



Katherine Aguilar Perez-Estolano, Member

Katherine Aguilar Perez-Estolano is an expert in urban planning, transportation, and stakeholder engagement. As co-founder of ELP Advisors, she has managed numerous transportation planning and community engagement projects. She has also co-led complex multi-stakeholder processes, including the creation of economic development implementation plans and the LA 2050 visioning project for the Goldhirsh Foundation. With her diverse background in private real estate development, transportation policy and urban planning, she has emerged as one of the most articulate and credible advocates promoting the responsible use of land and transportation.

Prior to co-founding ELP Advisors, she was the Executive Director of the Urban Land Institute, Los Angeles District Council (ULI LA), and was formerly the Vice President of Development for Forest City Development where she focused on transit-oriented development and mixed-use projects in emerging markets. Before joining Forest City, Ms. Perez-Estolano was the co-founder and Executive Director of the Transportation and Land Use Collaborative (TLUC) of Southern California, a nationally recognized non-profit that promotes greater civic involvement in planning and development. Previously, she worked as Deputy to Pasadena Mayor William Bogaard on transportation, planning and Latino constituent issues.

In 2013, she was appointed by Governor Jerry Brown to the Board of Directors of the California High Speed Rail Authority. Ms. Perez-Estolano previously served on the California Public Infrastructure Advisory Commission, which assisted the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and regional transportation agencies in developing public-private financing agreements for high-priority infrastructure projects throughout the state.

Ms. Perez-Estolano is an Adjunct Professor at the USC School of Planning and Development. She has also served as an Adjunct Professor at the UCLA School of Policy and was honored to be recognized as a 2009-2010 Senior Fellow of the UCLA School of Public Affairs. Ms. Perez-Estolano received her Master's Degree in Urban Planning and Transportation from UCLA and her Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from California State University Northridge.

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