

## **Mary Ann Leffel**

President, [Monterey County Business Council \(MCBC\)](#)  
Vice Chair of the Board, [Monterey Peninsula Airport District](#)

Mary Ann Leffel retired from a 45year career in the banking industry, working for large and small banks all over the US, as she moved often with her husband while he was in the US Army. In 2008/2009, she served as Director of Business and Industry Relations for the California Homeland Security Consortium. She is a Founding Principal of Veritas Associates, LLC. Leffel is active as President of the Monterey County Business Council Board, co-founder of the Competitive Cluster Initiative, a public private partnership for economic development in Monterey County, Vice-Chair of Monterey County's Overall Economic Development Commission and as Chair of the county's Workforce Investment Board Oversight Committee. MaryAnn is also an elected official, serving as a Director of the Monterey Peninsula Airport District She currently serves on the boards of Access Monterey Peninsula, Interim, Inc, Central Coast Community Health Care, Inc. Coastal Luxury Management, and Monterey County Agricultural Education. She is also serving on the Business Advisory Council for California Community Colleges and the advisory board of Leadership Monterey Peninsula She is past Chair of the Monterey Peninsula Chamber of Commerce, Natividad Medical Center Board of Trustees, Leadership Monterey Peninsula, and Volunteer Center of Monterey County. She is involved with numerous other civic organizations through membership and participation.

Serving as Vice President for three large banking institutions in this region, Leffel was responsible for the business development, marketing and loan origination for the commercial and business banking groups. She was awarded numerous recognitions for outstanding contributions to team and personal goals and achievements while serving in these capacities.

In 1995, Leffel was appointed to the County's new RLF Board, representing the City of Monterey. She was elected Chair of that initial board and continued to serve in that capacity until the program was transferred to an agency that had an established board in 2003. In her role as a community lender she was able to assist hundreds of small and medium sized business owners achieve their goals of profitability, while enhancing job creation and productivity for the entire region.

In 2001, Leffel was awarded the California Chamber of Commerce Small Business Advocate of The Year. In 2004, she was awarded the American Heart Association's Heart Of A Woman Award.