

LEAD SOCAL

A Virtual Professional and Civic Leadership Program For Southern Californian Change-Makers

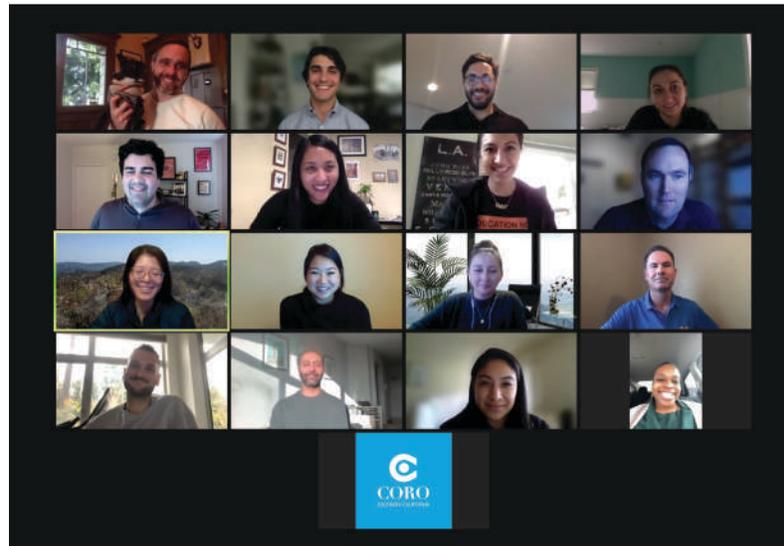
For over 60 years, Coro has equipped leaders across Southern California with the skills, knowledge, and networks to drive innovation and impact. Building on the success of Lead LA, its Coro Lead Programs companion, Lead SoCal brings together professionals from across backgrounds and sectors to expand their individual and collective capacity for impact.

WHAT IS LEAD SOCAL?

A virtual nine-month, part-time fellowship program mobilizing Coro Southern California's innovative professional and civic leadership development modules and expertise in virtual facilitation, Lead SoCal is designed for change-makers to expand their leadership capacity, knowledge, and networks in Southern California.

By applying Coro's leadership development frameworks to issues facing Southern California, participants come away with a deeper understanding of themselves, the region, the issues, and the stakeholders that all work in concert to create the region's unique fabric. Through this immersive and experiential dive, participants gain the tools and experiences necessary to enhance their and their organization's capacity to lead and direct change.

Lead SoCal runs from September to May with full-day virtual sessions once or twice per month and periodic small group planning meetings. A description of program elements and a detailed program calendar can be found at corola.org/lead-programs.



WHAT IS CORO?

Founded in 1957, Coro Southern California is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization whose mission is to train a community of leaders who can engage in systems thinking and possess the ability to collaborate. To accomplish this, Coro's programs blend experiential, classroom, and cohort-based learning to develop key civic and leadership competencies, including critical thinking, self-awareness, communication, collaboration, and network-building.



[Coro] pushed me to grow, expand my horizons, and comfortably take on new challenges. The level of vulnerability, honesty, and compassion exhibited by my cohort blew me away and continues to be a model for how to engage with others.

~ Carole Neal (Lead LA 1)
- Director of Marketing, Vitamin T





Small group interview with Abbe Land, Executive Director, Los Angeles County Initiative on Women and Girls.

Who is a Lead SoCal Candidate and What Will They Gain from Participating?

A Lead SoCal candidate is someone who:

- ✔ Is committed to deepening their professional leadership capacity;
- ✔ Is looking to expand their professional and personal network;
- ✔ Wants to better understand the issues facing Southern California and to take action to address those issues;
- ✔ Has a minimum of 5 to 7 years of professional experience, and
- ✔ Lives and/or works in Southern California (*defined as San Luis Obispo/Kern/San Bernardino counties south to San Diego/Imperial counties*).

Lead SoCal leverages Coro Southern California's expertise in experiential virtual learning. Participants engage in facilitated training and peer consulting, expert interviews and policy exploration, small group collaboration, and analytical and leadership exercises to broaden and strengthen their skills and knowledge in:

- ✔ Effective Inquiry,
- ✔ Civic and political awareness, and
- ✔ Group effectiveness.

Participants accomplish this all while also building lasting personal and professional relationships with other change-makers within their cohorts, among Coro Lead Programs alumni, and across the broader Coro Southern California community.



As a newcomer to Southern California, I was thrilled to have a chance to learn about the major civic challenges in our city and region. The cohort experience further cemented my commitment to [the region] - it's wonderful to have civic-minded friends and colleagues from various sectors and walks of life.



~ Chris Rhie (Lead LA 2) - Associate Principal, BuroHappold Engineering

Learn More About Program Details, Cost, and Application Deadlines

To learn more about the Lead SoCal program, including program elements, program tuition and financial assistance, application deadlines, how to express interest or submit a nomination, and explore other details, visit us at corola.org/lead-programs.

You can also contact Callie Spaide, Recruitment & Alumni Relations Manager, directly to learn more about Lead SoCal at callie@corola.org or (213) 267-6497.

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