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Dr. Randolph previously served as President & CEO of the Bay Area Economic Forum, which merged with the Bay Area Council in January 2008, and as director of international trade for the State of California, where he developed trade strategy and directed international business programs to stimulate exports and introduce California companies to overseas markets. Before service with the state, he was Managing Director of the RSR Pacific Group, an international business consulting firm specializing in Asia and Latin America, and prior to that served as International Director General of the Pacific Basin Economic Council, a 15-nation international organization of leading U.S., Asian and Latin American corporations.

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He serves as chairman of the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC), a California state commission that regulates development on San Francisco Bay, with the goal of ensuring its environmental integrity and public access, and represents BCDC on the Joint Policy Committee of regional regulatory agencies and on the Regional Airport Planning Committee. He also serves on the State of California's Public Infrastructure Advisory Commission (PIAC), and on the California Energy Commission's Public Interest Energy Research (PIER) program advisory board. He is a member of the District of Columbia Bar Association, the Council on Foreign Relations, and the Pacific Council on International Policy, and serves on the Advisory Board of the University of San Francisco Center for the Pacific Rim, the President's Advisory Council of Excelsior College (New York) and the External Research Advisory Board of the University of California at Davis. He speaks frequently before business, government and university audiences, and writes for U.S. and international media on global, national, state and regional economic and policy issues.