

LOS ANGELES HERITAGE AWARDS GALA



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LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENT



Miguel A. Santana is the President and CEO of Fairplex, a private nonprofit 487-acre entertainment and education complex in Pomona. With a mission to build community and strengthen the economy, Mr. Santana's vision for the Fairplex campus is to create an experiential environment for the community to live, learn, work and play. By forging collaborative relationships with the region's educational institutions, government officials and community residents Mr. Santana is focused on the transformation of Fairplex into a 21st century sustainable, globally recognized venue and economic engine grounded in its agricultural roots.

Prior to his employment at Fairplex, Mr. Santana was the City Administrative Officer for the City of Los Angeles since 2009. Mr. Santana reported directly to the Mayor and the City Council. As the CAO, his office directed oversight over the City's \$9 billion budget, labor negotiations, debt management and major policy issues as directed by the Mayor and/or City Council, including the proprietary departments of Department of Water and Power, Airport and Harbor. In 2015, as CAO, Mr. Santana released a 21-page report calculating the cost of homelessness to the City of Los Angeles.

In 2017, he was appointed by Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti to serve on the city's Proposition HHH Citizens Oversight Committee, an administrative council that will play a vital role in developing housing for homeless Angelenos funded through a bond measure approved by L.A. voters, and serves as chairman.

Mr. Santana has more than 25 years of experience managing numerous fiscal, legislative, political and community issues. Previously, Mr. Santana served as one of five Deputy Chief Executive Officers for Los Angeles County.

Mr. Santana has a B.A. in Sociology and Latin American Studies from Whittier College and a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Harvard University. Mr. Santana serves on the boards of: the Weingart Foundation; California Community Foundation; LA Plaza de Cultura y Artes; Discovery Cube; and Whittier College Board of Trustees.