

PJ Gagajena serves as the City Manager for the City of Moorpark, CA. His 25-year local government career includes serving as the Assistant City Manager of Moorpark and working for the cities of Los Angeles, New York, Indio, and Torrance. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Political Science from UCLA, and received Masters degrees in Public Policy and Urban Planning from Harvard University. PJ is also a graduate of the USC Ross Program in Real Estate.

PJ earned the distinction of becoming one of the first Accredited California Economic Developers from CALED. He is a member of the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) and International Network of Asian Pacific Islander Public Administrators (I-NAPA). He was the recipient of the 2021 Stewardship Award from the Municipal Management Association of Southern California (MMASC) and currently serves as an Adjunct Professor and Advisory Council Member for the Master of Public Policy and Administration Program at California Lutheran University in Thousand Oaks, CA where he teaches local economic develoment. In 2024, PJ was appointed to serve as Chair of CALED's Project Development & Finance Division.

"I am humbled and honored to serve on the CALED Board of Directors to support our members and increase the engagement of city management professionals in economic development."