

# State Controller Malia Cohen to Speak at 2025 Regional Economic Outlook

MARINA, CA, UNITED STATES, April 22, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- California State Controller Malia M. Cohen, chief fiscal officer of the world's fifth-largest economy, has been announced as the latest addition to a high-profile lineup of speakers at [Monterey Bay Economic Partnership's](#) (MBEP) upcoming [Regional Economic Outlook](#).

Cohen was elected in November 2022, following her service on the California State Board of Equalization (BOE), the nation's only elected tax commission responsible for administering California's \$100 billion property tax system. She was elected to the BOE in November 2018 and was Chair in 2019 and 2022. As Controller, she continues to serve the Board as its fifth voting member.



California State Controller Malia M. Cohen

As state controller, Cohen's primary responsibility is to account for and protect the state's financial resources. Controller Cohen also independently audits government agencies that spend state funds, safeguards many types of property until claimed by the rightful owners, and administers the payroll system for state government employees and California State University employees. She serves on 70 boards and commissions with authority ranging from affordable housing to crime victim compensation to land management.

As the Board of Equalization Board Member for District 2, she represented 10 million constituents living in all or parts of 23 counties extending from Del Norte County in the north to Santa Barbara County in the south. As Chair, she led the effort to modernize California's property tax system, provide guidance to the 58 county assessors on remote assessment appeals board hearings, and utilize property tax abatements to stimulate affordable housing.

Prior to being elected to the Board of Equalization, Cohen served as President of the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Controller Cohen has championed policies and programs that protect public health, foster economic development, promote new affordable housing, and create good jobs through protecting and expanding San Francisco's manufacturing base. She has dedicated her career to public service, focusing on making public dollars work for all Californians.

Controller Cohen was born and raised in San Francisco and attended public schools. She received her bachelor's degree in Political Science from Fisk University and a master's degree in Public Policy and Management from Carnegie Mellon University.

Monterey Bay Economic Partnership's [2025 Regional Economic Outlook](https://www.mbep.biz/events/2025-regional-economic-outlook) will take place May 1 at Seascape Golf Club in Aptos. See the full agenda and registration details at <https://www.mbep.biz/events/2025-regional-economic-outlook>

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