



The Altadena Builds Back Foundation (ABBF) is a supporting project of the Pasadena Community Foundation with a mission to help lead and fund Altadena's community-centered recovery, ensuring a just, equitable rebuilding process that prioritizes housing and those most affected by the Eaton Fire.

## Board & Staff

**Scott Christopher** brings his financial expertise and deep knowledge of the role of community foundations to the ABBF. Following a 34-year career with J.P. Morgan, Scott Christopher retired in 2024 and now devotes time to community service, volunteering, and serving on the boards of several nonprofit organizations. Scott and his wife Allison are longtime residents of La Canada.



Scott was born in Los Angeles, grew up in Southern California, and attended the University of California, Santa Barbara, where he majored in economics and sociology. After graduating from college, he earned a master's degree from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. Scott has served as a PCF board member since 2020 and is a member of PCF's Investment Committee.

**Eric (Tony) Gronroos**, MBT, CPA, joined the PCF board in 2024. He is an Altadena resident and has been displaced by the Eaton Fire.

Tony is a tax partner with Weaver & Tidwell, LLP. He has over 25 years of public accounting experience in federal and state income tax services. He has served clients in industries such as manufacturing, distribution, investment banking, private equity funds, entertainment, media, real estate, estates and trusts, and corporate reorganizations.



Tony is particularly knowledgeable in real estate, debt funds, and private equity funds. He assists clients with trust, gift, and estate planning, as well as federal and state income tax planning for high-net-worth individuals and companies.

Tony received a B.A. in Economics from the University of California, Santa Barbara and a Master of Business Taxation from the University of Southern California. He has served on the boards of many charitable organizations, including Finance and Investment Chair for Union Station Homeless Services, Finance Chair of Pacific Clinics, and Finance Chair of Villa de Vida.

**Robin Hughes** is a proven leader and tireless champion for housing and social justice, standing at the forefront of the national housing conversation and advocating for policies and solutions that address the root causes of America's housing crisis. Since 2022, Robin has served as the President and CEO of Housing Partnership Network, leading a collective of the nation's affordable housing and community development nonprofits.



Between 1996-2022, Robin led Abode Housing as the President and CEO, where she transformed Abode Communities into one of the top premier affordable housing developers in the nation and focused efforts on providing environmentally sustainable affordable and supportive housing.

Over her extensive career, Robin has served on numerous boards, government commissions, and committees. She currently sits on the boards of California Community Reinvestment Corporation, Community Development Trust, Justice Climate Fund, and LA4LA; she also serves on the Morgan Stanley Community Development Advisory Board and the National Housing Conference National Advisory Council.

Robin received bachelor's and master's degrees in public administration from the University of Southern California. Among her many awards, she received the California Housing Consortium's Housing Hall of Fame "Lifetime Achievement" Award in 2022. Born and raised in South Los Angeles, Robin resided in the beautiful community of Altadena for 15 years before losing her home in the Eaton Fire. She is committed to rebuilding her family's home and restoring her beloved community.

**Greta Johnson Mandell**, a PCF board member since 2020, was born in Brooklyn Borough, New York, New York, and moved to California with her family in 1954, where she attended public schools in Compton. She enrolled at Occidental College, graduating with a Bachelor of Arts, and soon after, earned a Medical Doctorate from the USC School of Medicine. She undertook her Residency in Child and Adult Psychiatry, LAC-USC and Augustus F. Hawkins psychiatric hospitals between 1979 and 1985, thus starting her long career in inpatient and outpatient psychiatric evaluation, as well as holistic and alternative general medical care and pain management. Greta retired in 2019. *(continued)*



Greta has served on the Advisory Board for Pasadena Symphony, POPS, and Youth Orchestras, 2014-present; she was a Founding Member of the Theatrical Diversity Project, Pasadena Playhouse, where she also was on the Advisory Committee to the Board. From 2007-2010, she was a Board member at Theatre at Boston Court and has been a Trustee at Occidental College since 2015. She is the Founder and Director of the Compton Arts Council, a nonprofit arts support organization. A long-time Altadena resident, Greta lost the home she shared with her husband, Peter, in the Eaton Fire.

**Mark Mariscal** has been a resident of Altadena since 1989. Mark comes to the ABBF Board with almost 40 years of service on various boards of directors. He retired from the City of Los Angeles in 2015 after serving the last 14 years as the Superintendent of Region Operations and before that, the Executive Director of the Expo Center.



Although active in Altadena prior to 2015, he jumped in heavily the following year with the Altadena Rotary Club, the Altadena Library Foundation, Friends of the Library, and St. Vincent de Paul at St. Elizabeth Church.

Mark is Board Chair of the Regional Park Open Space District representing Supervisor Kathryn Barger and the 5th District. If you have attended any of the Farnsworth Park Summer Concert Series, you have seen him on stage or running around the amphitheater. After the devastating Eaton Fire destroyed their home, Mark, his wife Paula and family are temporarily living in Pasadena. They will rebuild.

**Jennifer DeVoll** is the ABBF Executive Director. After leading PCF for 22 years as President & CEO, Jennifer retired in June, 2025 and moved into this new role. As Executive Director, she leverages the extensive connections and relationships she built during her tenure at PCF to amplify disaster relief efforts and help steer PCF's ongoing recovery work.



Jennifer has been active in numerous organizations, including Pasadena Rotary, San Gabriel Valley Estate Planning Council, and Episcopal Communities and Services. She is currently a board member with several private foundations and served on the Board of the League of California Community Foundations for four years.

**Candice Kim** is ABBF's Project Director. She has over 15 years of experience as a community organizer and nonprofit administrator.

Candice comes to Pasadena Community Foundation from the Moving Forward Network, a national environmental justice network located at Occidental College, where she focused on getting resources to historically underfunded frontline community organizations.

