BIO - Nancy Pfeffer

Nancy Pfeffer is Executive Director of the Gateway Cities Council of Governments. In this role, she leads the staff of the agency, which is a Joint Powers Authority consisting of twenty-seven member cities and additional unincorporated communities in Southeast Los Angeles County. The COG members collaborate on policy relating to transportation, air quality, housing, and economic development.

Before becoming Executive Director in January 2018, Ms. Pfeffer had served as the COG's Director of Regional Planning, a contract staff position, since 2007. In this role, Ms. Pfeffer led efforts to ensure that state cap-and-trade funds reach the communities in need throughout the Gateway Cities. She is the project manager for a Climate Action Planning Framework for the member cities, funded by grants from the California Energy Commission, the Southern California Association of Governments, and the Strategic Growth Council.

Between 2006 and 2018, Ms. Pfeffer was the President of Network Public Affairs, a public policy consulting practice focused on transportation and environmental issues. Previously, Ms. Pfeffer worked as a Program Manager and Senior Planner at the Southern California Association of Governments, where she managed the agency's goods movement program, environmental justice program, and public outreach for the 2004 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). In prior positions, she worked as a public policy analyst for ARCO, an international oil company that is now part of British Petroleum; for Environmental Resources Management, an international environmental consulting firm; and for Martin Marietta, an aerospace company that is now part of Lockheed Martin.

Ms. Pfeffer holds a bachelor's degree in Chemistry & Physics from Harvard University and a master's degree in Public Policy, with environmental focus, from the University of Southern California. Ms. Pfeffer is a resident of Long Beach.