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Kevin has 35+ years of experience in local government, state government, nonprofits, and the private sector. He has held leadership roles in economic development and transportation for the cities of Vista, Coronado, a transportation partnership of several cities in North San Diego County and he has owned his own company. He has been a key architect of a region-wide Economic Development strategy known as Innovate78, created the largest craft brewing cluster per capita in the US, and turned around a historic downtown into a thriving commercial center for the city. He served as the past Chair of California Association for Local Economic Development (CALED) and is the current Chair for the California Academy for Local Economic Development (The Academy). He has authored several articles and his latest contribution is to the book, Craft "Breweries and Cities". Kevin is also a guest lecturer in college level courses in planning and economic development. Kevin has been recognized with multiple awards including the prestigious International Economic Development Council's (IEDC) Jeffrey A Finkel award.