

Joe Carreras, Lead Regional Planner
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Joe Carreras is a leading regional planner for the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG). He is a specialist in housing and strategic growth programs and is responsible for the development and implementation of several important regional planning initiatives including the Compass Blueprint, the Creating Livable Places and Housing Southern Californians. His program focus is to develop consensus-based solutions for determining and assigning regional housing needs and envisioning future growth.

Mark Butala, Program Manager
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Mark Butala is the Program Manager for the Compass Blueprint program at the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG). In this role he led the multi-year effort to develop and adopt a regional growth vision for the future of the Southern California landscape and its projected 24 million people. Currently, Mark oversees the multi-faceted implementation action plan and monitoring program that focuses on local/regional partnerships to develop plans and policies intended to improve mobility, livability, prosperity and sustainability in Southern California.

Prior to this, Mark worked as a Regional Planner with the Baltimore Metropolitan Council. It was here that Mark developed both a policy and technical understanding of growth-related issues as he offered analysis and policy recommendation toward local compliance of the State of Maryland's highly-celebrated smart growth legislation. His education includes a Bachelor's Degree in Environmental Analysis and Design and Masters Degree in Urban and Regional Planning both from the University of California, Irvine.

Peter Brandenburg, Senior Regional Planner
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Peter Brandenburg is a Senior Regional Planner for the Southern California Association of Governments. Through the Compass Blueprint program, Peter works with local governments and other stakeholders to plan for sustainable growth and land use development throughout a six-county region. Prior to SCAG, Peter was an open space and recreation planner in Massachusetts. He holds a Master of City Planning degree from MIT and a BA in Environmental Policy and Planning from UC Santa Cruz.