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A MESSAGE FROM CORO'S PRESIDENT & CEO

Dear Coro Supporters:

Today, the Coro Southern California family has gathered to celebrate Coro's 48th Annual Crystal Eagle Awards Gala, honoring extraordinary civic leaders in our community. The Crystal Eagle Award and Alumni Impact Award are presented each year to visionary leaders whose civic contributions exemplify Coro's mission and commitment to cultivating ethical, effective leadership. We relish this opportunity to pause and pay tribute to key visionary leaders who have had a transformative impact on the Southern California region and beyond.

Coro was founded in 1942, during WWII, in an environment characterized by great uncertainty, rapid change, and a threat to democracy globally. We knew then and know now that our future depends on the strength, vision, and skill of our civic leaders – the ones we entrust to protect and advance our democracy. Our work is designed to bolster leaders and equip them with the tools and skills needed to lead adaptively in ambiguity, collaborate across differences, and serve the greater good. For over 80 years, Coro alumni have been characterized as community leaders who are prepared to work across traditional boundaries to tackle complex social, economic, and political challenges.

Over the last few years, our world has become more acutely aware of the need for effective, adaptive leadership to steer us through times of uncertainty. Coro is committed to fostering thoughtful, collaborative leadership across all sectors to build a more sustainable, inclusive, and equitable future for all communities across Southern California. We at Coro continue to draw inspiration from Coro alumni who are tackling today's complex challenges with creativity, collaboration, and courage, utilizing their Coro tools and community to serve those in need, making difficult decisions, all in service of the greater good. We remain committed to standing alongside you – our alumni leaders – and supporting you as you move yourselves, your communities, and our world forward. I want to remind you that whatever situation you might be facing, you have a great set of leadership tools and a community of alumni to help.

We want to continue bringing transformative Coro training to even more emerging leaders and have big plans for 2024. I'm excited to announce the launch of our newest leadership development program: the Climate Resilience Leadership Network (CRLN). CRLN will foster robust leadership development in an experiential cohort-based program designed to awaken, build, and grow stewards needed to create and nurture healthier and more climate resilient communities in and across the Los Angeles region.

I want to congratulate tonight's honorees: Christine Essel, Pedro Pizarro, Corinne Verdery, and Supervisor Holly Mitchell. You are exemplary leaders who embody the spirit of Coro. We're honored this evening to recognize your exceptional work and impact in service of Los Angeles and the communities you serve.

I would like to thank our Board of Directors for their leadership, the Coro team for bringing Coro's vision to life every day with ingenuity, vision, and care, and our community of program participants and alumni for trusting Coro to support their leadership journey. For those of you who have been partners and contributors alongside us for years, thank you for your steadfast commitment. For those of you who are just learning about our organization, we welcome you with open arms and look forward to all that we can achieve together.

Natalie Samarjian

President/CEO & Coro Alumna, Coro Southern California



RAÚL BUSTILLOS

A MESSAGE FROM CORO'S BOARD CHAIR & GALA CHAIR

Dear Coro Friends and Supporters,

Welcome to the 48th Annual Crystal Eagle Awards Gala! For over 80 years, Coro has been shaping and sending forth into our community leaders who are committed to and capable of strengthening the democratic principles and institutions that support our society. These individuals come from all walks of life and through Coro they receive opportunities to work in a variety of sectors.

Now more than ever, our mission matters. Events on the local, state, and federal levels have challenged the essence of what it means to self-govern. Coro has a pointedly non-partisan mission to develop leaders who can enlighten and inspire, build bridges, work across aisles, and hammer out practical solutions to real-world problems. It is a mission vital to the representative government we all cherish, and which our founders knew would always remain subject to challenge.

Coro's methodology is what makes our organization special. Based on experiential learning and political pragmatism, it remains unique among all other leadership programs. We make a significant impact both because of what we do and how we do it.

We want to congratulate our 2023 award recipients – Christine Essel, Pedro Pizarro, Supervisor Holly Mitchell, and Corinne Verdery. They represent the type of civic leadership that Coro seeks to develop. We also want to thank all of you for supporting Coro and our award recipients, and for helping to make our community a better place to live and work.

To those who have been our partners throughout the years, we say thank you for your steadfast commitment and loyalty. To those who may not be familiar with our organization, we invite you to learn more and to consider all that we can achieve together for our community, our state, and our nation.

Raúl Bustillos

Chair, Coro Board of Directors and Gala Committee

48TH ANNUAL

Crystal Eagle Awards Gala

The **Crystal Eagle Award** is presented to individuals who exemplify excellence in effective leadership and dynamic community involvement. Their achievements demonstrate that, whether as an individual or on behalf of an organization, one can make a difference for the public good – a premise that lies at the very heart of Coro.

The **Alumni Impact Award** is presented to a Coro alum who has had a deep and transformative impact in Southern California and beyond through their leadership, service, civic life, and commitment to Coro.



2023 GALA EMCEE

CHRISTINA PASCUCCI

Emmy Award-Winning Reporter & Anchor
Fox 11 Los Angeles

Christina has traveled to all seven continents to tell the world's untold stories. From interviewing the world's spiritual and political leaders, to reporting from war zones, to exposing and prompting change of corrupt policies, Christina's passion for uncovering the truth transcends borders. The Emmy Award-winning journalist, licensed pilot, Spanish speaker, and humanitarian has been a respected broadcaster in Los Angeles for over a decade. She was the only local reporter to report on the ground in Ukraine. In 2020, she was awarded L.A. Press Club's Journalist of the Year.

Christina dreams about reporting from space and is passionate about ocean conservation and the environment. She has highlighted the issue from Antarctica and dived with hundreds of sharks to expose the shark finning industry. She has also traveled to the slowly disappearing island nation of Palau to discuss climate issues with President Thomas Remengesau, who appointed Christina as Goodwill Ambassador to the country. One of her most memorable reports was when the Dalai Lama invited Christina to his palace in India for an exclusive interview.

Her professional life has inspired her philanthropy. While on assignment, Christina met a young Afghan who had stepped on an IED near her war-ravaged home. The Children of War Foundation made the subsequent surgeries and prosthetics possible, and Christina was immediately inspired to get involved. She now serves on the board and has traveled on missions to Ukraine, Haiti, and the Middle East.

Christina is an ambassador to 88 Bikes, an NGO that fights child sex trafficking around the globe. She trekked through the Cambodian jungle with them to highlight the work they are doing to rescue girls as young as four. She took what she learned abroad to her work with the Los Angeles Police Department when she went undercover during an operation to target sex traffickers.

She was honored by the Senate for her work with underserved youth after serving as a big sister in the Big Brothers Big Sisters mentor program for more than a decade. Christina was also chosen from 10,000 mentors as California's Big Sister of the Year.

Christina has worked extensively as an advocate for mental health awareness, foster youth, and unhoused families.





2023 CORO ALUMNI IMPACT AWARD

HON. HOLLY J. MITCHELL

Supervisor, Second District
Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors

Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell serves on the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors. As the daughter of parents who were public servants and a third-generation Angeleno, Mitchell leads with a deep understanding of the vital safety net LA County provides to millions of families and is committed to ensuring that all residents can thrive.

Supervisor Mitchell is honored to represent the two million residents of Los Angeles County's Second District – including the neighborhood she grew up in – Leimert Park, along with the cities of Carson, Compton, Culver City, El Segundo, Gardena, Hawthorne, Hermosa Beach, Inglewood, Lawndale, Los Angeles (portions), Manhattan Beach, Redondo Beach, and a dozen unincorporated communities.

Since being elected to the Board of Supervisors on November 3rd, 2020, Supervisor Mitchell has made poverty alleviation a countywide priority and has anchored an equitable recovery plan from the health and economic pandemic caused by COVID-19.

Within her first year as Supervisor, with support of the Board of Supervisors, Mitchell passed a landmark countywide guaranteed income program, made LA County the first in the nation to phase out urban oil drilling, and has strengthened the County's ability to quickly respond to mental health crises among our unhoused residents.

Before serving on the first all women-led Board of Supervisors in the history of LA County, Mitchell served for a decade in the California Legislature as a representative for the 54th Assembly District and 30th Senate District, both in Los Angeles County. During her tenure she passed over 90 bills – including the landmark anti-hair discrimination law The CROWN Act, making California the first in the nation to pass this law ending hair discrimination.

Supervisor Mitchell became the first African American to serve as Chair of the Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee. Under her guidance, she helped the State of California successfully build its financial reserves with the passage of three consecutive state budgets — each totaling over \$200 billion.

Early in her career, Supervisor Mitchell had transformative leadership opportunities serving as a Coro Fellow, a legislative advocate for Californians experiencing poverty at the Western Center on Law and Poverty, and working for pioneering legislative leaders like the Honorable Diane Watson.

Before running for public office, Supervisor Mitchell led Crystal Stairs for seven years, California's largest nonprofit dedicated to child and family development. As CEO, she fought for low-income families across Los Angeles County to gain access to childcare and poverty prevention resources.

As a member of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, Mitchell also serves on the boards of Los Angeles County Children and Families First (First 5 LA), Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum Commission, L.A. Care Health Plan, and Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts.

Supervisor Mitchell was awarded an honorary Doctorate Degree of Humane Letters from Charles Drew University and is a proud UC Riverside Highlander.



2023 CRYSTAL EAGLE HONOREE

CORINNE VERDERY

Chief Executive Officer
Caruso

Corinne Verdery assumed the role of Chief Executive Officer of Caruso, one of the largest and most admired privately held real estate development and management companies in the U.S., in September 2022. As CEO, Verdery is focused on continuing the stellar performance and growth the company has achieved since it was founded 36 years ago.

Verdery joined Caruso in 2016 and was previously Chief Development Officer, overseeing Caruso's development business which includes acquisitions, design, construction and tenant services. Focusing on doubling the size of the company and its offerings in Southern California, she oversaw the development of the Forbes double five-star resort Rosewood Miramar Beach in Montecito and Palisades Village, a first of its kind mixed-use project in Pacific Palisades, as well as the acquisition of new Caruso properties. In addition, she managed new zoning approvals for expansion of The Lakes in Thousand Oaks and directed the renovation of significant tenant spaces across the Caruso portfolio.

Verdery has more than 30 years of experience specializing in the industry. She joined Caruso from NBCUniversal, where she was the Chief Real Estate Development Officer. In that position, she was responsible for overseeing the 25-year multibillion-dollar NBCUniversal Evolution Plan, a vital component to the company's overall long-term growth and success. Prior to that role, Verdery held various executive positions within the company for well over a decade, including a global role where she planned and built projects — ranging from hotels to theme parks — in major cities worldwide.

Verdery was also SVP of Oasis West Realty/Alagem Capital Group, where she successfully spearheaded the development and entitlement process of The Beverly Hilton and the five-star Waldorf Astoria Hotel in Beverly Hills, which included the passage of a citywide ballot, 19 public hearings and a voter referendum.

Verdery graduated magna cum laude from Pepperdine University Graziadio Business School and cum laude from USC School of Architecture, where she was the recipient of the 2019 Distinguished Alumni Award. She currently serves on the Board of Trustees for The Archer School for Girls, where her twin daughters graduated from this past spring.



2023 CRYSTAL EAGLE HONOREE

PEDRO J. PIZARRO

President & CEO
Edison International

Pedro J. Pizarro is President and Chief Executive Officer of Edison International, the parent company of Southern California Edison (SCE), one of the nation's largest electric utilities. Edison International is also the parent company of Edison Energy, a portfolio of competitive businesses providing commercial and industrial customers with energy management and procurement services. He is a member of Edison International's board of directors.

Pizarro served as President of SCE from October 2014 through May 2016, when he was elected President of Edison International. He was elected Chief Executive Officer in October 2016. Previously, Pizarro was President of Edison Mission Energy (EME) and chaired its board of directors from 2011 until the sale of its assets to NRG Energy in April 2014. EME, a subsidiary of Edison International at the time, was an independent power producer that owned, leased, operated, and sold energy and capacity from electric power generation facilities and engaged in hedging and energy trading activities in competitive power markets. Pizarro joined Edison International in 1999, moved to SCE in 2001 and progressed through several leadership roles before joining EME.

Before his work at Edison International and SCE, Pizarro was a Senior Engagement Manager with McKinsey & Company in Los Angeles, providing management consulting services to energy, technology, engineering services, and banking clients. There, he developed corporate strategy, handled mergers and acquisitions, and oversaw operational and organizational engagements.

Pizarro earned a Ph.D. in chemistry from the California Institute of Technology (Caltech) and held National Science Foundation and Department of Defense graduate fellowships. He earned a bachelor's degree in chemistry from Harvard University.

Pizarro was elected as a Vice Chair for the Edison Electric Institute in June 2020 and serves on the boards of Electric Power Research Institute, Caltech, and 3M. He served on the boards of the Analysis and Resilience Center for Systemic Risk, Argonne National Laboratory, Electric Power Supply Association, California Power Exchange, Colburn School, House Research Institute, Southern California Leadership Council, and Western Energy Institute.

Pizarro serves on the Electricity Subsector Coordinating Council, which is the principal liaison between the federal government and the electric power industry to prepare for and respond to national-level disasters or threats to critical infrastructure. Pizarro represented the electric industry on the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board (SEAB) and co-chaired the SEAB Innovation Working Group. Pizarro also served on California Gov. Gavin Newsom's Task Force on Business and Jobs Recovery.



2023 CRYSTAL EAGLE HONOREE

CHRISTINE ESSEL

President & CEO
Southern California Grantmakers

Christine Essel joined Southern California Grantmakers (SCG) as President and CEO in 2013. As President, she sets the strategic direction and priorities for the organization, overseeing programming, communications, member services, and public policy. Prior to joining SCG, Essel held leadership roles in the government, corporate, philanthropic, and nonprofit sectors, where she has shaped legislation and public and corporate policy. She brings a wealth of experience to SCG including a deep knowledge of the region and a passion for forging creative solutions to complex community challenges, along with extensive relationships and expertise in corporate philanthropy, finance, real estate development, government, and community relations. For over three decades, she worked at Paramount Pictures, serving as Senior Vice President, Government and Community Affairs, a department she built from the ground up. In that role, she was responsible for the studio's philanthropic efforts and for shaping Paramount's civic presence while managing all political and legislative activity, corporate social responsibility, and fundraising activities. During her tenure she was also responsible for overseeing in excess of \$500 million in real estate development projects on the studio lot.

Most recently, she served as CEO for the Community Redevelopment Agency of the City of Los Angeles (CRA/LA), with an annual budget exceeding \$600 million, a staff of 260 employees, and 32 project areas throughout the City of Los Angeles. In response to a statewide call by the legislature, Essel's leadership helped lay a critical foundation for the dissolution of the agency, leading to a successful redistribution of resources for schools and local governments, while ensuring the completion of many crucial affordable housing projects and other developments vitally important to the economic growth of the region.

She has been named to numerous Boards and Commissions over the years, serving as chair of the California Film Commission, the Los Angeles Community Redevelopment Agency, the Hollywood Community Advisory Council, Alternative Living for the Aging, and Central City Association. She also served as Vice Chair of the California Workforce Investment Board and FilmLA and was a member of the powerful Los Angeles World Airports Commission, Grand Avenue Project Joint Powers Authority and Los Angeles Development Fund. Essel has been honored by esteemed organizations such as City of Hope, National Women's Political Committee, Alternative Living for the Aging, Weingart Center Partners, Central City Association, and the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce. In 2016, she received the Leader of the Year Award from the Southern California Leadership Network. She was named to the NonProfit Times "Power and Influence Top 50" in 2016 and 2017.

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Our Mission

Coro's mission is to strengthen the democratic process by preparing individuals for effective and ethical civic leadership. Coro prepares diverse groups of individuals to deal creatively and effectively with the challenges of democratic governance, enabling them to make responsible decisions in the face of change and ambiguity. Found in every sector and in all professions, Coro alumni create, govern, and guide with extraordinary skill, vision, and excellence.





FELLOWS PROGRAM IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS



Among the most prestigious and well-recognized post-graduate fellowships in the country, the Coro **Fellows Program in Public Affairs (FPPA)** is a nine-month, full-time program that uses the region as a classroom to train the next generation of civic leaders. Today's complex world presents constantly evolving challenges and opportunities, creating an increasing need for versatile leaders with the ability to forge connections and lead across the nonprofit, business, labor, political, and government sectors. Competitively selected, Fellows join a cohort encompassing a wide range of communities, interests, ideologies, and experiences.



"The Coro Fellowship was an eye-opening experience that provided access to the inner workings of public affairs that drive our day-to-day life. The program's cohort-based learning was the most meaningful for me because it forced thoughtful and proactive approaches to leadership. The learning opportunities, mentorship, and most importantly, the challenges Coro created for me are experiences I will cherish and lean on throughout my professional journey."

- Luis Huerta
Fellows Program in Public Affairs, 2023



YOUTH FELLOWS PROGRAM



Coro's **Youth Fellows Program (YFP)** is a transformative youth leadership program that trains high school students to become active citizens who assume leadership roles in their schools and communities. Through Coro training and internship placements, the program increases Youth Fellows' abilities in critical thinking and goal setting, ultimately giving them the skills to become effective collaborators and leaders. By supporting young people from diverse backgrounds to develop their leadership potential, YFP builds a pipeline of Southern California leaders with the skills to shape the future of our region.



"Being a part of the Coro Youth Fellows Program has been an invaluable experience. I've learned how not only to be a more effective leader, but also how to step out of my comfort zone as a leader according to context. I've enjoyed working with such a diverse, intelligent, and unique group of Fellows, as well as reflecting on myself internally and with the help of others. Coro has equipped me with the tools, introspection, and skills to be ready to accomplish my goals and any challenges I face in the future."

- Kina Desai
Youth Fellows, 2023





LEAD LA



Coro **Lead LA** is a part-time leadership development program for diverse, cross-sectoral professionals looking to 1) expand their professional network, 2) gain time-tested leadership skills to enhance their work, and 3) learn more about the Greater Los Angeles region and how they can create impact, regardless of their professional role and responsibilities.

Across nine months and leveraging Coro's time-tested experiential learning, Coro Lead LA provides regional professionals with expanded capacity to drive impactful, lasting solutions at work and in their communities.



"My time with Lead LA provided me a safe space to practice leadership. The sessions were opportunities for me to leverage my leadership strengths during pressure tests while simultaneously stretching me to live beyond my defaults during moments of challenge. I'm walking away from my time with Coro with practical leadership frameworks I can use throughout my career to engage with different stakeholders to create solutions to complex issues."

- **Maria Morfin**
Lead LA, 2023



WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP



The Coro **Women in Leadership (WIL)** program empowers participants by supporting their leadership development and building a cross-sectoral network of women professionals across Southern California.

This program provides an opportunity for women to strengthen their leadership skills and expand their professional network through a series of five two-day sessions. Over the course of more than 60+ hours of professional development, cohorts of around 30 women learn to harness their own unique leadership abilities and approach challenges and professional goals head on with the support of a diverse community of women.



"Being in WIL has shown me who I am as a leader. It has helped me identify my strengths, understand my adaptive leadership style, increase my inquiry processes, and has boosted my confidence. It has given me a strong network of sisters to lean into and stay connected with for life."

- **Shaunelle Curry**
*Women in Leadership,
Fall 2022*





WORKFORCE LEADERSHIP NETWORK



The Coro **Workforce Leadership Network (WLN)** provides diverse cross-sectoral cohorts of professionals working across and within the issues of workforce development, human capital capacity building, and the future of work with the leadership and management skills and meaningful professional networks to expand their capacity for impact within their teams, organizations, and across the region.

WLN enables participants to enhance their knowledge of the workforce development challenges and solutions (and the systems in which those challenges and solutions lie) by learning from their cohort of peers and leaders across the workforce development field.



"I initially joined Coro to connect with other professionals in the field of workforce development, but I ended up gaining so much more. I discovered the value of my own experiences and successes. I also discovered my voice as a leader through meaningful and intentional conversations and connections."

- Angela Castellanos
Workforce Leadership Network, 2023



EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP NETWORK



The Coro **Executive Leadership Network (ELN)** convenes seasoned leaders across diverse sectors for a collaborative, part-time leadership training intensive. Participants expand their leadership mindsets and strategies and cultivate a thriving professional network of peers ready to problem solve together over the course of six months.

Designed to tackle the "lone wolf" challenge many executives and senior leaders experience, ELN bridges intensive cohort-learning methodology, enabling deep exploration of organization and professional challenges with a lens of institutionalizing change and impact, with one-on-one executive coaching and relationship building to drive personal growth and networking building.



"ELN was way beyond my expectations. I was introduced to new ways of thinking, challenged both professionally and personally, lifted up by my peers, and welcomed into a dynamic and caring community of leaders. The ELN experience was one of the best professional growth opportunities I have had in my 30 year career."

- Julie Bank
Executive Leadership Network, 2023





HOUSING & HOUSELESSNESS LEADERSHIP NETWORK



The Coro **Housing & Houselessness Leadership Network (HHLN)** provides a cross-sector cohort of housing and houselessness professionals, including service providers, advocates, policymakers, affordable housing developers, and beyond, with the leadership skills and networks to advance their capacity to ignite action, impact, and solutions within their organizations and across the region.

Participants learn from 1) peer coaching, 2) experienced leadership facilitators, including Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging (DEIB), Adaptive Leadership, and human-centered design facilitators, and 3) the broader Coro and regional leadership community through Coro's unique blend of experiential programming to stretch professional and management skill sets.



"I valued being given a space to engage myself as a diverse leader and not just a single note representative of an organization or societal problem. I felt pushed to explore myself and I value the deep relationships I fostered. I feel like I walked out with a family and a coalition that can innovate and change the future of homelessness."

- **Monique Alvarado**
*Housing & Houselessness
Leadership Network, 2023*



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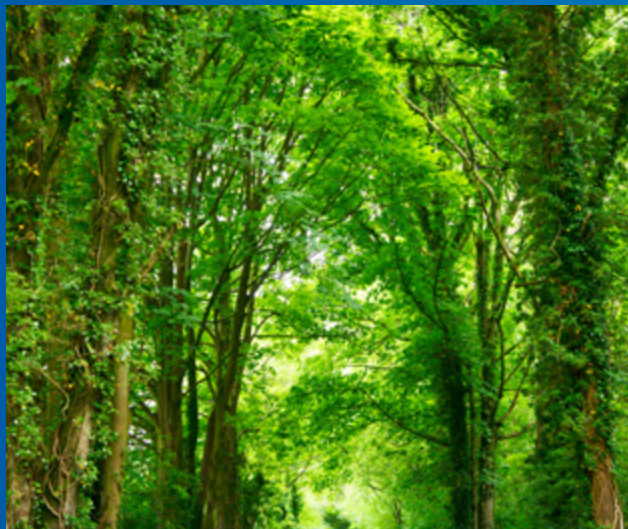
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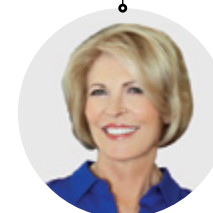
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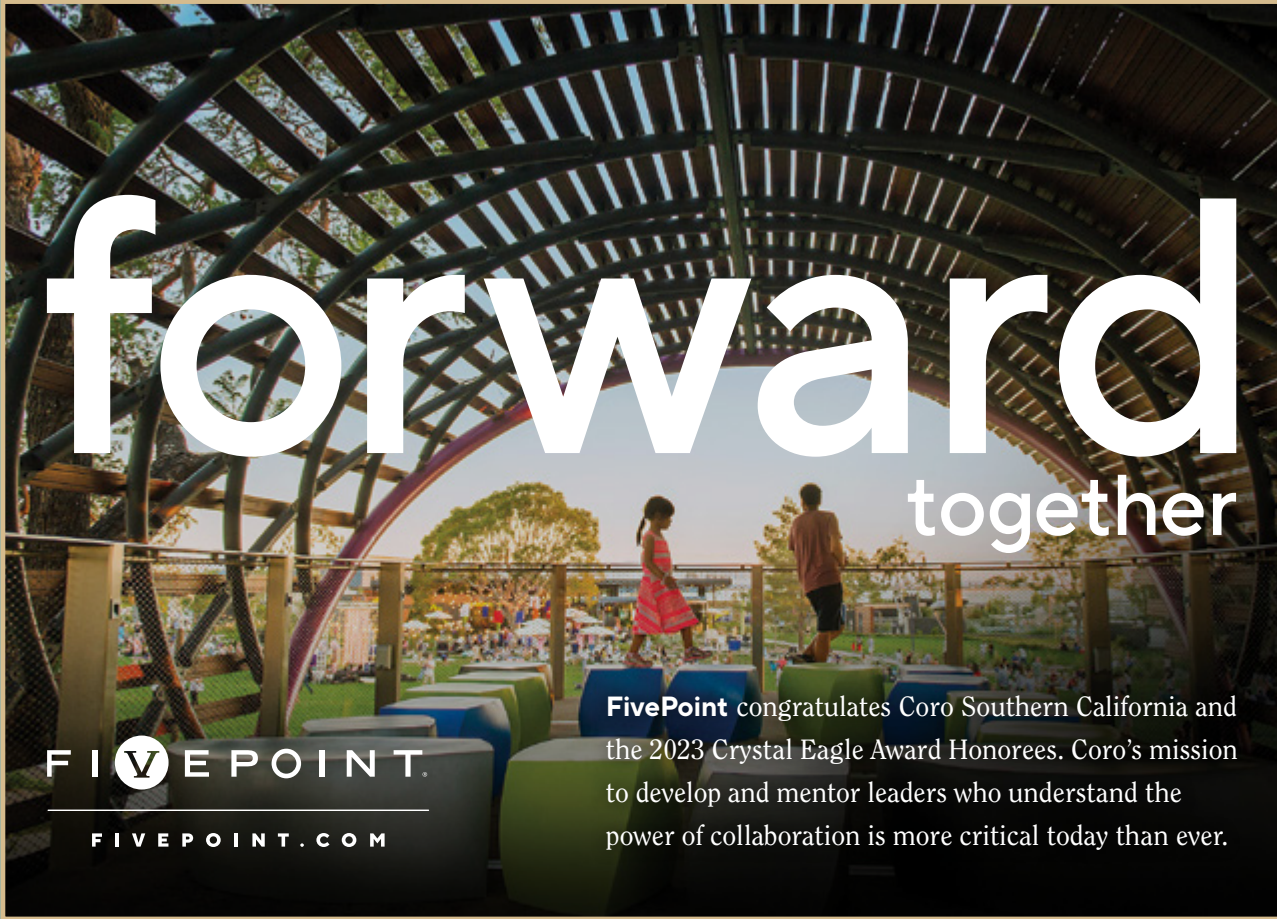
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We are pleased to celebrate all of tonight's honorees in support of Coro's mission of strengthening our democracy and want to extend a special congratulations to our colleague Chris Essel for this well-deserved honor.

We are so grateful to Chris for all her many contributions to the philanthropic community.

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on your well-deserved
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A special congratulations to Corinne,
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KATHRYN BARGER
SUPERVISOR, FIFTH DISTRICT

October 5, 2023

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Dear Friends,

It is an honor to extend my congratulations to Coro for their 48th Annual Gala. A new class of Coro fellows joins a legacy of leaders who are making an immeasurable difference in our communities.

I've had the privileged opportunity to host Coro fellows in my office as they embark on their new journey and have seen the value of their learning and engagement firsthand. Los Angeles County is strengthened by Coro's commitment to uplift and equip talented young leaders, each with diverse perspectives and unique experiences, with the tools they need to thrive and make a meaningful impact in our communities.

Congratulations to each of this evening's Crystal Eagle honorees: Christine Essel, President and CEO of Southern California Grantmakers; Pedro J. Pizarro, President and CEO of Edison International; Corinne Verdery, Chief Executive Officer of Caruso; and Alumni Impact Honoree Hon. Holly J. Mitchell, Supervisor Second District Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors.

Best wishes.



KATHRYN BARGER
Supervisor, Fifth District



October 5, 2023

Greetings and welcome to Coro Southern California's **48th Annual Crystal Eagle Awards Gala!**

On behalf of the California State Senate District 35, I commend Coro Southern California for its commitment to strengthening the democratic process by preparing individuals for effective and ethical leadership. I applaud Coro's meaningful impact in Southern California by developing leaders who collaborate with others to achieve innovative solutions.

I would like to congratulate this year's Coro Alumni Impact Award Honoree, Los Angeles County Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell. Also, kudos to the Crystal Eagle Award Honorees: Christine Essel, President and CEO of Southern California Grantmakers; Pedro J. Pizarro, President and CEO of Edison International; and Corinne Verdery, CEO of Caruso.

Best wishes for another successful event!

Sincerely,



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October 5, 2023

Dear Coro Community,

On behalf of the 55th Assembly District, welcome to the 48th Annual Crystal Eagle Awards Gala. Tonight is a celebration of individuals that have dedicated themselves to democracy and civic duty through ethical leadership.

Coro Southern California has nurtured thousands of civic leaders in government, non-profit, business, and elected office who are prepared to lead effectively with integrity and purpose. Coro graduates follow in the footsteps of visionary leaders, such as those being honored tonight, who have exemplified these qualities in their respective organizations. These individuals recognize that true leadership is collaborative, inclusive, and uplifts all members of the community.

We extend our sincere congratulations to this year's Coro Alumni Impact Award Honoree, Los Angeles County Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell, as well as to the recipients of the Crystal Eagle Award: Christine Essel, President and CEO of Southern California Grantmakers; Pedro J. Pizarro, President and CEO of Edison International; and Corinne Verdery, Chief Executive Officer of Caruso.

Our SoCal community is stronger for the work Coro Southern California continues to do in advancing an innovative approach to leadership that cultivates a successful, equitable future for us all.

Sincerely,



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October 5, 2023

Dear Friends:

Welcome to Coro Southern California's 48th annual Crystal Eagle Awards Gala.

Founded in 1942 to prepare individuals for effective and ethical leadership, Coro has developed an alum network of over 10,000 people across numerous sectors, including leaders in business, non-profit organizations, labor unions, governmental agencies and elected public office. In doing so, Coro provides both skills and knowledge to its members through various fellowship programs.

This year's gala recognizes the following visionary leaders for their transformative impact, and are the type of leadership Coro Southern California has cultivated decade after decade.

The Honorable Holly J. Mitchell
Los Angeles County Supervisor, Second District
Coro Alumni Impact Award Honoree

Christine Essel
President and CEO of Southern California Grantmakers
Crystal Eagle Award Honoree

Pedro J. Pizarro
President and CEO of Edison International
Crystal Eagle Award Honoree

Corinne Verdery
Chief Executive Officer of Caruso
Crystal Eagle Award Honoree

I extend my most sincere congratulations and appreciation to these honorees for their contributions and collaborative work in finding creative solutions and strengthening our democracy.

Sincerely,




WENDY CARRILLO
Assemblywoman, District 52



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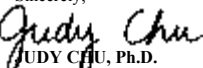
It is with great pleasure that I congratulate Coro Southern California for its 48th annual Crystal Eagle Awards Gala celebration at the Taglyan Complex in Los Angeles, California.

For over 75 years, Coro has trained and educated members of the Southern California community. The organization has continuously provided individuals with resources and connections to foster success and encourage effective and ethical leadership. Through its educational resources, Coro dedicates itself to promoting civic engagement and has had a profound effect in the community.

At this year’s celebration, Coro will celebrate and honor Southern California’s finest leaders who have contributed substantially to the region. I also highly commend this year’s honorees – Christine Essel, Pedro J. Pizarro, and Corinne Verdery – as well as Coro Alumni Impact award recipient Hon. Holly J. Mitchell, for their impactful work. These leaders embody the mission of Coro and I am overjoyed to recognize them tonight.

On behalf of the United States House of Representatives and the people of the 28th Congressional District, I extend my gratitude to Coro for its many years of service to the community and best wishes for its continued success.

Sincerely,



JUDY CHU, Ph.D.
Member of Congress, 28th District





MALIA M. COHEN
CALIFORNIA STATE CONTROLLER

October 5, 2023



Dear Friends:

As California’s State Controller and chief fiscal officer, I welcome you to the Coro Southern California’s 48th Annual Crystal Eagle Awards Gala.

For more than 65 years, Coro Southern California has demonstrated a history of dedication towards cultivating the next generation of civic leaders. Nationally founded in 1942, Coro organized to advance the mission of preparing individuals for effective and ethical leadership focused on strengthening our democracy. Coro Southern California continues this charge, remaining focused on providing leadership development programs throughout Southern California and its alumni serve as leaders in nonprofit organizations, labor unions, businesses, and elected public office.

I salute tonight’s honorees – **Christine Essel**, *Crystal Eagle Award*; **Pedro J. Pizarro**, *Crystal Eagle Award*; and to my dear friend, the **Honorable Holly J. Mitchell**, *Coro Alumni Impact Award*. I also commend the board members, leadership, and staff, including a very special acknowledgement of my friend and former classmate, President and CEO Natalie Samarjian, for their continued vision and service within the Greater Los Angeles community.

Please join me in congratulating Coro Southern California and their honorees. I extend to each of you my best wishes for a memorable event.

Sincerely,



Malia M. Cohen

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Dear Friends:

It gives me great pleasure to extend my warmest greetings to all who have gathered for Coro Southern California’s 48th Annual Crystal Eagle Awards Gala.

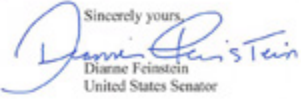
Since its inception, Coro Southern California has continued to prioritize teaching individuals how to be ethical and influential leaders in their communities. As a former Coro Fellow, I am proud of the innovation and leadership found across California through individuals participating in this exceptional program. Coro is committed to providing quality learning material and opportunities that I know will continue to benefit countless individuals for many years to come.

I would also like to take this opportunity to recognize this year’s distinguished honorees: Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell, Ms. Christine Essel, Mr. Pedro J. Pizarro, and Ms. Corinne Verdery. I commend the extraordinary commitment and generosity that these individuals have devoted towards Coro’s vision. These honorees demonstrate the importance of collaboration and self-awareness that Coro has always sought to push forward and their critical contributions are truly an inspiration to us all.

As your United States Senator representing the State of California, I commend Coro Southern California and all of this year’s outstanding honorees for their tremendous accomplishments. Please accept my best wishes for a most enjoyable and memorable event.

With warmest personal regards,

Sincerely yours,



Dianne Feinstein
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October 5, 2023

Dear Friends:

I extend my sincere congratulations to Coro Southern California (“Coro”) on the occasion of tonight’s 48th Annual Crystal Eagle Awards Gala.

For more than eight decades, through its values-based leadership training program, Coro has worked to advance and strengthen our democratic process by investing in our next generation of leaders. That Coro’s distinguished and diverse alumni occupy so many important positions across our state is a testament to its singular impact.

I would like to congratulate Coro’s 2023 honorees, whose work inspires us all:

- The Honorable Holly J. Mitchell, Los Angeles County Supervisor, Second District
- Christine Essel, President and CEO of Southern California Grantmakers
- Pedro J. Pizarro, President and CEO of Edison International
- Corinne Verdery, Chief Executive Officer of Caruso

Very truly yours,



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October 5, 2023

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Dear Friends:

On behalf of the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, I would like to extend a warm welcome to the honorees and guests of the 48th Annual Crystal Eagle Awards Gala.

Coro's work in empowering individuals to become innovative leaders is exemplary. Its positive guidance in strengthening the democratic process has established it as the respected organization that it is today.

Congratulations to this year's honorees for their outstanding contributions to the region.

Crystal Eagle Award Honorees: Christine Essel, President and CEO of Southern California Grantmakers; Pedro J. Pizarro, President and CEO of Edison International; and Corinne Verdery, Chief Executive Officer of Caruso.

Past Alumni Impact Honoree: Holly J. Mitchell, Los Angeles County Supervisor, Second District.

Best wishes for a wonderful celebration.

With respect and gratitude,

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Dear Friends:

It is my distinct pleasure to congratulate you on being part of Coro Southern California, joining the innovative community that has developed strong civic leaders and encouraged widespread public engagement to strengthen the democratic process in our region for almost five decades. Now in its 48th year, Coro's Annual Crystal Eagle Gala and the accompanying awards ceremony are meant to uplift the very best of our region by recognizing exemplary leaders whose legacy in public life represents a significant contribution to the common good.

From business luminaries to nonprofit executives, all of those being honored by Coro Southern California in 2023 are dedicated Los Angeles change-makers, and each one is an outstanding celebrant for the 2023 Crystal Eagle Awards. I commend each of you for your ongoing partnership and participation in the region's growth and success!

Like Coro's Board of Directors and hardworking leadership, each of you have demonstrated commitment to the principles of a thriving democracy and exemplified passionate service to those around you. I appreciate Coro, as its selection of diverse honorees of such stature offers a great inspiration to those seeking positive role models in our community.

Let me extend my warm wishes to everyone in attendance at this year's exceptional event. May it be a memorable evening, and a milestone on the road of your continued success.

Sincerely,

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JANICE HAHN
Chair

October 5, 2023

Dear Friends:

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the 48th Annual Crystal Eagle Awards Gala, hosted by CORO Southern California.

We gather today to celebrate the ongoing opportunities and resources CORO provides the next generations of leaders in our region. Through hands-on, collaborative, cross-sectoral learning, this organization cultivates young professionals to prepare them to lead in their respective fields. Participants of this program all graduate with Coro's shared belief that a single person, with the proper knowledge, skills, and network, is what will make our community a better place for all.

It gives me great pleasure to congratulate my dear colleague, The Honorable Holly J. Mitchell, Supervisor, Second District, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, who is being recognized with the CORO Alumni Impact Award. I also extend congratulations to the rest of today's honorees: Christine Essel, President and CEO Southern California Grantmakers; Pedro J. Pizarro, President and CEO Edison International; Corinne Verdery, CEO Caruso. These individuals are recognized for their exemplary leadership and contributions to our county and uplifting our community.

Sincerely,

JANICE HAHN
Chair of the Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles



Congratulations!

On behalf of Council District Eight and the City of Los Angeles, it is my pleasure to congratulate CORO on their 48th Annual Crystal Eagle Awards Gala. Today we celebrate the rich legacy and work of CORO as they continue to strengthen the democratic process and prepare individuals for effective and ethical civic leadership. Their outstanding results in this area remind us that there is an ongoing necessity to mentor, support, and nurture the next generation of leaders that Southern California and the nation urgently needs.

We commend the Crystal Eagle Award recipients, Christine Essel, for her passion, knowledge, and leadership that has helped set the strategic direction for the Southern California Grantmakers (SCG); Mr. Pedro Pizarro, President and CEO of Edison International, for his dedication and years of service and Ms. Corinne Verdery, for her impact on Southern California's real estate and development landscape.

It's an honor and a pleasure to congratulate my colleague, LA County Supervisor Holly Mitchell, on receiving the Coro Alumni Impact Award, thank you for your exceptional leadership, and commitment to the residents of Los Angeles.

This impressive list of honorees exemplifies the leadership skills nurtured in CORO's extraordinary programs. Congratulations on another phenomenal year and we look forward to continuing this cycle.

With Hope,

Marqueece Harris-Dawson
Councilmember, 8th District


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October 5, 2023

I am honored to greet everyone gathered this evening for Coro's Southern California 48th Annual Crystal Awards Gala. This event has a rich tradition of recognizing exemplary leaders whose involvement in public life has made extraordinary contributions to the region.

Coro is a non-profit, non-partisan organization that recruits and develops the next generation of emerging leaders by equipping them with the skills, networks, and knowledge to address the region's most pressing public policy issues. Coro's vision is to build a stronger democratic system through adaptive, ethical leaders working within and across traditional boundaries to solve social, economic, and political challenges.

Coro hosts this dinner each year to present visionary leaders whose civic contributions exemplify effective, ethical leadership with the Crystal Eagle Award. This prestigious event attracts elected officials, non-profit innovators, business leaders, Coro alumni, and friends from the Los Angeles area and brings them together to pay tribute to the most influential leaders.



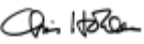
Tonight we honor the following award recipients.

Coro Alumni Impact Award
Los Angeles County Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell

Crystal Eagle Award Honorees
Christine Essel, President & CEO of Southern California Grantmakers
Pedro J. Pizarro, President & CEO Edison International
Corinne Verdery, CEO Caruso

Best wishes and continued success in the future.

Sincerely,



Assemblymember Chris Holden
41st Assembly District



HEATHER HUTT
LOS ANGELES COUNCILWOMAN
10TH DISTRICT

Hello Friends,

On behalf of the entire Tenth District, It is with great joy that I extend congratulations to Coro Southern California on the distinguished milestone of their 48th Annual Crystal Eagle Awards Gala. This event is a testament to your outstanding contributions and unwavering commitment to our community.

For years, Coro has gifted Angelenos with knowledge, empowering the leaders of our great City with the resources and tools to find solutions that strengthen its democratic practices and processes. As Councilwoman for the City of Los Angeles, I applaud you for your continuous efforts of creating ethical and effective civil leadership within our City.

Today's Crystal Eagle Awards Gala is about recognizing the exemplary leaders whose involvement in public life has made a significant contribution to our region. I want to congratulate **Christine Essel**, Southern California Grantmakers President and CEO, **Pedro J. Pizarro**, Edison International President and CEO, **Corinne Verdery**, Caruso Chief Executive Officer, and the **Los Angeles Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell** for the incredible work they do to empower Angelenos. Their leadership has not only enriched the lives of countless individuals but has also set a standard of excellence for others to follow.

As we come together to celebrate the achievements of Coro Southern California, as well as today's honorees, I am confident that this organization will continue to inspire future generations of leaders for years to come. Because of your collective impact, our community is immeasurable, and I look forward to witnessing the positive change you will continue to do.

May today's celebrations be a time of reflection, gratitude, and renewed commitment to the values that have guided your organization for so many years. Once again, congratulations on this extraordinary achievement. May Coro Southern California continue to thrive for many years to come!

Have fun!




HEATHER HUTT
Councilwoman, 10th District



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October 5th, 2023

Dear Friends:

It is with pleasure that I welcome everyone to the 48th Annual Crystal Eagle Awards Gala. I would like to thank Coro Southern California for your dedicated efforts this past year and to all who helped make tonight's event possible.




Since 1942, Coro has remained steadfast in their commitment to raising effective and service-minded leaders. Its programs have empowered participants and equipped them with essential skills, knowledge and networks for effective leadership in Southern California and beyond. Graduates have grown to become invaluable contributors in both the public and private sector, and I have no doubt in the positive impact that each of you have made.

I want to especially congratulate this year's honorees: Christine Essel, Pedro J. Pizarro, Corinne Verdery and Coro's Alumni Impact Award Honoree, LA County Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell.

As the Representative for California's 40th Congressional District, I am proud to work together in serving Southern California. Once again, congratulations on your many achievements, and best wishes for continued success.


Sincerely,




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Member of Congress, 40th District

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Councilmember John S. Lee
Council District Twelve

October 5, 2023

Dear Friends:


It is my pleasure to welcome you to the 48th Annual Crystal Eagle Awards Gala! Since 1942, Coro has been known as the preeminent organization for developing and training the next generation of leaders in public affairs and I am proud to offer my continuing support of Coro today.

Throughout my career, I have worked with outstanding Coro alumni who are working to create meaningful change in our communities and across Los Angeles. I want to commend Coro President & CEO **Natalie Samarjian** for her exceptional leadership which continues to move the organization forward and produce new, passionate, and thoughtful leaders ready to engage on today's toughest public policy challenges.

I would also like to congratulate this year's award recipients: **Christine Essel**, President & CEO of Southern California Grantmakers; **Pedro J. Pizarro**, President and CEO of Edison International; **Corinne Verdery**, Chief Executive Officer at Caruso. I would also like to congratulate the **Honorable Holly J. Mitchell**, Supervisor for the Second District of Los Angeles County for receiving the Coro Alumni Impact Award.

Congratulations to everyone who made tonight possible.

Sincerely,



JOHN S. LEE
Councilmember, Twelfth District



September 12, 2023

Dear Friends,

Congratulations to Coro Southern California for hosting its 48th annual Crystal Eagle Awards Gala. This event provides a wonderful opportunity to recognize leaders across Southern California who have risen to the occasion and made an impact in our community.

As a Coro Alumnus myself, I have seen firsthand Coro Southern California's commitment to developing the next generation of civic leaders. I applaud the hard work and collaboration that goes into uplifting and equipping our future leaders.

I would also like to recognize this year's esteemed honorees, Los Angeles County Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell, President and CEO of Southern California Grantmakers Christine Essel, President and CEO of Edison International Pedro J. Pizarro, and Chief Executive Officer of Caruso Corinne Verdery. These individuals have made meaningful contributions to public life through their dedication to Coro's values and exceptional service to the region.

Sincerely,

Mike Levin
Member of Congress



OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
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ROBERT G. LUNA, SHERIFF



August 30, 2023

Dear Friends:

CORO'S 48TH ANNUAL CRYSTAL EAGLE AWARDS GALA

On behalf of the men and women of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, it is my pleasure to extend a warm welcome to everyone participating in the **48th Annual Crystal Eagle Awards Gala**. I applaud your efforts to equip people with skills, knowledge, and networks to collaborate and drive innovative solutions throughout Los Angeles County.

Congratulations to this year's inspiring honorees; Los Angeles County Supervisor **Holly J. Mitchell**; President and Chief Executive Officer of Southern California Grantmakers, **Christine Essel**; President and Chief Executive Officer of Edison International, **Pedro J. Pizarro**; and Chief Executive Officer of Caruso, **Corinne Verdery**.

Please accept my best wishes for a successful event and continued success.

Sincerely,

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FIONA MA, CPA
TREASURER
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

October 5, 2023

Dear Friends,

As the 34th Treasurer of the State of California, it is my pleasure to join Coro Southern California in celebration of its 48th Annual Crystal Eagle Awards Gala.

Coro has been inspiring policy innovation and ethical leadership among Southern California's communities since 1942. In collaboration with local businesses, schools, unions, governments, and non-profits in California, Coro continues to strengthen the democratic process with a diverse set of experienced, passionate, and effective leaders dedicated to transforming today's challenges into tomorrow's solutions.

It is my honor to extend my sincere congratulations to this year's honorees:

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| Crystal Eagle Award | Christine Essel
President & Chief Executive Officer, Southern California Grantmakers
Pedro J. Pizarro
President & Chief Executive Officer, Edison International
Corinne Verdery
Chief Executive Officer, Caruso |
| Alumni Impact Award | Honorable Holly J. Mitchell
Supervisor, Second District, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors |

Thank you for taking part in this wonderful celebration of California's trailblazers dedicated to enriching the vibrancy and diversity of the Golden State. I extend my sincere best wishes for a successful event and many more years of service.

In Peace and Friendship,

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October 5, 2023

Re: 13310 Southern California 48th Annual Crystal Eagle Awards Gala

Dear Friends,

I am delighted to extend my warmest congratulations to Coro Southern California for the momentous occasion of the 48th Annual Crystal Eagle Awards Gala. Your unwavering dedication to developing leaders and promoting public affairs and innovation is instrumental in our state's democratic process. I am proud to join you in celebrating the exceptional contributions of our honorees to our community.

The Governor's Impact Award recipient, Los Angeles County Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell, Second District, has demonstrated exceptional commitment to public service and her passion and dedication to our state. I extend my heartfelt congratulations to the Crystal Eagle Award honorees: Christine Essel, President and Chief Executive Officer of Southern California Grantmakers; Pedro J. Pizarro, President and Chief Executive Officer of Edison International; and Corinne Verdery, Chief Executive Officer of Caruso. Their exceptional leadership and dedication to our communities are truly inspiring.

I look forward to participating in this remarkable event that celebrates the remarkable achievements of the honorees and the Coro alumni community. I am proud to support the public contributions to strengthening our leadership and enhancing the democratic process through the inspiring and innovative contributions of our honorees.

Sincerely,

Assemblymember Tina Alkinor





October 5, 2023


Dear Friends,

On behalf of the City of Los Angeles and the One-Five, welcome to CORO's 48th Annual Crystal Eagle Awards Gala.

I commend Coro for encouraging the next generation of diverse leaders. Through their hands-on, collaborative, and cross-sectional training and programs, they have been able to prepare the next group of leaders for success and to help them reach their goals.

My sincere congratulations to this year's *Crystal Eagle Award* Honorees: Christine Essel, President and CEO of Southern California Grantmakers; Pedro J. Pizarro, President and CEO of Edison International; Corinne Verdery, Chief Executive Officer of Caruso; and this year's *Coro Alumni Impact* Honoree: Hon. Holly J. Mitchell, L.A. County Supervisor, 2nd District.

Best wishes for a memorable and enjoyable gala!


TIM McOSKER
Councilmember, 15th District



KENNETH MEJIA
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Dear friends of democracy:

In the darkest days of World War II, the founders of Coro resolved to invest in training the public-spirited peacetime leaders America would need in government, business and labor. Generations of Coro graduates have sustained that spirit. Their work has been particularly influential in Southern California.

The Coro Alumni Impact Award is a fitting recognition for Holly J. Mitchell, one of the five women leaders serving on the Board of Supervisors of the largest County in America. She exemplifies the courage, character and skills honed through the Coro experience. The Crystal Eagle Award winners Christine Essel, Pedro J. Pizarro and Corinne Verdery have all made significant philanthropy and corporate contributions to the civic life of our region.

In honoring civic leaders, of course, we cannot lose sight of the dire challenges confronting us all, including the planetary emergency of climate change; the shame of widespread homelessness and housing insecurity; and the urgent need for transparency and accountability in our public institutions that have suffered a devastating loss of citizen trust.

The answer is the same as it was in 1942: invest in future leaders with the vision, integrity and tools to build a more equitable and sustainable Southern California as a model for the world.



Kenneth Mejia, CPA
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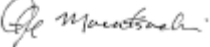
Please accept my warmest wishes and congratulations as Coro Southern California celebrates its 48th Annual Crystal Eagle Awards.

I commend Coro Southern California for its commitment to strengthening the democratic process. As an alumnus of the CORO Fellows Program, I know first-hand how important your work is in preparing the next generation of leaders for ethical and effective service.

Congratulations to this year's honorees, Los Angeles County Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell; Christine Essel, President and CEO of Southern California Grantmakers; Pedro J. Pizarro, President and CEO of Edison International; and Corinne Verdery, Chief Executive Office of Caruso.

Thank you for all of your hard work and dedication. Best wishes for a successful and memorable event.

Sincerely,



AL MURATSUCHI
Assemblymember, 66th District



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

October 5, 2023

48th Annual Crystal Eagle Awards Gala

On behalf of the state of California, it is my pleasure to welcome those gathered for the 48th Annual Crystal Eagle Awards Gala.

For over 75 years, Coro has been a powerful force for realizing the potential of our future leaders and equipping the next generation with the skills needed to combat our society's most pressing challenges. The state of California is made undeniably stronger by the many individuals whose lives Coro has touched.

I also wish to extend my sincere congratulations to this year's honorees: Christine Essel, Pedro J. Pizarro, Corinne Verdery, and Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell for their visionary leadership and steadfast commitment to building a California for all.

Finally, I send my gratitude to the Coro staff and alumni who have made tonight's event possible and do the work everyday to fulfill Coro's critical mission. On behalf of the state of California, please accept my best wishes for a successful and memorable evening.

Sincerely,



Gavin Newsom
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Dear Friends,

Welcome to Coro Southern California's 48th annual Crystal Eagle Awards Gala!

I commend Coro Southern California for its continued efforts and successes in forming exemplary civic leaders all throughout our region whilst facilitating great public engagement and change. As the Assemblywoman of California's 73rd District, it is with great gratitude and appreciation that I recognize the immense work put towards continually establishing community participation among the diverse population of our state.



Congratulations to this year's honorees – Christine Essel, Pedro J. Pizarro, Corinne Verdery, and Holly J. Mitchell – for their demonstrated commitment to Coro's principles and community service.

I know this event will be a memorable one, and I wish you all continued success in the years to come.

Sincerely,


Cottie Petrie-Norris
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October 5, 2023

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Dear Friends,

It is with great joy and enthusiasm that I join you in celebrating the 48th Annual Crystal Eagle Awards Gala.

Coro's steadfast commitment to fostering leadership and civic engagement has had a profound effect on the leaders of Southern California. The organization's dedication to cultivating future leaders and empowering individuals is admirable.

I extend my heartfelt appreciation to the organizers of this gala for their tireless efforts that have made this evening possible. As we look back with pride on the significant impacts of Coro's work, let us continue supporting this noble cause and advance positive changes to the State of California.

Sincerely,



Hon. Anthony J. Portantino
Senator, 25th District



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October 5, 2023

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Dear Friends and Honored Guests,

On behalf of the Office of the Los Angeles County Assessor, it is my great pleasure to welcome you to the 48th Annual Crystal Eagle Awards Gala hosted by Coro Southern California.

It is a privilege to share this space with so many distinguished leaders and change makers who are committed to leading by the Coro standard of effective and ethical leaderships. Our communities require leaders with the skills to drive innovative solutions to address our most pressing challenges and we have Coro to thank for their impact here in Los Angeles.

I join you in extending my congratulations to this year's honorees: **Los Angeles County Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell**, Second District; **Christine Essel**, President and CEO of Southern California Grantmakers; **Pedro J. Pizarro**, President and CEO of Edison International; and **Corinne Verdery**, Chief Executive Officer of Caruso.



Thank you for all your leadership and thank you to Coro for your cultivation of our future leaders in public service.

Sincerely,



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October 5, 2023

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Dear Friends:

On behalf of the California State Assembly, it gives me great honor to welcome you all to the 48th annual Crystal Eagle Awards Gala presented by Coro Southern California.

I commend Coro Southern California for its commitment to developing the next generation of leaders since 1942. Through their programs like Youth Fellows and Women in Leadership, Coro Southern California has worked to ensure that the next generation of leaders is a diverse group of individuals. I am proud of what Coro Southern California has done to ensure the posterity of our democratic institutions and the future leadership of Southern California as a whole.

Today, we are here to congratulate Los Angeles County Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell, Second District; Christine Essel, President and CEO of Southern California Grantmakers; Pedro J. Pizarro, President and CEO of Edison International; and Corinne Verdery, Chief Executive Officer of Caruso. They have demonstrated exceptional leadership, and I thank them for their outstanding contributions to the Southern California Community.

With my warmest regards,



ELOISE GÓMEZ REYES
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Thursday, October 5, 2023

Dear Friends,

Welcome to Coro Southern California's 48th annual Crystal Eagle Awards Gala.

I commend Coro Southern California for its dedication to developing civic leaders and encouraging public engagement to strengthen our democratic process.

As the Assemblywoman for the 43rd District, I applaud you for your sustained efforts of cultivating effective and ethical leadership that contributes to enhanced participation in diverse communities throughout our Golden State.

The Crystal Eagle Awards Gala has become a hallmark event in Southern California, where we come together to acknowledge and applaud the remarkable achievements of leaders who have made a significant impact on our communities. This year, we are thrilled to join you in recognizing individuals whose dedication, vision, and unwavering commitment have positively influenced countless lives.

I want to offer my sincerest congratulations to this year's inspiring honorees:


- Coro Alumni Impact Award Honoree:
- Los Angeles County Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell, Second District

- Crystal Eagle Award Honorees:
- Christine Essel, President and CEO of Southern California Grantmakers
 - Pedro J. Pizarro, President and CEO of Edison International
 - Corinne Verdery, Chief Executive Officer of Caruso

Our distinguished recipients of the Coro Alumni Impact Award and the Crystal Eagle Award have been instrumental in driving positive change across their respective disciplines and fields. Through their visionary leadership, they have demonstrated how dedication and innovation can uplift and enrich the lives of individuals and families in Southern California.

Once again, congratulations on this well-deserved celebration, and thank you for your remarkable contributions to The Golden State.

Respectfully,


LUZ RIVAS
Assemblywoman, 43rd District

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October 5, 2023

Dear Friends:


Welcome to Coro Southern California's 48th Annual Crystal Eagle Awards Gala!

As Assemblymember for the 53rd District, I am pleased to congratulate Coro Southern California for their efforts to cultivate civic leaders and encourage public engagement. Thank you for strengthening the democratic process throughout our Golden State.

Congratulations to this year's distinguished honorees – Los Angeles County Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell, Christine Essel, Pedro J. Pizarro, and Corinne Verdery – for their efforts to empower and engage our communities while serving as examples of effective and ethical leadership across our region.

Best wishes for continued success!

Sincerely,


FREDDIE RODRIGUEZ
Assemblymember, 53rd District
Chair, Assembly Committee on Emergency Management

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MONICA RODRIGUEZ
COUNCILWOMAN, 7TH DISTRICT

October 5, 2023

Dear Friends:

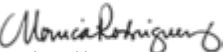
It is with great pleasure to welcome you to Coro Southern California's 48th Annual Crystal Eagle Awards Gala celebrating excellence in public service.

As Coro honors and celebrates those who have brought excellence to public service, I want to acknowledge Coro's 66 years of extraordinary work developing our future leaders and making an extraordinary impact to Southern California communities. Coro's mission brings individuals from different sectors through collaboration to drive innovative solutions.

I am honored to extend congratulations to this year's Crystal Eagle Award honorees: Christine Essel, President and CEO of Southern California Grantmakers; Pedro J. Pizarro, President and CEO of Edison International; Corinne Verdery, Chief Executive Officer of Caruso; and a special congratulations to Los Angeles County Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell, Second District as she is honored as this year's recipient of the Coro Alumni Impact award. Thank you all for your leadership and dedication to our communities.

I extend best wishes for a most successful and memorable event!

Sincerely,


Monica Rodriguez
Los Angeles City Councilwoman, 7th District



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October 5, 2023

Dear Friends:

It is my pleasure to welcome you to Coro Southern California's 48th Annual Crystal Eagle Awards Gala.

Since opening their office in Los Angeles in 1957, Coro has been a transformative and uplifting force in the lives of young people in Southern California in fulfilling the region's new heights in an array of fields.

Congratulations to tonight's honorees Christine Essel, Pedro Pizarro, Corinne Verdery and my dear friend and colleague Supervisor Holly Mitchell — for their decades of dedicated and innovative leadership and immense contributions to enhancing and improving our community.

I extend all my good wishes for a fun and successful event. Cheers!

Sincerely,


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August 24, 2023

Message from Assemblywoman Blanca E. Rubio
Celebrating Coro's 48th Annual Crystal Eagle Awards Gala 2023

Dear Friends,

It is an immense honor to extend my warmest greetings as you celebrate Coro's 48th Annual Crystal Eagle Awards Gala.

As an Assemblywoman in the California State Legislature, I commend Coro Southern California for their unwavering support to our outstanding leaders and neighborhoods in the San Gabriel Valley and Greater Los Angeles. The success of our visionary heroes is incredibly important as it reflects the life-long success of our nation. We appreciate Coro's investment in empowering our community leaders and meeting the needs of our residents.

On behalf of State of California and residents of the 48th Assembly District, it is with great pleasure that I offer my best wishes to the esteemed honorees: Los Angeles County Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell, Second District and our Crystal Eagle Award Recipients.

Thank you to our impactful leaders for all they do in our communities! Together, we can continue to uplift our residents across the golden state.

Sincerely,

Blanca E. Rubio

Blanca E. Rubio
Assemblywoman, 48th District of California



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October 5, 2023

Dear Friends:

It is with great pleasure and enthusiasm that I extend my warmest greetings to Coro Southern California and congratulate you for your 48th annual Crystal Eagle Awards.

Throughout the years, Coro Southern California has played a pivotal role in nurturing effective and principled leaders. Your commitment to empowering individuals from diverse backgrounds and nurturing ethical leadership has been a driving force behind a more vibrant Golden State. I commend and honor your enduring commitment to strengthening our communities through knowledge, empowerment, and inclusivity. Your tireless work has sowed the seeds of positive change, and the impact of your programs resonates far beyond the boundaries of our great state.

On this momentous occasion, I would like to acknowledge and celebrate the remarkable achievements of this year's Alumni Impact Award Honoree – Los Angeles County Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell, Second District. In addition, the distinguished Eagle Award Honorees - Christine Essel, President and CEO of Southern California Grantmakers; Pedro J. Pizarro, President and CEO of Edison International; and Corinne Verdery, Chief Executive Officer of Caruso. Their commitment to Coro's principles and their exceptional service to the community are a testament to the transformative power of purpose-driven leadership.

To all those attending tonight's gala, I extend my heartfelt congratulations and best wishes for a truly memorable event.

With warm regards,

Susan Rubio

Senator Susan Rubio
Senate District 22

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October 5, 2023

Dear Friends,

Greetings to all those attending the 48th Annual Crystal Eagle Awards Gala! I would like to thank Coro Southern California for hosting this event, which recognizes individuals for respected leadership in their respective fields.

Since its inception in 1957, Coro Southern California has developed effective leaders by equipping them with the skills, networks, and determination to solve the social, economic, and political challenges that our region faces. I look forward to working with tomorrow's leaders to better the state of California and the 54th Assembly District in Los Angeles in the years to come.

Congratulations to this year's honorees for being recognized for their effective leadership and dynamic community involvement. These outstanding leaders have demonstrated an unwavering commitment to making a difference for the public good:

Crystal Eagle Award — Christine Essel
Crystal Eagle Award — Pedro J. Pizarro
Crystal Eagle Award — Corinne Verdery
Coro Alumni Impact Award — Hon. Holly J. Mitchell

Congratulations and please accept my best wishes for continued success!

Sincerely,

Miguel Santiago

Assembly Member, 54th District



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HILDA L. SOLIS
SUPERVISOR, FIRST DISTRICT



October 5, 2023

Dear Friends,

Serving as the Supervisor of Los Angeles County's First District has given me the privilege of creating a significant impact for the better livelihood of Angelenos through community-based partnerships. This has also granted me the opportunity to work alongside committed leaders focused on establishing a more equitable and just society. On behalf of the First District, I congratulate all of tonight's honorees for being recognized at Coro's 48th Annual Crystal Eagle Awards Gala.

For the past 75 years, Coro has empowered individuals by preparing them with mentorship to become great leaders in their communities, businesses, and beyond. However, for the past 48 years, Coro has recognized inspirational leaders who have exemplified the values of Coro's vision of leadership by creating a remarkable impact in Southern California.

I am overjoyed to see my colleague Supervisor Holly Mitchell receive the Alumni Impact Award. Her caring, hardworking, and passionate spirit has allowed her to carry success for the families who call the Second District home. Like Supervisor Mitchell, each of tonight's honorees has a wealth of wisdom, creativity, and passion. Leaders like you inspire me every day, and I applaud you all.

Sincerely,

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Welcome to Coro Southern California's 48th annual Crystal Eagle Awards Gala.

As the Senator for the 27th Senate District, I applaud Coro Southern California for its dedication in elevating inspirational and ethical leadership that contributes to enhanced participation in diverse communities throughout our Golden State.

Coro Southern California has been a driving force of alliance building throughout the nation. We celebrate this long-standing commitment to developing civic leaders and encouraging public engagement to strengthen the democratic process in our communities.

Congratulations to this year's influential honorees – President and CEO of Southern California Grantmakers, Christine Essel; President and CEO of Edison International, Pedro J. Pizzaro; Chief Executive Officer of Caruso, Corinne Verdery – for their continued involvement to Coro's coalition and public life.

I look forward to seeing Coro's continued success and the development of their successful leaders.

Sincerely,

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