

James Ghielmetti, Commissioner

James C. Ghielmetti is the Chief Executive Officer of Signature Homes, Inc., the Northern California land development and homebuilding firm, headquartered in Pleasanton, California that he founded in 1983. Signature is well known throughout the greater Bay Area and Sacramento regions for its diverse product offerings in both urban and suburban settings, its commercial and mixed-use projects and its masterplanned communities.

Prior to his appointment on the California Transportation Commission in 2003, Mr. Ghielmetti focused on local transportation issues by chairing the Transportation Committee of the Tri-Valley Business Council, serving on the Alameda County Transportation Authority Expenditure Plan Development Committee, and the Solutions on Sunol Coalition Leadership.

In 2000, Mr. Ghielmetti served on the Governor's Commission for the 21st Century, a group charged with developing a blueprint for California to follow in addressing transportation, housing, environmental and other issues of the 21st Century.

Mr. Ghielmetti is a member of the Policy Advisory Board for the Fisher Center for Real Estate and Urban Economics at the University of California, Berkeley.

Mr. Ghielmetti has served on the California Transportation Commission since June of 2003. He served as Vice Chair from March 1, 2006 through February 28, 2007 and from March 1, 2011 through February 28, 2013. He served as Chair from March 1, 2007 through February 28, 2008 and March 1, 2013 through February 28, 2014. Currently, Mr. Ghielmetti is a Senate appointment with a term ending January 2020.

Mr. Ghielmetti is a graduate of the University of Denver. He currently resides in San Francisco with his wife, Laurie.