

PLANNER EMERITUS NETWORK BOARD BIOGRAPHIES

Linda F. Tatum, FAICP



Linda retired in December 2024 after more than 30 years as a planning professional in the public and private sectors. She retired as Assistant City Manager for the City of Long Beach, California after close to 4 years in this position after serving two years as Development Services Director and three years as Planning Manager for the City. Her duties as Director included oversight of the Planning, Building Safety, Code Enforcement, Housing and Neighborhood Services Divisions, as well President of the Long Beach Community Investment Corporation, a local housing agency that funds affordable housing development in the community.

Ms. Tatum has a master's in Urban and Regional Planning from Florida State University and she was inducted as an AICP Fellow in 2018. Prior to Long Beach, she served as the Acting Director of Economic and Community Development and Planning Manager for the City of Inglewood, where she managed redevelopment of The Forum by Madison Square Garden, LLC, and the Hollywood Park Tomorrow project, a 300-acre mixed use project that includes 3,000 residential units, 30 acres of parks, 600,000 sq. ft. of retail and the 80,000-seat Sofi football stadium and arena. Linda's experience includes teaching planning courses at California State Fullerton in the University Extended Education program, work as a planning consultant, and a planning manager in the cities of Culver City and Santa Ana. Linda served on the APA California Board for more than 10 years as President of the California Planning Foundation. She currently serves on the Planning Accreditation Board (PAB), where she previously served as a member of the Site Visitor Pool for planning programs seeking PAB accreditation. Linda served on the 2022 PAB Standards Task Force, which spearheaded a major update of accreditation standards. She is a previous two-term member of the national APA Foundation Board of Directors. Linda current serves as a member of the California Planning Roundtable, and the Planners Emeritus Network. She was a 2015 Rose Fellow for Public Leadership in Land Use sponsored by Urban Land Institute and the National League of Cities. Linda was inducted as an AICP Fellow in the class of 2018. Outside of planning, Linda is a Board member of the Aquarium of the Pacific and the Global Youth Camp AEP, a startup non-profit whose mission is to introduce youth around the globe to careers in architecture, engineering, and planning.