

WELCOME AND  
OPENING REMARKS:

**HEATHER BARRY**  
Board Chair, AMAC Foundation and  
Vice President, Strategic Partnerships,  
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**KRYSTAL BRUMFIELD**  
President & Chief Executive Officer  
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KEYNOTE:



**THE HONORABLE  
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United States House of  
Representatives

PANEL DISCUSSION:



**SHONDA  
SCOTT**  
Chief Operating Officer  
360 Total Concept



**DAVID  
LAWRENCE**  
Owner & Executive Chef  
1300 Filmore



**NIKKI  
SHAW**  
Owner &  
Executive Chef

HONOREES:

INDUSTRY LEADER AWARD



**ELIZABETH  
LEAVITT**  
Senior Director,  
Environment &  
Sustainability  
Port of Seattle

AMAC TRAILBLAZER AWARD



**JUDITH  
BYRD**  
President and Chief  
Executive Officer  
Byrd Retail Group, LLC

AMAC AWARD



**DEBORAH  
ALE FLINT**  
Chief Executive Officer  
Los Angeles World  
Airports

ADDITIONAL REMARKS BY:

**MICHAEL  
SVAGDIS**  
Chief Executive Officer  
SSP America, Inc.

**SEAN  
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## SHONDA SCOTT

In 2006 Shonda Scott, CEO, created 360 Total Concept, headquartered in the Bay Area, as part of the solution, providing services to organizations needing management support in compliance, logistics and concessions. Scott uses her over two decades of business experience to assist clients with “Turning Concepts into Reality.” 360’s client list is diverse providing management support to school districts, federal agencies, television networks, and public officials from New Jersey to California. With offices in Oakland, Los Angeles and Washington DC, Shonda Scott’s 360 team covers it all: education, transportation, and facilities, teaming with large developers to the world’s largest railcar builder, and the world leading facilities management firm.

Shonda Scott has received global and national recognition. Most recently, in 2018 Shonda was inducted into Alameda County Women’s Hall of Fame. Prior to becoming a Hall of Fame Inductee, Shonda was recognized by **Enterprising Women Magazine** as the 2017 Woman of Year. Internationally, she received the 2016 Stevie Award Female Entrepreneur of the Year. As part of her civic contributions to our Nation, Shonda served as President Obama’s 2012 Platform Committee Appointee, and was 2006 CBC Young Leader appointed by and representing Congresswoman Barbara Lee’s Congressional District.

In addition to her entrepreneurial and civic work, Ms. Scott is the Executive Producer and host of a broadcast TV talk show, Spotlight with Shonda Scott, which highlights the positive stories in the Bay Area/Northern California featuring unsung heroes, influencers, and award winning entertainers.

Shonda is honored to have served as: Chair of the Alameda County Human Relations Commission, Vice President of Conference of Minority Transportation Officials (COMTO) of Northern California, Big Brothers-Big Sisters of Bay Area Board, Vice Chair, Oakland African American Chamber, Executive Committee, San Francisco African American Chamber, Board of Regents for Bishop O’Dowd High School, CAL Berkeley and UCLA Alumni Association Lifetime Member.

## DAVID LAWRENCE

Prior to making his culinary mark in the Bay Area, Chef David Lawrence received formal training in his native London where he worked under some of England’s most celebrated chefs, the Roux Brothers. Lawrence experience’s led him to the United States where he took the helm at a number of prestigious kitchens.

Choosing to settle in San Francisco, Lawrence saw an opportunity to incorporate his fine-dining techniques into the Southern-style cuisine he had perfected over the years in cooking for his wife Monetta White. In 2007 White and Lawrence opened 1300 on Fillmore where Lawrence created an innovative low-country menu, bringing soulful and sophisticated renditions of classic dishes like grits, cornbread, fried chicken and mac-n -cheese to eager diners.

His mission was simple, to share “comfort food, done well,” but the impact he has left on the city ten years later has roots far deeper. 1300 on Fillmore is not only elevating Southern Low, Country cuisine, but is leading the way to revitalize the surrounding neighborhood, and continues to serve as a neighborhood staple for locals and travelers from across the globe. David Lawrence has also recently opened Black Bark BBQ in the Fillmore returning BBQ back to the neighborhood.

Outside of the kitchen Lawrence is heavily involved in the community, serving on the board of directors for the Golden Gate Restaurant Association and working with youth in culinary and hospitality. He also enjoys soccer, golfing and cycling.



## NIKKI SHAW

Bringing her passion for food and appetite for adventure, celebrity Chef Nikki Shaw is committed to spreading awareness of and combating childhood obesity. Chef Nikki is a trained media spokesperson specializing in recipe development and product endorsement for major corporations. She has been a featured chef for the American Diabetes Association, American Heart Association and Kaiser Permanente. She is a spokesperson for the **National Childhood Obesity Foundation** and the California Department of Public Health’s Network For A Healthy California. She conducts healthy cooking demonstrations and educates communities about the importance of making smart food choices and staying physically active, on TV and in-person. She is also a **spokesperson for First 5 California**; hosting nutrition PSA’s targeting parents with children ages 0 to 5 years old.

Chef Nikki is a featured Media Chef/Spokesperson and Community Ambassador for the Oakland A’s, promoting the teams Community Wellness Campaign. She’s also on NBA.com for the NBA Cares campaign. She is a featured Chef/Instructor for the Golden State Warriors, also the L.A. Lakers official website, offering information and recipes to help prevent childhood obesity. She was also a Media Spokesperson and Recipe Developer for the J. R. Simplot Company and an online Chef for Kraft Foods.

Chef Nikki has appeared on Food Network as a finalist on **The Next Food Network Star: Season 3** and was a food and wine instructor on Jamie Foxx’s MTV reality show, **From G’s to Gents**. She was also a featured chef on the hit VH1 series Basketball Wives.

Chef Nikki graduated with honors from Howard University in Washington D.C. with a Bachelor’s degree in Journalism. She graduated as a Chef from the Southeastern Culinary Academy and completed her internship at Disney World in Orlando, Florida. She and her husband, former NBA player and Assistant Coach for the L.A. Lakers, Brian Shaw, reside in California with their children.

## ELIZABETH LEAVITT

Elizabeth has over 38 years experience in the environmental, port and aviation fields. She currently works as the Port’s Senior Director, Environment and Sustainability leading Port-wide efforts in this important area. Prior to this position, she represented the Port of Seattle as the Director of Aviation Planning and Environmental Programs. She was responsible for managing the groups that delivers comprehensive planning and environmental services for Seattle-Tacoma International Airport, including the Airport’s Sustainable Airport Master Plan. She was also successful in obtaining the permits for the third runway project at SeaTac.

Before joining the Port, she was a regulator and consultant, as well as California Institute of Technology’s Leader of Environmental Management at NASA’s Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

Elizabeth is currently a member and past chair of Airport’s Council International-North America’s Environmental Steering Committee and the past Chair of the ACI-World Environment Standing Committee and participates in ICAO/CAEP working groups. She also loves to travel and was once a class 5 whitewater raft guide.





## JUDITH BYRD

Judy Byrd, President and CEO of Byrd Retail Group, LLC is one of the country's leading travel retail specialists and a pioneer in the world of airport concessions. She has guided over 60 airports in integrating important new businesses into their modernization and expansion plans.

Byrd, a graduate of Georgetown University Law Center is an attorney; formerly Assistant Commissioner of Chicago's Department of Aviation; a founding partner in Chicago-based airport consulting firm Unison Consulting Group; and now president of her own retail brand advisory and concessions investment company based in New York City. She is considered by clients and peers to be an exceptional strategist and pragmatic planner whose expertise intersects real estate, retail, consumer behavior and travel.

In 1989, Byrd and her partner created Unison Consulting Group, a Chicago based airport consulting firm. Within 10 years they parlayed their expertise into a national business with over 60 employees providing financial, retail and systems planning for well over 80 airports in North and South America.

Byrd directed business development for the company, and also developed it's national airport concessions practice. Under her direction, Unison conducted studies, and designed Concessions Master Plans for over 60 new and redeveloped terminals, and built an on-site property management practice, leasing and managing programs at Chicago O'Hare, and New York's LaGuardia, JFK, and Newark Airports among others. Notably, Unison was the only firm in the industry with a dedicated practice in retail planning, implementation and management.

In May of 2008, Byrd was featured on the cover of **Airport Revenue News** as one of the "Key People Who Helped Drive the Evolution of Airport Concessions." In 2001, she issued the first industry analysis on the effects of the 9/11 terrorist attacks on commercial activities in

U.S. Airports. She has served on the ACI Associates Board, and her company, Unison Consulting was one of the founding member firms of AMAC, playing a critical role in the growth and development of the organization and the ACDBE program. Over the years, Byrd has given advice and counsel to numerous small businesses and ACDBE's on entry, growth and success in the airport industry.

Byrd currently provides advisory services for the Estée Lauder Companies, the worlds largest prestige beauty company. She works across their portfolio of over 40 brands including Estée Lauder, MAC Cosmetics, Jo Malone, La Mer, Clinique and Tom Ford Beauty presenting them in duty paid formats in airports nationally. She herself is now an ACDBE, certified in numerous cities across the country and participating in select airport food and retail programs.

Byrd lives and works in New York City where she currently serves on the national board of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, the Board of Trustees of the Fashion Institute of Technology, and the board of NYC & Company, the official marketing and tourism organization for the City of New York. Previously she also served on the boards of the New York Community Trust and the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater.



## DEBORAH FLINT

Deborah Flint was appointed Chief Executive Officer of Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) in June 2015, with oversight of Los Angeles International (LAX) and Van Nuys (VNY) general aviation airports.

Flint leads the team responsible for returning LAX to iconic status, creating a world class, modern airport for the modern traveler and building a transportation system that will give passengers a first-class, swift, convenient, and reliable way to access the airport. Flint's responsibilities involve managing the largest public works project in the history of the City of Los Angeles and investing more than \$8.5 billion to innovate retail, food and beverage, terminal redevelopment and create an airport wide hospitality mindset. As well, Flint oversees the development and advancement of security policies and strategies that comply with federal security regulations and provide world-class law enforcement for the protection of the public and property.

She leads the procurement and delivery of the Landside Access Modernization Program (LAMP), the \$5.5 billion solution to the crowded roadways and curbsides at and around LAX. Elements include an Automated People Mover (APM), Consolidated Rent-a-Car Center (ConRAC), Intermodal Transportation Facilities (ITFs) and comprehensive Roadway Improvements. Working in partnership with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro), the system will provide travelers with a seamless connection to public transit. Flint is committed to building the complex structures with leading edge innovation and design, while creating new jobs and opportunities for small, local and diverse business.

Flint managed the transition of Ontario International Airport to its new local authority. She continues to position VNY, one of the world's busiest general aviation airports, as a vital community partner which contributes more than \$1.3 billion each year to the Southern California economy.

Flint came to LAWA from the Port of Oakland where she had held the position of Aviation Director since 2010, being the primary executive responsible for management, business development and operation of Oakland International Airport (OAK).

While there, she delivered the \$480 million BART Airport Rail project after years of effort and challenges; executed strategies to stabilize and reverse passenger traffic decline in a difficult market environment; redesigned OAK's customer experience to make the airport more competitive; and marketed, developed and negotiated numerous development and investment transactions in terminal renovation and hangar development.

Prior to serving as Aviation Director at the Port of Oakland, Flint held the position of Assistant Aviation Director. Other professional experience includes leading OAK's Capital Program in which she coordinated the design, financing and implementation of major airport projects, and participated in the issuance of more than a half billion dollars in revenue bonds. She also served as Acting Port Executive Director of the Port of Oakland (maritime). She began her career with the Port in 1992 Port finance and advanced through the Port's Finance and Aviation Divisions.

Flint serves on the Board of the Airports Council International World Board, is on the Oversight Committee of the Transportation Research Board's Airport Cooperative Research Program; and is the Chair of the California Airports Council.

