Nol is Southern California Edison's Government Relations Manager focused on the Long Beach, Signal Hill, and Avalon communities. With a strong interest in partnerships, Vic utilizes his professional relationships and personal connections to the Long Beach Cambodian community to help expand Mayor's Fund program reach – particularly as it relates to augmenting STEM learning and addressing the digital divide of students.

Michael Vitug



Michael Vitug knows communications as Executive Director of Public Relations and Strategic Partnerships with Intertrend Communications. His extensive experience will help the Mayor's Fund improve outreach, community engagement, and the impact of our messaging around resources for students, children, and families.



This summer, the Mayor's Fund will also welcome Dr. Felton Williams to the Board. His connection to the Long Beach community and education institutions are extensive. Dr. Williams is not only a former President of the Long Beach Unified School District Board of Education, he also served in numerous administrative capacities with Long Beach City College, California State Universities, Long Beach and Dominguez Hills – exemplifying his positive impact on local students from cradle to career.

“The Mayor’s Fund is fortunate to have a dedicated and mission-driven Board with diverse professional backgrounds and perspectives,” said Mark Taylor, Co-Chair of the Mayor’s Fund for Education Board of Directors. “The Board believes that investment in education offers one of the greatest opportunities for meaningful impact. I couldn’t be more excited about these leaders joining an already impressive Board and I know they will help the Mayor’s Fund’s have even more substantial impact to the local Long Beach community.”

The Mayor’s Fund Board helps guide the Fund’s mission and utilizes personal and professional contacts to support the Mayor’s Fund in addressing the most pressing needs facing Long Beach area students and families.

Signature programs of the Mayor’s Fund for Education include:

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| ReadyRosieLB            | Family Engagement System and Kindergarten-readiness Program currently service over 8,500 families  |
| Early STEM Learning     | A partnership with the Aquarium of the Pacific to improve STEM teaching techniques and spark early interest                              |
| ECE & our Economy       | A business and community engagement initiative highlighting the nexus between access to early care/education and a strong local economy  |
| LB UPreK                | A collaborative effort with LBUSD and early education partners to support the achievement of universal preschool for Long Beach families |
| ECE COVID Recovery      | An ad-hoc effort facilitating acquisition and distribution of essential infant care and PPE supplies to families and childcare providers |
| LB Internship Challenge | A community-wide effort and call-to-action to increase internships   |

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The mission of the Mayor’s Fund for Education (Mayor’s Fund) is to offer community-wide programs and amplify efforts of local education stakeholders to provide a cradle-to-career approach ensuring *all* students have access to educational pathways and careers resulting in a vibrant local economy. The Mayor’s Fund serves the City of Long Beach and, more broadly, the students of the Long Beach Unified School District – the third largest school district in California. Its three primary Impact Areas are: Early Childhood Education, Internships, and College Completion.

The Mayor’s Fund is a non-profit organization, operating under the umbrella of Community Partners pending receipt of its separate 501(c)(3) designation. Funding is provided by donations from private individuals, corporations and philanthropic foundations and is overseen by an independent Board of Directors.

For more information and the latest developments on the Mayor’s Fund for Education, visit: [www.mayorsfundford.org](http://www.mayorsfundford.org) and follow the LB Mayor’s Fund for Education on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

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