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With over 30 years in the field of arts administration, she is recognized for her pioneering leadership and work on public policy, cultural tourism, grantmaking and cultural diversity initiatives. Victoria has served as President of United States Urban Arts Federation and California Assembly of Local Arts Agencies; been a panel member for the National Endowment for the Arts and California Arts Council and on public policy committees at state and national levels. She currently serves as Vice-President on Californians for the Arts board, Co-chair of the San Diego Regional Arts and Culture Coalition and as a member of the Balboa Park Conservancy and NTC Foundation. She has received numerous awards including the Ray Hanley Innovation Award given by the United States Urban Arts Federation for “outstanding individual contributions to arts and culture in American cities,” and the Selena Roberts Ottum Award given at the Americans for the Arts Annual Convention “for outstanding contributions in the local arts agency field.”