

James Garrison
President of Pacific Federal, LLC

A seasoned health care industry executive, Jim Garrison heads one of Southern California's leading privately owned employee benefits companies. Headquartered in Glendale, Calif., Pacific Federal, LLC specializes in the administration of Private Exchanges, labor Taft-Hartley Health Plans and corporate ERISA Plans.

Pacific Federal began in 1990 with the purchase of group health clients from Marsh & McLennan, where Jim was Vice President and Manager of Group Insurance Services for the Pacific-South Region. Having worked continuously in the health insurance industry for more than 30 years, Jim is a recognized health care industry expert in the design and implementation of Preferred Provider Organization (PPO) plans; he co-founded one of the nation's first PPOs, which was the first to establish relationships with national insurance carriers.

Among his many professional endeavors, Jim serves on the executive board and the board of directors for the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce and as co-chair of its Health Care Council. He is also a member of the board of directors for the L.A. Jobs Political Action Committee, Music Fund of Los Angeles and Valley Industry & Commerce Association Political Action Committee, and serves on the advisory board for Loyola Marymount University's Center for the Study of Los Angeles.

Jim is a past member of the Electoral College and the California Democratic Party Finance Council. He was honored with the Boys & Girls Club of the San Fernando Valley Golden Hands Award and the Teamsters National Hispanic Caucus Community Award. In 2016, he was named one of the 200 most influential business leaders by the *San Fernando Valley Business Journal*. He also received the Richard Chavez Memorial Award from the Dolores Huerta Foundation.

Jim and his wife Rachel reside in Glendale, CA and together have four grown children and eight grandchildren. They are past recipients of the March of Dimes Premiere Parents Award. One of their shared passions is making Latino artwork accessible to Angelinos through their support of local artists and public exhibitions. Jim is a private pilot and enjoys boating, fishing and skiing.