

# 2025 INSURANCE DIVERSITY SUMMIT

HOSTED BY THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE

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# MEET YOUR WELCOME/KEYNOTE PLENARY SPEAKERS

**Featured  
Keynote Speaker**

## THE HONORABLE RICARDO LARA

*Insurance Commissioner  
California Department of Insurance*



Ricardo Lara is California's 8th Insurance Commissioner since voters created the elected position in 1988. Raised in East Los Angeles by immigrant parents, Commissioner Ricardo Lara made history in 2018 by becoming the first openly gay person elected to statewide office in California's history. As leader of the nation's largest state consumer protection agency he will protect Californians' futures.

**Featured  
Keynote Moderator / Co-Emcee**

## VIKITA POINDEXTER

*President/CEO - Poindexter Consulting Group; Chair - Insurance Diversity Task Force, California Department of Insurance*



Vikita Poindexter is the CEO/President of Poindexter Consulting Group, LLC, a minority woman-owned small business. She educates her fellow business owners on how to propel and grow their business in the U.S. with an emphasis in California on human resources, diversity in staffing, and recruitment. Vikita is an appointed executive council member of AARP-CA, board member of California's statewide Micro Enterprise network (CAMEO), and board member of GRID Inland Empire. She is also a board member for the National Black Entrepreneurs Project and member of several committees for the California Small Business Association.

**Featured Co-Emcee**

## FABIOLA COBARRUBIAS, M.D.

*President/CEO - Pacific Inpatient Medical Group; Vice Chair, Insurance Diversity Task Force  
California Department of Insurance*



Dr. Fabiola Cobarrubias serves as a director on the board of ProAssurance Corporation, a property and casualty insurance company focused on professional liability and workers' compensation. Dr. Cobarrubias previously served as Vice-Chair of the Board of Directors and Governance Committee Chair for NORCAL Group, a national medical professional liability carrier, and as Chair of the Board of Directors of Brown and Toland Physicians. She completed a Governance Fellowship of the National Association of Corporate Directors and is a member of the Latino Corporate Directors. Association.

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## KATHERINE EVANS

*Executive Vice President / Chief Legal Officer - CSAA Insurance Group*



Katie provides strategic guidance to the board of directors, CEO, and senior executives. With previous experience as Vice President of Regulatory & Government Affairs at CSAA and insurance regulatory partner at Dentons, she brings significant expertise to her role. Ms. Evans serves on the boards of the National Conference of Insurance Guaranty Funds and the California Chamber of Commerce. She holds a law degree from University of California, Hastings, and graduated with honors from University of California, Santa Cruz.

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Welcome Speaker**

## THE HONORABLE LISA CALDERON

*California State Assembly Assemblymember (56th District)  
Chair - Committee on Insurance*



Assemblymember Lisa Calderon was elected in 2020 to represent California's 56th Assembly District, including nine cities and several unincorporated communities in Los Angeles County. As Chair of the Assembly Committee on Insurance, her legislative efforts have prioritized wildfire risk mitigation and supporting communities as they navigate insurance challenges. Assemblymember Calderon remains dedicated to ensuring that every Californian has equitable opportunities to access the insurance marketplace.

**Opening Remarks  
Speaker**

## CHANDARA K. PHANACHONE

*Chief - Office of Insurance Diversity & Innovation  
California Department of Insurance*



**Opening Remarks  
Speaker / Community Partner**

## DULCE VASQUEZ

*Assistant Vice President  
Office of University Affairs  
Arizona State University*

