



Securing Silicon Valley's Future

SOLUTIONS FOR HOUSING SILICON VALLEY'S EDUCATION WORKFORCE

Panelists

BARBARA CHRISTENSEN

Former Director of Community/Government Relations, San Mateo County Community College District

Barbara worked for the San Mateo County Community College District for 38 years, and during her time there she oversaw the construction of Cañada Vista (60 apartments) and College Vista (44 apartments) and guided them through the city entitlement process with significant neighborhood resistance. She is currently on contract to oversee the third faculty/staff housing development and the sale of 6 acres of land at Skyline College where a market rate single-family home development will be built.

During her tenure, she successfully negotiated revenue agreements with the County's 13 Redevelopment Agencies, which brought millions of dollars into the District; she established the University Center at Cañada College, where students can receive a four year degree from a variety of local universities; and she successfully oversaw three bond campaigns that brought \$1 billion into the District, which was used to renovate all three campuses. Finally, she oversaw the sale of 22 excess acres on a hilly site to a housing developer and purchase of an adjacent 14 acres of flat land, which provided much needed space for the future growth of Skyline College.

CHRIS FUNK

Superintendent, East Side Union High School District

Chris Funk, a native of San Jose, grew up in the Rose Garden area, received his MA in Social Science from SJSU in 1991. He is a product of SJUSD, graduating from Lincoln High School in 1985 where he had the good fortune and great honor to return as principal. During his tenure as principal at Lincoln, the school earned a 21st Century School of Distinction, Lighthouse Award, California Distinguished School Award, a six-year WASC Accreditation and closed the achievement gap between Hispanic and white students by 106 points, a 40% decrease in the gap.

His career in education started as a teacher with East Side Union High School District at Yerba Buena High School back in 1990, and he is entering his sixth year as the Superintendent with the goal of eliminating the "Opportunity Gap" by holding the entire organization responsible for attaining the goal of providing every student a world-class education regardless of their economic, gender, or cultural background. Chris is member of the Board of Directors for Genesys Works Silicon Valley, Educare, East San Jose Kiwanis and The East Side Education Foundation. Chris Lives in San Jose with his wife Leslie and they have two sons in college.

DEBORAH MCKOY

Executive Director, UC Berkeley Center for Cities and Schools (Moderator)

Deborah L. McKoy is the Executive Director and Founder of the UC Berkeley Center for Cities and Schools at the Institute of Urban and Regional Development and a lecturer in the Department of City and Regional Planning and the Graduate School of Education. Her research and teaching focuses on the intersection of educational reform, urban & metropolitan planning, community development and public policy. Central to her work is the critical role young people play in urban and metropolitan change and transformation.

For nearly two decades, Deborah's work has bridged the worlds of research, policy and practice, including a wide range of professional experiences: Consultant to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); Chief of Economic Development at the NYC Housing Authority; Director of Refugee Services for CAMBA, a NYC non-profit organization; and Consultant to the United Nation's Education For All initiative. Deborah has published numerous articles and reports for academic and peer reviewed journals and her work and teaching has won a range of awards.

COUNCILMEMBER TERESA O'NEILL

Santa Clara City Council & Santa Clara Unified School District Trustee (1998-2006)

Teresa is a proud native Californian, having attended Santa Clara schools and Stanford University. Shortly after graduation, she joined Hewlett-Packard Company, where she spent her career in a variety of positions. Teresa re-engaged with her community after graduating from Stanford by working with non-profits and her parish community. In 1998, she was elected to the Santa Clara Unified School District Board of Trustees. Upon leaving the SCUSD Board of Trustees after two terms, Teresa was appointed to the Santa Clara Planning Commission in 2007, where she also served on Santa Clara's General Plan Steering Committee. Teresa was elected to the Santa Clara City Council in November 2012, representing Santa Clara on several area boards and commissions, including Valley Transportation Authority and the Northern California Power Agency, as well as on many council committees. Teresa also chaired two successful revenue campaigns for SCUSD, Santa Clara's parcel tax in 2012 and a general obligation bond measure in 2014.