



## SELECT COMMITTEE ON HAPPINESS AND PUBLIC POLICY OUTCOMES: INFORMATIONAL HEARING

### Happiness: An Overview

Tuesday, March 12, 2024

1:30 PM to 3:30 PM

California State Capitol, Room 444

Speaker Emeritus Anthony Rendon, Chair

### AGENDA

*I. Convening Remarks by Chair and Other Committee Members*

*II. Introduction to Happiness: What do we know?*

- A. **Roko Belic** – Academy Award-Nominated Filmmaker
- B. **Emiliana Simon-Thomas** – Science Director, Greater Good Science Center, UC Berkeley
- C. **John Helliwell** – Editor, World Happiness Report
- D. **Mark Baldassare** – Statewide Survey Director and Miller Chair in Public Policy, Public Policy Institute of California
- E. **Reverend Rajeev Rambob** – Minister, United Church of Christ

*III. Happiness and Government: What are the policy opportunities?*

- A. **Phuntsho Norbu** – Consul General of the Kingdom of Bhutan to the United States
- B. **Mayor Lily Mei** – City of Fremont
- C. **Zima Creason** – Executive Director, California EDGE Coalition
- D. **Professor Meliksah Demir** – Endowed Professor of Happiness, CSU Sacramento

*IV. Public Comment*