



# AEP 2026 Conference Keynote Speakers

Friday/ Saturday, April 24, 2026



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**Friday, April 24, 2026**

**Time:** 8:00 am – 8:45 am

**Room:** Silver Pearl 2 & 3

**Chair Ann Moore**, 2026 Chair of the Board of Port Commissioners, Port of San Diego

Ann Moore was sworn in to the Board of Port Commissioners on Jan. 13, 2011, after appointment by the Chula Vista City Council. She served as Chula Vista's City Attorney and has practiced law for more than 20 years with extensive experience in land use, real estate, redevelopment, environmental, and municipal law. Commissioner Moore represents both developers and governmental agencies in processing land use entitlements for large scale residential, commercial, and industrial projects. Her areas of expertise include the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Subdivision Map Act, eminent domain, inverse condemnation, Endangered Species Act, public infrastructure financing, the Brown Act, and Conflict of Interest laws. She graduated from San Diego State University with a Public Administration degree and she earned her law degree at the University of San Diego law school.

**Saturday April 25, 2026**

**Time:** 8:00 am-8:45 am

**Room:** Silver Pearl 2 & 3

**Elyse W. Lowe**, Director, Development Services Department, City of San Diego

Elyse has extensive expertise in San Diego governmental policy, planning, and operations, covering land use, redevelopment, housing, transportation, resource conservation, sustainability, and fiscal management. She transitioned from public service to nonprofit management, merging two 501c3s into the successful think tank Circulate San Diego. Renowned in California for her leadership in sustainable growth and transit-oriented development, she held key city roles, including Mayor's Director of Land Use and Economic Development and City Council Representative. Appointed DSD Director in late 2018, Elyse's team doubled the average annual housing permits issued. She has advised on housing policy reform for over two decades. Academically, she studied Environmental Studies and Earth Science, with postgraduate work in Community Economic Development at SDSU. A native San Diegan, she enjoys racing sailboats, being a sports team mom, stand-up paddleboarding, and pickleball. Elyse is married with two teenage boys who play rugby and football.

