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## **ROSTER OF POWERFUL SPEAKERS LINED UP FOR AABLI'S SECOND CORPORATE DIRECTORS INITIATIVE PROGRAM**

Los Angeles, CA – A powerhouse roster of seasoned corporate board members will be featured on September 9 when The African American Board Leadership Institute (AABLI) hosts the “Foundations of Corporate Governance,” the second in its annual series of all-day forums under the organization’s Corporate Directors Initiative (CDI). The forum will take place at the City Club in Los Angeles, on Monday, September 9, 2019.

A nonprofit organization that connects forward-looking organizations with excellent board candidates, AABLI designed the CDI educational program to help fortify its global pipeline and position people of color on corporate boards around the world. “Foundations of Corporate Governance” will provide participants with the kind of career planning needed for future roles as corporate directors.

Scheduled speakers include **Wanda Austin**, former interim president, University of Southern California (USC); **Betsy Berkhemer-Credaire**, CEO, 2020 Women on Boards; **Beverly Cole**, J.D., board member, Bank OZK and AABLI alumna; **Chelsea Grayson**, board member, Vireo Health; **John Iino**, global chair, Diversity & Inclusion, Reed Smith; **Richard Munro**, CEO, Invenz, Inc.; **Alfred E. Osborne, Jr.**, former interim dean, University of California Los Angeles (UCLA) Anderson School of Management; **Jeff Sakaguchi**, lead independent director, True Blue, Inc.; **Maria Salinas**, president and CEO, Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce; and **Larry Taylor**, president and board member, National Association of Corporate Directors (Pacific Southwest) and past AABLI board member.

**Dr. Bonnie Hill**, board member, Banc of California, will join the day’s events as a special luncheon speaker.

Registration is currently open to professionals of color who wish to enhance their readiness for corporate board governance. To learn more, visit <https://aabli.org/programs-and-services/corporate-directors-initiative-aabli-cdi/> or call (213) 346-3420.

*The mission of the African American Board Leadership Institute is to strengthen nonprofit, public and private organizations through recruiting, preparing and assisting with the placement of African Americans on a broad range of governing boards.*

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