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More recently, Seiji's work has focused on Scholarship of Engagement, including his contributions to developing the annual *Long Beach Latino Economic Report* and the *Accelerate Long Beach* economic forum series. He also served on Long Beach Mayor Rex Richardson's "100 Day Plan" transition team. Seiji's efforts to promote economic development in the region and improve the economic conditions of its traditionally underserved populations have earned him Centro CHA's *Nuestra Imagen Excellence Award* and Congressman Robert Garcia's *Go Long Beach Award*. His work in those areas is frequently covered in regional news outlets, including the *Long Beach Business Journal*, *Long Beach Post*, and *Press-Telegram*, and has been featured in national outlets, including the *Washington Post* and *National Public Radio's Marketplace*.

As a first-generation college student of color, supported by Federal Pell Grants and academic scholarships, Seiji is a proud product of California's community college and public university systems. He holds B.S. and M.A. degrees in Economics from San Jose State University and a Ph.D. in Economics from the University of California at Irvine.