

# **ABAG SPRING GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND SUMMIT**

## **Bay Area 2010: The Future Begins Today Thursday, April 22, 2010**

### Speaker Biographies

#### **SUSAN ADAMS**

##### **Marin County Supervisor and ABAG Vice President**

Susan L. Adams, Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) Vice President-Elect, is in her second four-year term as Marin County Supervisor, serving as Marin County's Director of Emergency Services. Adams has worked on a number of important issues within the community she serves, including Community Health and Wellness, Environment and Land Use, Communication and Community Outreach, Transportation and Housing.

As a County Supervisor, she serves on a number of boards and commissions, including the Children's Health Initiative Task Force, the Marin County Disaster Council, the Criminal Justice and Behavioral Health Task Force, the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO), the ABAG Regional Planning Committee (RPC), and the State and National Associations of Counties (CSAC and NACo). She is Chair of the Medicaid Committee of NACo.

Born and raised in San Francisco, she attended Lowell High School and nursing school at San Francisco State University. She completed her master's degree in nursing at University of California San Francisco (UCSF) as a maternity clinical specialist and a women's health nurse practitioner. Her clinical practice and research focus was child bearing women with a special interest in addiction and recovery during pregnancy and motherhood. She graduated from the doctoral program at UCSF in 1998.

#### **TOM BATES**

##### **City of Berkeley Mayor; BAAQMD, BCDC and MTC Board Member**

Mayor Tom Bates has served on the Berkeley City Council since 2002. Prior to this he served as an Alameda County Supervisor and two decades as a California legislator representing Berkeley. One of Mayor Bates' top priorities has been to promote youth and education efforts and create a "kid-friendly" city. He launched Project BUILD – a summer reading program that provided nearly 1,000 children with new books and literacy tutors from UC Berkeley. The Mayor also created "Berkeley Champions for Kids" – which raised thousands of dollars and placed over 100 volunteers into after school and other youth programs in its first year of operation.

Mayor Bates also worked to build Berkeley's "green" economy, which now numbers over 200 green businesses. Currently Mayor Bates is working with a team to develop the Mayor's Climate

Action Plan with the goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 80 percent by the year 2050. Mayor Bates also co-created the innovative renewable energy program, Berkeley FIRST, which overcomes several of the major hurdles of renewable energy adoption and has garnered worldwide attention.

Mayor Bates also serves as immediate past-President of the Alameda County Mayor's Conference; a member of the Bay Area Air Quality Management Board; a member of the Bay Conservation and Development Commission; member of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission; member of the Regional Airport Planning Committee; and member of the Joint Policy Committee.

Tom Bates is a native Californian and a graduate of the University of California, Berkeley (1961). During his time at Cal, Bates was a starting member of the 1959 Cal Rose Bowl team. After graduation, Bates served in West Germany as an officer in the U.S. Army, eventually rising to the rank of Captain in the Army Reserves before retiring from the military in 1964.

#### **DAVE CORTESE**

##### **Santa Clara County Supervisor and ABAG Past President and MTC Commissioner**

Dave Cortese is the District 3 representative to the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors. Cortese was elected to the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors in the fall of 2008. Prior to the Board of Supervisors, Cortese served two terms from 2000 to 2008 on the City of San Jose City Council. In 2006, he was appointed Vice Mayor by his colleagues on the Council.

Supervisor Cortese is a Past President of the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) and Chair of the ABAG Regional Planning Committee. He currently serves as a Commissioner on the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC). As a councilmember and a Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) board member, he chaired and co-chaired key transportation committees and was a strong, vocal advocate for bringing light rail to the East Valley and BART to the South Bay, as well as freeway interchange improvements along Highway 101 at Tully, Capitol, Yerba Buena and Hellyer. He was unanimously selected by 15 mayors from the entire county to serve as the President of the Santa Clara County Cities Association.

As a strong proponent of economic development and job creation, he successfully spearheaded creation of a Joint Economic Policy Collaborative, a new regional body consisting of representatives of the fifteen cities in the county, fifteen business leaders in the county, and the CEO's of Joint Venture Silicon Valley, the Silicon Valley Manufacturing Group, and the Silicon Valley Chamber of Commerce. Cortese was educated at Bellarmine College Prep, Santa Clara University, the University of California, Davis, and Lincoln University Law School. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science, and a Juris Doctorate in Law with certifications in Environmental Law and Mediation.

## **MARK GREEN**

### **ABAG President and Union City Mayor**

Mark Green has served as Mayor of Union City for sixteen years, first elected in 1993. He was elected Union City Councilmember and appointed to the Planning Commission between 1987 and 1991. Mayor Green is currently the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) President and Chair of the ABAG Administrative Committee. He also serves on the ABAG Executive Board. Mayor Green brings an outstanding history of public service to regional leadership, serving as ABAG Vice President from 2008-2010.

He is currently Chair of the Alameda County Congestion Management Agency, and is Vice Chair of the Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority and the Bay Area Hazardous Waste Management Facility Allocation Committee.

Mayor Green is a board member of the Alameda County Congestion Management Agency, the Economic Development Alliance for Business, and the Alameda County Conference of Mayors. He is also a member of the Alameda County Waste Management Authority and the Tri-Cities Waste Disposal Authority. He served as a board member in the Redevelopment Agency Advisory from 1986-1987.

## **SCOTT HAGGERTY**

### **Alameda County Supervisor and MTC Chair ABAG and BAAQMD Board Member**

Scott Haggerty was first elected to the Alameda County Board of Supervisors in November of 1996. Supervisor Haggerty is currently serving a fourth four-year term on the Board. Haggerty's District includes the Cities of Livermore, Pleasanton, most of the City of Fremont, a portion of Dublin, and unincorporated areas of East Alameda County.

Supervisor Haggerty has taken a leading role in improving transportation throughout the region. With traffic traveling through Alameda County projected to double by 2030, his goals include making long needed improvements in major travel corridors including I-580 in the Tri-Valley, one of the most congested roads in the Bay Area; and expanding and enhancing transit service. Haggerty is currently working to ensure the Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) extension to Livermore is completed. He also has a key role in an ongoing effort to extend BART to San Jose.

Supervisor Haggerty has extensive experience with regional transportation and infrastructure policy in the Bay Area. He is a member of the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) Executive Board, Chair of the ABAG Finance and Personnel Committee, and is a Past President of ABAG. He also serves on numerous regional transportation boards including, chairing the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, which is responsible for allocating state and federal funds to regional transportation projects. Supervisor Haggerty is a member and former chair of the Alameda County Congestion Management Agency and a member of the Livermore-Amador Valley Transit Authority (LAVTA). Supervisor Haggerty is a member and former chair of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District and the Board of Supervisors' Transportation & Planning Committee.

## **ROSE JACOBS GIBSON**

### **San Mateo County Supervisor and ABAG Immediate Past President**

Rose Jacobs Gibson has served as San Mateo County Supervisor since 1999 and as President of the Board of Supervisors in 2003 and 2007. She is the Association of Bay Area Governments' Immediate Past President and is currently a leading member of numerous local, regional, state and national boards, committees and commissions. She is a member of the ABAG Administrative Committee and the ABAG/MTC/BAAQMD/BCDC Joint Policy Committee and is past chair of ABAG's Legislation and Governmental Organization Committee. She also serves on the Administration of Justice Policy and Education Committees for the California State Association of Counties and the National Association of Counties.

During her first term as Supervisor, Jacobs Gibson initiated *Shared Vision 2010*, now known as *Shared Vision 2025*, San Mateo County's long-term strategic planning process. She has sponsored numerous countywide forums and initiatives on regional housing requirements, health issues and community violence. She was a founding member of the Public-Private Housing Trust, now the Housing Endowment and Regional Trust (HEART) of San Mateo County.

A resident of East Palo Alto, Jacobs Gibson previously was an East Palo Alto City Councilmember and Mayor in 1995 and 1996. She was selected "Woman of the Year" by the 21st Assembly District, California State Legislature.

## **ASH KALRA**

### **City of San Jose Councilmember and BAAQMD Board Member**

Councilmember Ash Kalra earned his seat in the November 4, 2008, and is the first Indian-American to be elected to the San José City Council. He has been a resident of San José for over 30 years. Additionally, Kalra served on the San José Planning Commission, including a year as Chairperson. While on the commission, he focused on ensuring that there were increased parks funding by developers, schools were properly accounted for with our city's rapid growth, industrial land was adequately preserved to maintain job growth, and the environment and open space were properly respected and protected.

Councilmember Kalra is a member of the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) Executive Board, the Bay Area Air Quality Management District, the ABAG/MTC/BAAQMD/BCDC Joint Policy Committee (JPC), and the Community & Economic Development Committee. He serves on the Federated Employees Retirement Board and the Santa Clara Valley Habitat Plan Liaison Group. He is also a liaison to the Planning Commission, where he previously served for over two years prior to taking office. Kalra serves on the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority Board, for which he is a representative on the Caltrain and Capitol Corridor Boards. Kalra also serves on the Sacred Heart Community Service and Housing Trust of Silicon Valley Board.

Kalra earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Communication from the University of California, Santa Barbara and a law degree from Georgetown University. For 11 years, he worked as an attorney for the Santa Clara County Public Defender's Office representing indigent clients in Drug Court prior to being elected.

## **STEVE KINSEY**

### **Marin County Supervisor and MTC Commissioner**

Supervisor Kinsey is in his fourth term representing District Four of Marin County, which encompasses 2/3rd of the County's land area and includes Marin's coastal and inland rural areas. During his tenure on the Board, Steve has served as board president three times, and in 2007, he guided the politically challenging adoption of the County's General Plan update to conclusion. Supervisor Kinsey has focused on connecting transportation and land use, preserving coastal agriculture, restoring endangered fisheries, promoting social justice and strengthening families.

Supervisor Kinsey has been a dynamic leader in regional transportation and land use since his appointment to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission in 1998. He chaired MTC in 2003 and 2004, during which time he guided a strong public process leading to adoption of the Bay Area's Regional Transportation Plan with a tripling of funding for livable communities and first-time funding for the region's bicycle/pedestrian network. He chaired the Smart Growth/Regional Livability Footprint process and negotiated the framework for the multi-agency JPC with Senator Torlakson and ABAG. He helped lead MTC's strong support of Senator Steinberg's SB 375.

In Marin, Steve chaired the transportation authority for ten years, led passage of Marin's first transportation sales tax, and championed the nationally recognized Safe Routes to School program from its infancy. Prior to his election in 1996, Kinsey owned and operated his own design/build firm in Marin County.

## **JEAN QUAN**

### **City of Oakland Vice Mayor and ABAG Executive Board Member**

Vice Mayor Jean Quan has served on Oakland City Council since 2003. She has also served as City Councilmember. She currently chairs the Finance and Management Committee and serves on the Rules, Life Enrichment, Public Works, City-Schools Partnership, and Public Safety Committees of the Council. She serves on the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) Executive Board and is Chair of the Alameda County Waste Management Authority and immediate past chair of the Alameda County Source Reduction and Recycling Board. She is the City representative to the California League of California Cities and sits on the Environmental Policy Council.

She also serves as Vice Chair to the Central Cities Council and serves on the Immigration Task Force of the National League of Cities. She is currently President of the Asian Pacific American Municipal Officials of the National League of Cities. She is Vice-Chair of the Local Government Commission, a national non-profit leader in networking local elected officials, planning and industry experts, and other community leaders to create healthy, walkable, and resource-efficient communities.

Quan played a leadership role in city and regional efforts related to Zero Waste sustainability goals, including authoring Food Ware Legislation to ban polystyrene food ware and to require bio-degradable containers as they become affordable, as well as many other efforts. Quan helped re-establish the City Education Partnership Committee and has been a member for most of the last ten years improving City-Schools' collaboration on preschools, libraries, after school programs, public safety, internships, and job training programs.

## **JIM SPERING**

### **Solano County Supervisor, MTC Commissioner and BAAQMD Board Member**

Supervisor Jim Spering served as Mayor of Suisun City from 1986 to 2006 and was elected to the Solano County Board of Supervisors in June 2006. Supervisor Spering serves on the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC). In this role, he spearheaded the creation of MTC's Transportation for Livable Communities, or "TLC" program, which is dedicated to making better connections between transportation investments and land use decisions. Spering's leadership also was instrumental in MTC's recent adoption of a pioneering transit-oriented development policy, which calls for dense housing around future transit hubs financed with regional discretionary funds.

Supervisor Spering was also instrumental in the formation of the Solano Transportation Authority, as well as the popular Amtrak Capitol Corridor intercity rail service linking Sacramento and the Bay Area. He is active in land use planning and currently a member of the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) and the Solano Water Authority. During his two decades of public service, Spering chaired the City of Suisun's Redevelopment Agency, where he led a nationally recognized redevelopment program centered on the Old Town Waterfront and historic Main Street Shopping District. Using the latest in New Urbanism design philosophy, Suisun City has reinvigorated the waterfront, ending its isolation and reintegrating public uses with the city marina, historic rail depot, public promenade and harbor plaza. Supervisor Spering also serves on the Bay Area Air Quality Management District.

He attended New York Institution of Technology and is currently a regional District Administrator for Little League baseball.

## **MICHAEL WOO**

### **Dean of College of Environmental Design at Cal Poly Pomona and Los Angeles Planning Commissioner**

Michael Woo is Dean of the College of Environmental Design at Cal Poly Pomona. Woo was the first trained urban planner and the first Asian American elected to the Los Angeles City Council, where he served eight years as the representative of Hollywood and surrounding neighborhoods. He spearheaded the Hollywood Redevelopment Plan, which laid the policy and financial framework for Hollywood's current revitalization, and played a key role in choosing the route and station locations of the Metro Red Line subway. Woo gave up his Council seat to enter the race for Mayor of Los Angeles in 1993, eventually reaching second-place among a field of 24 candidates and winning 46 percent of the citywide vote.

For the last five years, Woo has been a mayoral appointee to the Los Angeles City Planning Commission. In his spare time, he chairs the national board of directors of Smart Growth America, the national coalition advocating compact development and transit, bicycle, and pedestrian programs.

About three years ago, Woo became actively interested in the relationship between land use, transportation, and climate change. He worked as the main Southern California consultant to ClimatePlan, a statewide coalition promoting better coordination of local land use and transportation plans to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. The California Air Resources

Board appointed him as one of the 21 members of the Regional Targets Advisory Committee (RTAC) to suggest procedures for setting regional targets for reducing automobile-related GHG emissions. To enable working professionals to gain practical skills needed for SB 375 implementation, Woo is developing a new curriculum of extension courses at Cal Poly Pomona on transportation modeling, transportation demand management, sustainable real estate development, and writing local climate action plans.

A native of Los Angeles, Woo earned a B.A. in Politics and Urban Studies from UC Santa Cruz and received his Master of City Planning degree from UC Berkeley. He wrote his master's thesis on the evolution of Bay Area regional government institutions (including ABAG).

### **KEN YEAGER**

#### **Santa Clara County Supervisor and California Air Resources Board Member MTC Commissioner; ABAG and BAAQMD Board Member**

Supervisor Ken Yeager currently serves as the President of the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors. He was elected to the Board in June of 2006. He represents the 4th District, which includes the cities of Campbell and Santa Clara, as well as west San Jose and the Burbank and Cambrian neighborhoods. As a Supervisor, Yeager is committed to the health and well-being of the residents of Santa Clara County. He is a strong supporter of public health, with a particular interest in maintaining strong safety net programs. He is also a champion for preventive health measures, such as efforts to fight the obesity epidemic. A long-time advocate for expanding parks and trails throughout the County, Yeager believes that outdoor spaces provide effective incentives for increasing physical activity.

In December 2008, Supervisor Yeager was appointed by Governor Schwarzenegger to the board of the California Air Resources Board, the statewide agency responsible for reducing air pollution and combating global warming. He also sits on the local Bay Area Air Quality Management District. As a regional leader, Yeager sits on the boards of the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG), the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, Caltrain, and the Valley Transportation Authority. He also sits on the Joint Policy Committee that coordinates the regional planning efforts between ABAG, BAAQMD, MTC, and the Bay Conservation and Development Commission. Yeager previously served six years on the San Jose City Council, first elected in November 2000 and re-elected to a second term in March 2004. Prior to that, Yeager served two terms as a Trustee of the San Jose Evergreen Community College District, from 1992-2000.

Yeager earned a B.A. in political science from San Jose State University and an M.A. in sociology and a Ph.D. in education from Stanford University. Prior to his public service career, he taught full time in the Political Science Department at SJSU for 12 years.

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