Mr Arnold Schwarzenegger, the Austrian-born immigrant, former Mr Universe bodybuilder, and movie star known around the world, gratefully served the people of California as the state’s 38th governor from 2003 to 2010. First elected in California’s historic recall election, Governor Schwarzenegger ushered an era of innovative leadership and extraordinary public service.

Most notably, Mr Schwarzenegger made California a world leader on renewable energy and combating climate change with the Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006, set a revolutionary political reform agenda, and became the first governor in decades to invest in rebuilding California’s critical infrastructure with his Strategic Growth Plan. He also dedicated himself to promoting physical education and after-school programmes, and continues to commit his time, energy, and personal finances to charitable organizations around the world. In 2010, Schwarzenegger founded the R20 (Regions of Climate Action), a non-profit organization that works with sub-national governments around the world to implement low-carbon energy projects. He now serves as the Chair of the Governing Board.