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UCSB Alumnus Elected UC Regent

The UC Santa Barbara Alumni Association Board of Directors has elected Fran Mancía ('80) to serve as one of four University of California Alumni Regents. He will begin his term July 1, 2016, as a Regent-designate and he will be a voting Regent from July 1, 2017-June 30, 2018.

Mancía is a vice president of government relations in a Sacramento advocacy firm that specializes in representing government agencies, including cities, counties and special districts. He has served as the chair of the Alumni Association's Advocacy Committee for the past two years, and took an active role in Betty Yee's successful campaign for election to the state Board of Equalization.

UCSB's Alumni Association elects a Regent every six years as part of a rotation among the other 10 campuses that is based on alumni populations. Mancía will also serve as president of the Alumni Associations of the University of California in 2017. That organization is comprised of all UC alumni association presidents and executive directors.

Mancía completed his Bachelor of Arts degree in communications at UCSB and received his MBA from the University of San Francisco. He has been active in industry associations, including service as the chairman of the California Contract Cities Association Members Program and as a partner member of the League of California Cities Revenue and Taxation Policy Committee. In 2011 he received the highest honor of the California Contract Cities Association for his volunteer work.

Mancía and his wife Barbara live in Cool, California, and are active equestrians.

About UC Santa Barbara

The University of California, Santa Barbara is a leading research institution that also provides a comprehensive liberal arts learning experience. Our academic community of faculty, students, and staff is characterized by a culture of interdisciplinary collaboration that is responsive to the needs of our multicultural and global society. All of this takes place within a living and learning environment like no other, as we draw inspiration from the beauty and resources of our extraordinary location at the edge of the Pacific Ocean.