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Christopher Thornberg is Founding Partner of Beacon Economics, LLC and widely considered to be one of California's leading economic forecasters. An expert in economic forecasting, regional development, real estate dynamics, and labor markets, he was one of the earliest and most adamant predictors of the housing market crash and of the economic recession that followed. He currently serves on the advisory board of Paulson & Co. Inc., one of Wall Street's most successful hedge funds. Between 2008 and 2012, he served as a chief economic advisor to the California State Controller's Office, and as Chair of Controller John Chiang's Council of Economic Advisors.

A highly sought after speaker, Dr. Thornberg regularly presents to leading business, government, and nonprofit organizations. These groups include REOMAC, the California State Association of Counties, and the California and Nevada Credit Union League, among many others. He has testified before the U.S. Congress House Committee on Financial Services on municipal debt issues, and before the California State Assembly Committee on Revenue and Taxation regarding rule changes related to Proposition 13.

Dr. Thornberg has been involved in a number of special studies measuring the effect of important events on the economy including the NAFTA treaty, the California electricity crisis, port security, California's water transfer programs, and the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. Additionally, he serves on the editorial board of the Graziadio Business Report, a peer-reviewed publication of the Graziadio School of Business and Management at Pepperdine University. He is also a panel member of the National Association of Business Economists' quarterly "Outlook" and a contributor to the "Economic Consensus Outlook" published by the Journal of Business Forecasting.

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Prior to launching Beacon Economics Dr. Thornberg was a senior economist with UCLA's Anderson Forecast where he regularly authored economic outlooks for California, Los Angeles, the East Bay, and developed specialized forecasts for a variety of public and private entities. He previously taught in the MBA program at UCLA's Anderson School, in the Rady School of Business

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Originally from upstate New York, Dr. Thornberg holds a Ph.D. in Business Economics from the Anderson School at UCLA, and a B.S. in Business Administration from the State University of New York at Buffalo.