

Southern California CIO Community Executive Summit

Marriott Long Beach Downtown



December 9, 2025

8:00am - 8:30am **Registration & Breakfast**

8:30am - 9:15am **Redefining Leadership for the AI Era**

Lucy Avetisyan, CIO, UCLA
Chris Mattmann, Chief Data and Artificial Intelligence Officer
(CDAIO), UCLA

9:15am - 9:40am **Networking Break**

9:40am - 10:25am **Breakout session Hosted by Twilio**

9:40am - 10:25am **Future-Proofing Data for Digital Transformation**

Aurore Wu, Vice President of Product, Reltio

9:40am - 10:25am **AI Observability — Unlocking Operational Efficiency**

9:40am - 10:25am **Gen-telligence — Smart Moves for a Multigenerational Team**

10:25am - 11:10am **Networking Break**

10:35am - 11:00am **Peer-to-Peer Meetings**

11:10am - 11:55am **From Vision to Value — A Practical Guide to AI Acceleration**

Ken Durazzo, Vice President, Technology Research and
Innovation, Dell EMC

11:10am - 11:55am **Blueprint for a Future-Ready IT**

Matt Butcher, VP of IT (CIO), KARL STORZ North America

Monika Campbell, Sr. Manager, IT Project & Portfolio Management, KARL STORZ North America
Amar Pukale, Director, Enterprise Applications – KSUS Operations, KARL STORZ North America

11:10am - 11:55am The Triple Threat — Cybersecurity, AI and Global Upheaval

Mary Joseph, Divisional CIO, Harman International Industries

11:10am - 11:55am Sharpen CIO Influence in the Boardroom

Paul E. Proctor, Distinguished VP Analyst, Gartner
Fred Donatucci, Chief Technology Officer, San Bernardino County, CA

11:55am - 12:30pm Lunch Service

12:30pm - 1:05pm Zero Trust & AI — Strengthening Security, Reducing Complexity, and Driving Innovation

Nathan Howe, Global Vice President, Innovation, Zscaler

1:05pm - 1:30pm Break

1:30pm - 2:15pm Cost, Culture and Change — Balancing the Equation

Dalen Copeland, Vice President, Digital Technology (CIO), EDF Power Solutions

1:30pm - 2:15pm The CIO’s AI Dilemma — Risk or ROI?

GK Pitchumani, CHCIO, CDH-E, CHISL, Chief Information Officer, Carelon

1:30pm - 2:15pm Data Governance — The Good, The Bad & The Accountable

Feroz Merchhiya, CIO, City of Santa Monica, CA

2:15pm - 3:00pm Networking Break

2:25pm - 2:50pm Peer-to-Peer Meetings

3:00pm - 3:45pm	The Quantum Shift — Are You Ready? Rachel Yegiaian, CIO, Spectrolab, IT Business Success Leader, Boeing Exploration Systems, The Boeing Co Jay Lowell, Principal Senior Technical Fellow, The Boeing Co Izhar Medalsy, Co-Founder, CEO, Quantum Elements James Rinaldi, Former CIO, Executive Chair, Innovate UCLA
3:00pm - 3:45pm	To Consolidate, or to Not Consolidate?
3:00pm - 3:45pm	Navigating Cost Management in Unpredictable Economies
3:00pm - 3:45pm	Building a Strong AI Governance Plan Deanna Steele, CIO, Allied Universal
3:45pm - 4:00pm	Networking Break
4:00pm - 4:35pm	The CIO's Cybersecurity Playbook for 2026 Paul E. Proctor, Distinguished VP Analyst, Gartner
4:35pm - 4:45pm	Closing Comments and Prize Drawing
4:45pm - 6:00pm	Governing Body Reception