

**Robert Apodaca, CASA Technical Committee**

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**Robert Apodaca** has a 40-year professional and civic career that spans both private and public sectors and several industries. Following his service as Chair and Trustee of the Alameda County Retirement Board (pension fund), he joined the investment industry as a Senior Vice President and Partner of Kennedy Associates, an institutional investor for pension funds. New and retained accounts credited to his leadership include CalPERS, Chicago Transit Authority, San Diego County Retirement Board, Dallas Police and Fire, Kansas City Public Schools, N.Y.C. Fire Fighters and International Glass Molders. He was a frequent public speaker at conferences and participated in numerous state and national pension fund associations.

Additionally, Mr. Apodaca represented Kennedy Companies on Barings Private Equity’s “Mexico Fund” board of directors. He later joined McLarand Vasquez Emsiek & Partners, a leading international architectural and planning firm, as Senior Vice President of Business Development. During his tenure, he secured architectural contracts for developments that exceed \$1 billion in construction costs. He currently serves on numerous boards in California.



California Community Builders Inc. (CCB) is an outgrowth of the Greenlining Institute but is an independent organization with its own 501(c)(3) nonprofit status, board of directors, and mission.

Founded in 2006, CCB is a nonprofit organization seeking to decrease the homeownership gap for low-income residents in California beginning with pilot projects in the Central Valley. CCB strives to create positive change at familial, communal, and regional levels through holistic development, homeownership opportunities, and a new high-density model for affordable housing development.