

ACCEL Contact List with Area of Specialty - March 2026

Member	Name	City Title	City Department	Email	Work Phone	Area of Specialty
Primary Board Members						
Anaheim	Tracey Matthews	Risk Manager	Human Resources/Risk Management Division	TMatthews@anaheim.net	(714) 765-4466	General Liability, Employment Practices, Litigation Management, Liability Analysis, Contracts, Insurance, Coverage, Writing
Bakersfield	Jena Covey	Risk Manager	Risk Management	jcovey@bakersfieldcity.us	(661) 326-3090	Workers' Comp, Disability Mgmt, Safety
Burbank	Alvaro Valdez	Assistant Management Services Director	Risk Management/Safety	AValdez@burbankca.gov	(818) 238-5022	Liability Claims
Modesto	Matthew Braley	Risk Manager	Risk Management	mbraley@modestogov.com	(209) 860-2110	
Monterey	Rafaela King	Finance Director	Finance	king@monterey.org	(831) 646-3940	
Mountain View	Samhitha Cutshaw	Risk Manager	Finance and Administrative Services	Samhitha.cutshaw@mountainview.gov	(650) 316-2877	Workers' Comp, Liability, Safety, Contracts, Insurance
Ontario	Marquie Lugo	Principal HR/Risk Management Agency Partner	Risk Management	mlugo@ontarioca.gov	(909) 395-2191	
Palo Alto	Kelly-Louise Poggetti	Risk Manager	Risk Management	kelly_poggetti@cityofpaloalto.org	(650) 329-2677	Insurance; Contractual Risk Transfer; Risk Finance; Claims Management (Property), Budget
Salinas	Rhonda Combs	Assistant City Attorney	City Attorney's Office	rhondac@ci.salinas.ca.us	(831) 758-7065	Contractual Risk Transfer, Insurance, Public Agency Liability and Defense, Workers' Comp
Santa Barbara	Greg Milligan	Risk Manager	Finance	gmilligan@santabarbaraca.gov	(805) 335-0852	General Liability, Work Comp, Occupational Health/Safety, Disability Management, Contractual Risk Transfer, Insurance, Rates Development
Santa Cruz	Ross Brandon	Risk and Safety Manager	Finance/Risk Management	rbrandon@cityofsantacruz.com	(831) 420-5073	Liability Claims, Safety
Santa Monica	Oles Gordeev	Risk Manager	Risk Management	Oles.Gordeev@santamonica.gov	(310) 458-8385	Workers' Comp, RTW/Interactive Process, Post-offer/Pre-Employment Testing
Visalia	Andrew Guzman	Risk Manager	Risk Management	Andrew.Guzman@visalia.city	(559) 713-4335	Benefits, Workers' Comp, Liability
Alternate Board Members						
Anaheim	Donna Starr	Assistant Risk Manager	Human Resource/Risk Management Division	DStarr@anaheim.net	(714) 765-4382	Liability Claims, Contractual Risk Transfer, Claims & Litigation Management
Bakersfield	Taylor Wofford	Fiscal & Admin Services Officer	Risk Management	twofford@bakersfieldcity.us	661-326-3454	Workers' Comp, Disability Mgmt, Budget
Burbank	Marlene Kim	Senior Administrative Analyst	Management Services/Liability & Insurance	Mkim@burbankca.gov	(818) 238-5033	Liability Claims & Insurance
Modesto	Christina Alger	Director of Human Resources	Human Resources	calger@modestogov.com	(209) 577-5402	
Monterey	Lisa Cox	Risk Manager	Finance/Risk Management	cox@monterey.org	(831) 646-3948	
Mountain View	Derek Rampone	Director of Finance and Administrative Services	Finance and Administrative Services	derek.rampone@mountainview.gov	(650)903-6006	
Ontario	Kathy Garozzo	Risk Management Adjuster	Human Resources	kgarozzo@ontarioca.gov	(909) 395-2191	Liability Claims, Workers' Comp
Palo Alto	David Ramberg	Assistant Director	Administrative Services Department	David.Ramberg@CityofPaloAlto.org	(650) 329-2634	
Salinas	Selina Andrews	Finance Director	Finance	selinaa@ci.salinas.ca.us	(831) 758-7420	
Santa Barbara	Keith DeMartini	Finance Director	Finance	kdemartini@santabarbaraca.gov	(805) 564-5336	Financial reporting, audit, payroll, accounts payable, accounts receivable, utility billing, tax administration, treasury, banking, investments, budget, purchasing, risk, deferred compensation, labor relations
Santa Cruz						
Santa Monica						
Visalia						
Safety Officers, Claims Managers, other						
Anaheim	Todd Pettingill	Safety Manager	Human Resources/Risk Management Division	tpettinghill@anaheim.net	(714) 765-4399	Industrial Safety, CalOSHA, Safety training, Scene Investigations
Bakersfield	Joe Sheppard	Safety Officer	City Manager's Office/Risk Management	jsheppard@bakersfieldcity.us	(661) 326-3476	Safety
Burbank	Michael Keeler	Environmental Health & Safety Coordinator	Management Services/Risk Management	Mkeeler@burbankca.gov	(818) 238-5326	Safety
Modesto	Audrena Harlan	Safety Officer	Human Resources/Risk Management	aharlan@modestogov.com	(209) 571-5134	Safety
Mountain View	Chris Allen	Safety and Training Administrator	Public Works	chris.allen@mountainview.gov	(650) 903-6207	Safety
Mountain View	Angela Apitz	Risk Analyst II	Finance/Risk Management	angela_apitz@mountainview.gov	(650) 903-6053	
Ontario	Stefanie Padilla	Risk Management Specialist	Human Resources/Risk Management	spadilla@ontarioca.gov	(909)395-2973	Safety
Salinas	Venissa Rosa	Risk & Benefits Analyst	Human Resources	venissar@ci.salinas.ca.us	(831) 758-7144	Workers' Compensation, Safety, Benefits, Interactive Process, Leaves of Absence
Santa Barbara	Julie Ruggieri	Risk Analyst I	Finance/Risk Management	jruggieri@santabarbaraca.gov	(805) 564-5347	Occupational Safety and Health; Loss Control
Santa Barbara	Michael Ranson	Risk Analyst II	Finance/Risk Management	mranson@santabarbaraca.gov	(805) 897-2619	Workers' Comp Claims
Santa Cruz	Dana Stahl	Safety Officer	Finance/Risk Management	dstahl@santacruzca.gov	(831) 420-5036	Safety - Certified Industrial Hygienist
Santa Monica	Don Cocozza	Safety Administrator	Risk Management	don.cocozza@santamonica.gov	(310) 458-4908	Safety
Visalia	Angie Zimmermann	Safety Officer	Human Resources/Risk Management	Angie.Zimmerman@visalia.city	(559) 713-4260	Safety