

# 31<sup>st</sup> Annual San Diego County Economic Roundtable

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## Panelists



### **Marney Cox**

Chief Economist

San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG)

- Mr. Cox is the Chief Economist for the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG), which is the comprehensive planning organization for the San Diego region.
- Mr. Cox specializes in regional economies and transportation finance.



### **Ryan Ratcliff**

Associate Professor of Economics

University of San Diego, School of Business Administration

- Mr. Ratcliff specializes in forecasting, macroeconomics, and financial economics.
- Mr. Ratcliff's research interests include the formation and updating of macroeconomic expectations, linkages between financial markets and the macroeconomy, state and regional economic forecasting, and the macroeconomic impact of housing cycles.

### **Mark Cafferty**

President & CEO

San Diego Regional Economic Development Corporation



- Mr. Cafferty is the president and chief executive officer of the San Diego Regional Economic Development Corporation. He has been instrumental in creating a culture of collaboration; bringing together business, trade, and education, as well as community leaders, to cement the region as a key stakeholder in the global economy.
- Mr. Cafferty has been honored to be recently recognized as San Diego Business Journal's Most Admired Non-Profit CEO, one of SD Metro's Men Who Rock, The Daily Transcript's Top Influentials for 2011, and UT San Diego's People to Watch in 2014.



## **Alex Beaton**

Principal

Alex Beaton: Real Estate

- Mr. Beaton established Alex Beaton: Real Estate in 2012 to leverage his knowledge, experience and relationships in the urban multi-family and office/retail real estate market to assist the efforts of his clients in the successful and profitable development of complex real estate development projects.
- Mr. Beaton has participated in the development of over \$1.8 billion of multi-family, retail, office, hospitality and land development projects of varying project sizes, values and construction types over the past 14 years.



## **Jim Miller**

Senior Regional Economist

San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG)

- Mr. Miller is a Senior Economist with the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) where he researches the effects of transportation and land-use decisions on the regional economy.
- Mr. Miller has worked in economics for over twenty years, in government, academia, and the private sector, with a focus on environmental, regional, and transportation economics.

## **Gabriela Dow**

Partner

NV5/Plug and Play



- Ms. Dow is an entrepreneur and consultant based in San Diego who works with tech startups, government agencies and global corporations. Her specialty is modernization and innovation through change management and process re-engineering, often helping public agencies implement emerging technologies, practices and programs.
- Ms. Dow currently serves as a partner and spokesperson for Plug and Play San Diego and VP of Strategic Initiatives for StartupCircle. As the owner of Mora Dow Consulting she has provided services for global corporations and local government agencies to advance efforts on topics like Future Proofing Cities and Online Permitting.