

2021 Membership Meeting – Speakers

Keynote address: Neil McCormick

Neil McCormick serves as the Chief Executive Officer of the California Special Districts Association (CSDA). In this role, he oversees and provides leadership for the successful implementation of board policy and strategic direction as approved by the CSDA Board of Directors.

Neil has over 26 years of experience in association management. In his nearly 20 years at CSDA, Neil has become well versed in issues related to special districts and local governments in California.

In addition to CSDA, Neil also serves as CEO for the Special District Leadership Foundation and CSDA Finance Corporation.



Featured Speaker: Josh Franco



Josh Franco, Ph.D., is currently an Assistant Professor at Cuyamaca College. He is a first-generation college graduate who holds A.A. degrees in economics and political science from Cerritos College, and a B.A. in public policy and M.A. and Ph.D. in political science from the University of California, Merced.

His personal mission is to introduce political science to the next generation of leaders and scholars.

He co-authored Introduction to Political Science Research Methods (IPSRM) textbook, authored Polimetrics: A Stata Companion to IPSRM workbook, has a peer-reviewed publication in the Journal of Political Science Education, and has presented at over a dozen academic and professional conferences.

Additionally, he has 5 years of experience working in the California State Capitol and U.S. Congress.