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John Kitayama is the fund administrator for the Monterey Culinary Pension Fund located in beautiful Pacific Grove, California. The plan is a defined benefit plan that covers UNITE HERE Local 19 members who work in the hospitality industry in the Monterey Bay Area. In his role as the fund administrator of a small fund office, he does a little bit of everything, from working directly with the fund's Board of Trustees to updating participant demographic data. He is a registered Medicare counselor with the California Department of Aging. He has earned the Certified Employee Benefit Specialist® (CEBS®) designation and is CEBS Compliant. Mr. Kitayama has worked in benefits administration since 1988 when he started working at a mutual fund company in their newly created 401(k) administration unit. He holds a B.A. degree in economics from the University of California, Los Angeles and an M.B.A. degree from National University.