

## **Carl Guardino, Commissioner**

Carl Guardino, one of Silicon Valley's most distinguished business and community leaders, is the President and CEO of the Silicon Valley Leadership Group, a public policy trade association that represents nearly 400 of Silicon Valley's most respected employers.

In February 2007, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger appointed Guardino to a four-year term on the California Transportation Commission and he has been reappointed twice by Governor Jerry Brown. In 2000, the San Jose Mercury News named Guardino one of the "Five Most Powerful" people in Silicon Valley, in a once-per-decade "Power Study." He received similar recognition in 2010.

Guardino has been the chief executive of the Leadership Group since January 1997. He previously served as vice president of the organization between 1991 and 1995. He also held an executive position in governmental affairs with Hewlett-Packard and he spent six years on the staff of Central Valley Assemblyman Rusty Areias, the last three as his chief assistant.

Known throughout the region as a consensus builder, Guardino has championed a number of successful ballot measures, especially in the areas of transportation and housing.

His transportation leadership includes successful management of ballot Measures A & B in 1996 that funded 19 key road and rail improvements with \$1.4 billion; and co-managed a 2000 traffic relief initiative that will generate some \$7.5 billion in local funds to bring BART to Santa Clara County, improve CalTrain and other transit improvements. In 2008, Guardino managed the successful Measure B (BART) campaign which earned nearly 67 percent voter approval. It authorized a 1/8-cent sales tax for 30 years to fund a 16-mile Santa Clara County BART extension. Most recently, Guardino led a 3-year effort that culminated in "Measure B" on the November 2016 ballot, which will generate an additional \$6.5 billion in local funds for traffic relief improvements. Measure B passed with 71.74 percent of the vote.

As a housing advocate, he co-created the Housing Trust Silicon Valley, which has helped 25,000 people afford homes in high-cost Silicon Valley by raising more than \$90 million in voluntary contributions. He also co-managed Prop. 46, the statewide Housing Bond, in 2002 and co-chaired Prop. 1-C, the November 2006 statewide Housing Bond.

Guardino is the founder and race director of the annual Thanksgiving Day Applied Materials "Silicon Valley Turkey Trot," which had nearly 25,000 participants in 2016. Over the past 12 years, it has raised nearly \$7 million for local charities. He is also the founder of the TiVo "Santa Run Silicon Valley" to benefit Christmas in the Park, and the Lam Research "Heart & Soles 5K" to place salad bars in Silicon Valley public schools. In addition, he hosts "The CEO Show," a radio talk show featuring top Silicon Valley CEOs on KLIV AM 1590. Guardino also serves on the boards of California Stewardship Network and the California League of Conservation Voters.

Guardino was born and raised in San Jose and received his Bachelor of Arts degree in political science from San Jose State University, where he is a Distinguished Alumnus. He is a member of Junior Achievement's "Silicon Valley Business Hall of Fame" and the recipient of the "Lifetime Achievement Award" from City Year, and was the second recipient of the "American Public Transit Association's Business Executive of the Year."

Carl is married to Leslee Guardino. In their spare time, they compete in marathons, triathlons and duathlons. They have two daughters, Jessica and Siena, and one son, Jake.