



SRAR — SUPPORTING THE “TRUSTED GUIDES”, THE ADVOCATES, THE CHAMPIONS



Promising to maintain a focus on three priorities, the recently installed president of the Southland Regional Association of REALTORS® reminded members that they are much more than real estate professionals, they are “trusted guides” on a journey many homebuyers and sellers make only once in a lifetime.

“We are advocates for property rights, champions for our communities, and trusted guides for one of the most important decisions people will ever make,” said Nicole Stinson, who was sworn in Jan. 10 as the 2026 President of the 10,000-member association.

Stinson and Board of Directors took the oath of office at the Association’s 106th Inaugural Ball held at the Sheraton Universal Hotel and attended by 250 members, affiliates and a lengthy list of elected leaders.

“The work we do matters,” Stinson said. “The impact we have extends far beyond transactions.”

Stinson said through the coming months she will stress “service to our members and to our communities. Our Association must continue to be a resource, a support system, and a voice for real estate professionals” at every stage of their careers.

“Whether you are new to the industry or a seasoned professional,” she said, “you deserve leadership that responds to your needs.”

With the landscape constantly evolving, a focus on advocacy will be pivotal.

“We will continue to advocate for housing , private property rights, and policies that protect homeowners as well as real estate licensees,” she said.

Stinson also said SRAR members succeed when “they are informed, prepared, and empowered.” With those goals in mind, she intends to stress investments in education, professionalism, and innovation.

“I believe deeply in the power of this Association and the people who make it happen,” she said. “Leadership is not about one person. It’s about teamwork, integrity, and a shared vision.

“I’m very excited for the year ahead,” Stinson said. “ I’m confident that together we will continue to elevate our profession, support one another, and make a difference in the communities we serve.”

The installation ceremony also focused on Anthony Bedgood, the 2025 President, the incoming 2026 Board of Directors, and the three members who received SRAR’s highest honors.

Welcome Message from the CEO



Good evening, everyone.

It is my honor and privilege to welcome you to this year’s Installation of the Board of Directors and Officers for the Southland Regional Association of REALTORS®.

Tonight, we gather not only to celebrate the remarkable accomplishments of our members and award recipients, but also to look ahead with optimism as we welcome the leaders who will guide our association into a new chapter.

To our dedicated volunteers, committee members, and industry partners—thank you. Your commitment to professionalism, integrity, and service strengthens our association and enhances the communities we proudly support. Your work embodies what it means to be a REALTOR® as trusted adviser, community advocate, and champion of homeownership and housing.

To our incoming Board and Officers, congratulations. You are stepping into roles that carry both responsibility and opportunity. Our members have complete confidence in your leadership, vision, and passion for elevating our profession. Together, we will continue building a vibrant, forward-thinking association prepared to meet the needs of today’s market—and tomorrow’s.

And to our outgoing leaders, we are deeply grateful for your service. Your guidance has left an impact that will benefit our members for years to come.

Thank you all for being here tonight. Let’s celebrate, connect, and look ahead with excitement to the year to come. Enjoy the evening.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Valerie Biletsky". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "V".

CEO, Southland Regional Association of REALTORS®

2026 SRAR President



Nicole Stinson

As President of the Southland Regional Association of REALTORS®, Nicole Stinson brings several decades of organizational leadership, institutional knowledge, and a collaborative approach to the association. Her service to this association spans many years and includes roles as Chair of the Santa Clarita Region, membership of multiple association committees, and service on the

Southland Regional Association Board of Directors. She has also represented the association at the state level as a Director for the California Association of REALTORS®.

A native of the San Fernando Valley, Nicole is deeply committed to community engagement and professional service. She is widely respected for her people-centered leadership style, thoughtful decision-making, and ability to unite diverse perspectives in pursuit of shared goals. Her leadership is grounded in experience, consistency, and a strong belief in mentorship and succession planning. With extensive knowledge of the Santa Clarita Valley and Los Angeles real estate markets, Nicole brings informed perspective to policy discussions, strategic planning, and regional collaboration. She is dedicated to advancing the REALTOR® profession through strong governance, meaningful member engagement, and the development of future leaders.

Beyond her association service, Nicole has chaired numerous nonprofit initiatives, successfully led her own charity event for ten years, and continues to volunteer monthly with various organizations. Her ongoing commitment to service, organizational excellence, and ethical leadership has earned her the respect and trust of colleagues throughout the industry.

2025 Affiliate of the Year



Rhona Jukes

Rhona Jukes is a highly accomplished Real Estate Loan Officer with Logix Credit Union, celebrating 53 years in the mortgage and real estate industry. As a Real Estate Loan Officer with Logix Credit Union, Rhona has built a reputation for excellence, integrity, and unwavering

commitment to her clients and community. Her leadership and influence have earned her numerous honors, including being named "Ultimate Mortgage Professional" by Elite Magazine for 2025, 2024 and 2023 and recognized among the "Top 51 Most Influential People" by The Signal. She has also been celebrated by the SCV Business Journal for her contributions to Women in Business and community involvement. Rhona was also nominated by Circle of Hope for Santa Clarita Valley Woman of the Year in 2023.

2025 Association Service Award



Howard Katchen

Howard Katchen is a highly respected real estate professional and community leader whose career reflects more than two decades of steadfast service, principled leadership, and an unwavering commitment to strengthening both the profession and the communities it serves. A member in good standing of the Southland Regional Association of Realtors® (SRAR) since 2002, Howard is widely known for working tirelessly behind the scenes, guided by the belief that true success is measured by meaningful contributions that benefit others.

Howard's dedication to service is deeply rooted in his upbringing. Raised in a family dedicated to real estate and altruism—his mother a property manager, his father a developer, and his grandmother a Broker-Owner for more than 40 years—he was shaped by the Judaic principle of Tikkun Olam: the collective responsibility to help repair and improve the world. This philosophy continues to guide his professional and civic life.

2025 REALTOR® of the Year



Gaye Rainey

Gaye has been a licensed Real Estate agent since 1978 and a Real Estate Broker since 1991 as having her GRI. Gaye has been very involved at the Southland Regional Association of Realtors since 1978 and was proud to serve as President of the Association

(SRAR) in 2015. She has served as a member or chairman of every major committee at the Association. She has also served several terms as a member of the Association's Board of Directors.

She is currently beginning a new two-year term on SRAR's Board of Directors and she concurrently serves as a director on the California Association of Realtors Board of Directors. She has also chaired several committees at CAR and served on the Board of Directors at the National Association of Realtors. She still is an active Broker with 250 agents working under her license.



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Santa Clarita Valley Region would like to congratulate
Nicole Stinson for being the 2026 SRAR President

**CONGRATULATIONS
2026 PRESIDENT**

NICOLE STINSON

