



LEADERSHIP
REDWOOD CITY ♦ BELMONT ♦ MENLO PARK ♦ SAN CARLOS

PROGRAM ORIENTATION & RETREAT
Friday, September 15, 2023

Location: Google RWC SEA9
Red Alder Room
1900 Seaport Boulevard
Redwood City, CA 94063

Session Co-Chairs: Amanda Anthony
SMC Program Director, Renaissance Entrepreneurship Center
Trustee, South San Francisco Unified School District
2022 Leadership Program Graduate

Mario Rendon
District Director, Office of Congressman Kevin Mullin
2000 Leadership Program Graduate

AGENDA

8:00 – 8:15 AM **ARRIVAL/COFFEE/REFRESHMENTS**

8:15 – 8:25 AM **WELCOME!**

Amy Buckmaster
President & CEO, Chamber San Mateo County
2006 Leadership Program Graduate

Maggie Fahey
Marketing, Communications, & Programs Director
Chamber San Mateo County
2019 Leadership Program Graduate

8:25 – 8:30 AM **MEET YOUR DAY CHAIRS / OVERVIEW OF DAY**

8:30 – 9:30 AM **GROUP INTRODUCTIONS & ICE BREAKER ACTIVITIES**

9:30 – 9:45 AM **BREAK**

9:45 – 11:00 AM **ME TO WE:
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Mario Rendon

OVER...

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	LOCAL LEADERS ELEVATING OUR COMMUNITY Laura Bent CEO, Samaritan House Suzie Hughes Executive Director, One Life Counseling Services Peggy Jensen Former Assistant County Executive, County of San Mateo
12:00 - 1:00 PM	LUNCH
1:00 - 2:15 PM	CLASS ACTIVITY: NAVIGATING LIFE IN SAN MATEO COUNTY
2:15 - 3:15 PM	PRACTICING CIVIL DISCOURSE: FINDING COMMON GROUND Mitchell Bailey Owner & Principal Consultant, MBailey Advisors LLC <i>2018 Leadership Program Graduate</i> Jeremy Dennis Public Policy Manager, Good City Company <i>2005 Leadership Program Graduate</i> Shawneece Stevenson Vice President/Clerk, Sequoia Union High School District
3:15 - 3:30 PM	WRAP UP & EVALS

Please turn in your evaluation at the end of the session
Thank you.



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GOVERNMENT DAY
Friday, October 13, 2023

Location: San Mateo County Event Center
Event Pavilion (Located near G gate)
1346 Saratoga Drive
San Mateo, CA, 94403

Session Co-Chairs: **Congressman Kevin Mullin**
Representative, U.S. Congress – CA-15 Congressional District

Nicole Fernandez
District Director, Office of State Senator Josh Becker
2020 Leadership Program Graduate

Julie Lind
Executive Secretary-Treasurer, San Mateo Labor Council
2020 Leadership Program Graduate

AGENDA

- 8:00 – 8:15 AM** **ARRIVAL/COFFEE/REFRESHMENTS**

- 8:15 – 8:20 AM** **WELCOME TO THE SAN MATEO COUNTY EVENT CENTER**
Dana Stoehr, CEO, San Mateo County Event Center

- 8:20 – 8:30 AM** **OVERVIEW OF DAY**
Co-Chairs

- 8:30 – 9:45 AM** **MEET YOUR MAYORS**
Mayor Jeff Gee
City of Redwood City
2004 Leadership Program Graduate

Vice Mayor Davina Hurt
City of Belmont
2017 Leadership Program Graduate

Mayor Adam Rak
City of San Carlos

Councilmember Drew Combs
City of Menlo Park

OVER...

- 9:45 - 10:00 AM BREAK**
- 10:00 - 11:10 AM 13 TIPS FOR SUCCESSFUL ADVOCACY**
Supervisor Joe Simitian
District 5 Supervisor, County of Santa Clara
Former California State Senator
- 11:15 AM - 12:15 PM REPRESENTING SAN MATEO COUNTY IN SACRAMENTO**
Senator Josh Becker
California State Senate, District 13

Assemblymember Marc Berman
California State Assembly, District 23

Assemblymember Diane Papan
California State Assembly, District 21
- 12:15 - 1:15 PM LUNCH**
- 1:15 - 3:15 PM CLASS ACTIVITY - *Advocacy in Action***
- 3:15 - 3:30 PM WRAP UP & EVALS**

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TRANSPORTATION DAY
Friday, November 3, 2023

Location: Redwood LIFE
1300 Island Drive, Unit 100
Redwood City, CA 94065

Session Co-Chairs: **Amy Linehan**
Government & Community Affairs Officer,
San Mateo County Transit District
2021 Leadership Program Graduate

Lori Low
Manager, Government & Community Affairs
Caltrain
2023 Leadership Program Graduate

AGENDA

8:15 – 8:30 AM **ARRIVAL/COFFEE/REFRESHMENTS**

8:30 – 8:45 AM **WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS**
Session Co-Chairs

8:45 – 9:15 AM **THE ABCs OF SAN MATEO COUNTY TRANSIT**
Amy Linehan
Lori Low

9:15 – 10:15 AM **JOURNEY TO ZERO EMISSIONS**
Liria Larano
Deputy Chief, Bus Fleet/Facilities, SamTrans

Pranaya Shrestha
Chief Officer, CalMod

Patrick Gilster
Director of Planning & Fund Management, San Mateo County Transit
District

OVER...

10:15 – 10:30 AM	BREAK
10:30 – 11:30 AM	<p>TRANSIT TRAILBLAZERS: WOMEN SHAPING THE FUTURE OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION</p> <p>Michelle Bouchard Executive Director, Caltrain</p> <p>April Chan General Manager/CEO, San Mateo County Transit District</p>
11:30 – 11:45 AM	CLASS ACTIVITY – Reimagine Exercise
11:45 AM – 12:45 PM	LUNCH
12:45 – 1:30 PM	<p>BRIDGING THE BUDGET GAP: INNOVATIONS IN PUBLIC TRANSIT/TRANSPORTATION FUNDING</p> <p><i>Moderated by Emily Beach, Councilmember, City of Burlingame</i></p> <p>Casey Fromson Chief Communications Officer, San Mateo County Transit District <i>2016 Leadership Program Graduate</i></p> <p>Michael Pimentel Executive Director, California Transit Association</p> <p>Peter Skinner Executive Officer, San Mateo County Transportation Authority</p>
1:30 – 1:45 PM	RIDE ALONG: ALL ABOARD THE BATTERY ELECTRIC BUS
1:45 – 2:45 PM	<p>TOUR: THE PORT OF REDWOOD CITY & THE FUTURE OF WATER-BASED TRANSIT</p> <p>Kristine Zortman Executive Director, Port of Redwood City</p> <p>Lauren Gularte Government & Regulatory Affairs Manager, WETA</p>
2:45 – 3:00 PM	Transportation back to Redwood LIFE
3:00 – 3:15 PM	WRAP-UP



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HOUSING DAY
Friday, December 8, 2023

Location: San Carlos Library
610 Elm St.,
San Carlos, CA 94070

Session Chair: **Don Cecil**
Principal, MC² Bay Area Public Affairs Consulting

AGENDA

8:15 – 8:30 AM **ARRIVAL/COFFEE/REFRESHMENTS**

8:30 – 8:45 AM **WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS**
Session Chair

8:45 – 9:45 AM **UNDERSTANDING THE 56 HOUSING BILLS SIGNED INTO LAW**

Evelyn Stivers
Executive Director, Housing Leadership Council San Mateo County

Joshua Howard
Executive Vice President, Local Public Affairs, California Apartment Association

Rev. Dr. G. Penny Nixon
Co-Director, Peninsula Solidarity Cohort

9:45 – 10:15 AM **CLASS ACTIVITY**

10:15 – 10:30 AM **BREAK**

10:30 – 11:30 AM **WHAT IS A HOUSING ELEMENT AND WHY IS IT SO HARD TO APPROVE?**
Aaron Aknin
Principal & Co-Owner, Good City Company

11:30 AM – 12:00 PM **SPOTLIGHT ON REGIONAL HOUSING BOND**
Xiomara Cisneros,
Housing Manager, Chan Zuckerberg Initiative

OVER...

12:00 – 1:00 PM

LUNCH

1:00 – 2:00 PM

THE COST OF BUILDING HOUSING – A CASE STUDY ON PENCILING OUT...

Jonathan Fearn

Head of Development, Oak Impact Group

Casey Finch

Director, Hines

Robert Smith

Assistant Project Manager – Real Estate, Habitat for Humanity

2:00 – 3:00 PM

HOW PUBLIC AGENCIES ARE CREATING HOUSING

Mike Callagy

County Executive Officer, County of San Mateo

Tina Van Raaphorst

Deputy Superintendent of Business Services, Jefferson Union High School District

3:00 – 3:15 PM

CALL TO ACTION & WRAP-UP

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Thank you!