

LOS ANGELES OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP AWARD RECIPIENT



Linda Griego has served, since 1986, as president and chief executive officer of Griego Enterprises, Inc., a business management company that has overseen entrepreneurial ventures in New Mexico and Los Angeles including the acquisition, development and renovation of a historic downtown structure into offices and a prominent restaurant, Engine Co. No. 28 – the building and restaurant were sold in 2010 after more than twenty years of operations. In 2013, Ms. Griego and partners launched a new bakery/café venture in downtown LA. She also operates the Oso Ranch and Lodge in Chama, New Mexico.

From 1990 until 2000, Ms. Griego held civic-related appointments, including deputy mayor of the city of Los Angeles focused on economic development and chief of protocol; president and chief executive officer of the Los Angeles Community Development Bank charged with making loans in the federal economic empowerment zone; and president and chief executive officer of Rebuild LA, the agency created to coordinate a five-year economic recovery following the 1992 Los Angeles civil unrest.

She currently serves as chair and founder of the MLK Health and Wellness Community Development Corporation. She is a former director of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Hospital board; and founder of its community foundation. She currently serves as a trustee of the David and Lucile Packard Foundation, the Ralph M. Parsons Foundation and the Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science. Ms. Griego served as a Trustee of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation for twelve years. She has also served on the boards of directors of the YMCA of Greater Metropolitan Los Angeles, the German Marshall Fund, the Art Center College of Design, Scripps College and the Community Development Technologies Center (Rebuild LA's successor).

For more than twenty years, she has served on the boards of private and publicly held corporations, including current directorships with CBS Corporation, AECOM Technology Corp. and American Funds. She previously served on the boards of City National Bank, Southwest Water Co., Granite Construction, Inc., Blockbuster, Inc., Tokai Bank and First Interstate Bank. She was also a Los Angeles director of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco.

She has been a member of the Council on Foreign Relations for twenty years; and was a founding member and director of the Pacific Council on International Policy for more than a decade. She served on the boards of the World Affairs Council, Tomas Rivera Policy Institute and the Public Policy Institute of California.

Ms. Griego has maintained strong ties with UCLA since her graduation in 1975 when she was awarded a Bachelor of Arts degree in History. She is a former senior fellow of the UCLA School of Public Policy. She currently serves on the Iris Cantor- UCLA Women's Health Center advisory board. In 2008, she received the UCLA Medal, the highest honor bestowed by the University.

She has been recognized for her civic and community leadership by the city, county and several organizations including the Hispanics in Philanthropy, YMCA of Greater Metropolitan Los Angeles, MALDEF, the Anti-Defamation League, CORO Southern California, the White House Fellows Commission, San Francisco Hispanic Foundation, the Edmund G. Brown Institute of Public Affairs, the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce and the City of Hope.

Born and raised in Tucumcari, New Mexico, Ms. Griego comes from Mexican-American family of professional bakers and railroad workers. Following graduation from high school, Ms. Griego moved to Washington, D.C. to work for her hometown congressman. She later worked for U.S. Senator Alan Cranston of California.