

# TONY VEDDA, IOM, CCE

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Tony's career in chamber management began more than thirty years ago as a Membership Specialist for the Greater Albuquerque Chamber of Commerce. Since then he has worked with metropolitan chambers in Arizona and California. He served five years as Executive Director of San Francisco's Golden Gate Business Association, the nation's first GLBT chamber of commerce.

After an eight-year hiatus, Tony returned to chamber work in 2005 when he served as Secretary for the newly created North Texas Gay Lesbian Bisexual Transgender (GLBT) Chamber of Commerce. In 2007, he became the Chamber's first president & CEO, a position he still holds today.

Tony is a graduate of the US Chamber's Institute for Organization Management (IOM) and is one of only 530 chamber leaders in the nation, and the only LGBT chamber leader, to receive the Certified Chamber Executive (CCE) designation from the Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives. He also serves on the boards of the Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives (ACCE) and North Texas Chamber of Commerce Executives Association. Tony is also member of the VisitDallas Executive Committee.

He previously served as chair of the US Chamber Institute's West Board of Regents, the Institute Board of Trustees and chair of the National LGBT Chamber of Commerce Affiliate Chamber Council. Tony is a member of the Texas Chamber of Commerce Executives (TCCE), as well as the Leadership San Francisco, and Leadership Dallas alumni associations.

In 2017, Tony married his partner of 25 years, Greg Wallace. They live in the Lakewood Trails neighborhood of East Dallas with their cats, Sydney & Gizmo.