

Sachi A. Hamai

Chief Executive Officer | County of Los Angeles



Sachi A. Hamai was named Los Angeles County's Chief Executive in October, 2015. She is responsible for managing the day-to-day operations and strategic direction of the nation's largest municipal government, including oversight of the County's \$30 billion-plus budget.

As CEO, she leads the County's workforce of more than 110,000 in developing and implementing effective programs to advance the Board of Supervisors' key priorities. These include the Homeless Initiative, a broad and unprecedented response to the region's homelessness crisis, as well as the transformation of the county's three health-related departments into a single Health Agency to promote healthy people living in healthy communities.

A champion of transformative change within local government, Sachi has successfully challenged the County workforce to break down barriers to collaboration and to pursue innovations that deliver results across a broad range of issues, including justice reform, immigrants' rights, environmental health monitoring, and the safety and wellbeing of children.

Her commitment to strong fiscal management has helped the County achieve its strongest long-term credit ratings in a decade.

Sachi also is committed to helping the County's next generation of leaders thrive and make their mark. In 2017, she co-founded WomenLeadLAC to help connect up-and-coming women in management with the County's top executives.

In recognition of her leadership of the County's pioneering work in combatting homelessness, she was awarded the Enterprise Community Partners' Cross-Sector Collaborator of the Year Award in 2018. She is also the 2018 winner of the Clarence A. Dykstra Award for Excellence in Government, presented by the Southern California Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration. Other professional recognition includes the 2017 Leadership Award from the Asian American Architects and Engineers Association, and honors from the Asian American Employee Association and the Indian American Professional Association.

She serves on the board of United Way of Greater Los Angeles and is a member of the U.S.-Japan Council.

Before her current appointment, Sachi served as interim CEO for 10 months beginning in December 2014. Previously, she was the Executive Officer for the Board of Supervisors, supporting all administrative services of the Board.

Sachi grew up in Denver with her sisters Judy and Tami and parents Thomas and Barbara Hamai. She attended Colorado State University and graduated in May 1988 with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, with a concentration in accountancy. Soon after graduation, Sachi was recruited to join the Los Angeles County Auditor-Controller's department as an accountant-auditor.

She held several positions within Auditor-Controller, supervising the operational, compliance, and financial reviews of many County departments, and was promoted to a management position with the Department of Health Services Inspection and Audit Team in 1994. As Chief of the Audit and Compliance Division, Sachi developed and implemented the groundbreaking Health Authority Law Enforcement Task Force (HALT), a multi-agency program to deter illegal criminal activities threatening the public's health and well-being. Since its inception, HALT has conducted thousands of investigations, resulting in hundreds of arrests, confiscating millions of dollars in illegal drugs, and saving taxpayers millions of dollars in Medi-Cal funds.

Sachi was the Director of Administrative Services at the County's Department of Health Services from 2001 to 2006, supervising the human resources, information technology, facilities management, and audit and compliance offices in the nation's second-largest public healthcare system.

A passionate distance runner, Sachi completed her first marathon in St. George, Utah in 1997. She has participated in nearly 40 races in the past five years, from 5ks to stair climbs to marathons in Florida, Illinois, Nevada, and British Columbia. She achieved her personal best time in the 2015 Tokyo Marathon.