



PLANNER EMERITUS NETWORK BOARD BIOGRAPHIES

Greg Konar, AICP – Board Member



Greg has 43 years of planning experience in both public and private practice. He began his career with the California Coastal Commission (1979), becoming involved in all phases of the state coastal planning process. In 1982 Greg was recruited by the City of San Diego to update the community plan for the La Jolla/La Jolla Shores neighborhood--one of twelve segments in the City's Local Coastal Program (LCP). In 1986, as principal planner, he led a successful effort to obtain final certification of the City's LCP.

As a land use consultant, Greg drafted the zoning code for the newly incorporated City of Solana Beach, helping lay the regulatory foundation for the highly successful Cedros Avenue Design District. Greg's consulting experience includes project management, policy development, and entitlement support for specific plans, general plans, and housing elements with Project Design Consultants, Atkins, and Konar Associates.

Greg specialized in crafting unique planning and regulatory solutions for both government agencies and private clients. Notable projects include the SeaWorld Master Plan Update, Rancho San Juan Specific Plan (Monterey County), City of Santa Paula General Plan Update, Star Ranch Specific Plan, Del Mar Fairgrounds Coastal Compliance and Physical Improvements Plan, and City of Oceanside Housing Element Update,

A tireless advocate for new urbanist concepts, Greg was an early and consistent voice for walkable streets and neighborhoods. As chair of the San Diego Complete Streets Task Force (2012 to 2019), Greg led a multi-disciplinary group of planners, traffic engineers, landscape architects, environmental practitioners, and walkability advocates for the common purpose of reclaiming San Diego's streets through more equitable street design. This "big tent" effort gave APA a leadership role within the region while breaking barriers locally and contributing toward statewide efforts to remove Level of Service (LOS) mitigation from CEQA.

Greg served on the APA San Diego Board for fifteen years, as webmaster (2000-2011) and later as Section Director (2013 to 2014). His service on the APA Chapter Board includes his time as San Diego Section Director, one term as Vice President of Marketing and Membership, and four years in the advisory position of Distance Education Coordinator. His service on the Chapter Board is most notable for the development of a robust distance education program to enhance access to professional development materials for all APA members.

Greg holds BA degrees in Political Science and Sociology from UCLA, and a Master of City Planning degree from San Diego State University.