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## **AARON HAKE** Executive Director, Riverside County Transportation Commission

Aaron Hake serves as Executive Director of the Riverside County Transportation Commission and the Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority where he serves a Commission of 32 elected officials and one Governor's appointee. He leads a professional staff of 80 across nine departments and annual budget of over one billion dollars. Aaron has served RCTC for 19 years. In 2023 RCTC's Executive Committee unanimously selected Aaron to lead RCTC, tasking him with implementing Riverside county's multi-modal transportation and conservation vision.

As a civic leader in Riverside County, Aaron has served as Chair of the Riverside County Planning Commission, the City of Corona Planning Commission, and Treasurer of the City of Corona. He has served as Board Chair of the Inland Southern California United Way and has participated on numerous other local nonprofit boards of directors. His efforts have earned him recognition, including the WTS Inland Empire Chapter Secretary Ray LaHood Award, the Pick Group of Young Professionals IMPACT Award for Civic Leadership, and the 30 Under 30 by the Corona Chamber of Commerce.

Over the years, Aaron's leadership at RCTC has placed him at the forefront of transportation policy and funding in Riverside County, throughout southern California, in Sacramento, and in Washington. With the support of the best Commission and best staff in California, Aaron's career efforts have resulted in funding and legislation impacting nearly every highway and public transit corridor in Riverside County. This year, Aaron serves as Board Chair of Mobility 21, Southern California's public-private transportation advocacy coalition.

Aaron earned a bachelor's degree in political science and philosophy from American University, a master's of public administration from USC, and is a graduate of the Harvard Kennedy School of Government Senior Executives in Local and State Government program.

