

## **Alameda County & Cities Climate Forum Plenary Speaker Bios**

### **Susan S. Muranishi County Administrator, County of Alameda**

Susan S. Muranishi was appointed County Administrator by the Alameda County Board of Supervisors in December 1995. She is responsible for the management of a large urban county with a population of 1.5 million, over 9,000 County employees and a \$2.3 billion budget. She provides professional, innovative and proactive leadership to the Board of Supervisors, Agency/Department Heads and the public through responsible fiscal and administrative policy development and program oversight. She works closely with other public officials, jurisdictions, community-based organizations and special interest groups in order to give clear direction and the strategic management necessary to accomplish Board policies and deliver services efficiently and effectively. Among her many accomplishments, Ms. Muranishi was recently named one of the Most Influential Women in Bay Area Public Service by the San Francisco Business Times.

### **Tony Santos Mayor, City of San Leandro**

Mayor Santos was elected Mayor of the City of San Leandro in 2006. Prior to being elected as Mayor, he served on the San Leandro City Council from 1984-1992 and then from 2001-2006. He has a long history of involvement working with businesses and the public. His service includes work as a board member of the League of California Cities from 1989-1991 and as Chair of the League's Environmental Quality Committee. He currently serves as the San Leandro City Council representative on the East Bay Dischargers Authority, Oakland Airport-Community Noise Management Forum, Alameda County Local Agency Formation Commission and East Bay Economic Development Alliance.

Mayor Santos serves on a number of San Leandro City Council committees, including the Airport Committee, City and San Leandro Unified School District Liaison Committee, Disaster Council, Facilities and Transportation Committee, Human Relations Committee, Joint Oakland/San Leandro City Council Committee, Shoreline-Marina Committee and Rules and Communications Committee.

A retired claims specialist in the insurance industry, Santos is a native of Hawai'i and has been a San Leandro resident for over 40 years. He served four years in the 84<sup>th</sup> Air Rescue Squadron for the U.S. Air Force stationed in Germany, where he received a Sikorsky Lifesaving Award for his service as an acromedic, and also served two years in the California Air National Guard in the late 50's. Santos received his bachelor's degree from San Francisco State University. He is

married to Melitta Santos and has two children and three grandchildren. Santos is a local history buff and enjoys traveling and the outdoors.

**Keith Carson**  
**Supervisor, County of Alameda**

Keith Carson was elected to the Board of Supervisors in 1992, on a platform dedicated to inclusive and accessible government. He represents the 5th District which includes: Albany, Berkeley, Emeryville, Piedmont and large portions of Oakland, namely West Oakland, North Oakland (Rockridge and Montclair), and portions of the Fruitvale/ Dimond Districts. Supervisor Carson works to bring together people who have a wealth of talent and creative resources to address our shared problems within the numerous areas including access to health care, ending poverty, homelessness, crime, improving business retention, and addressing the scarcity of jobs in our communities.

Supervisor Carson is Chair of the Alameda County East Bay Economic Development Alliance (East Bay EDA) and is a member of the Alameda County Employees' Retirement Association (ACERA). Supervisor Carson serves as a member of the Board of Directors for the National Association of Counties (NACo), and the California State Association of counties (CSAC) – a 58 county statewide supervisors organization; he is also a member of the Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority (ACTIA), and a member of the Alameda County Waste Management Authority.

Keith serves as Chair of the Finance Committee for the Bay Area World Trade Center (BAWTC) and is a member of the Board of Directors for the Bay Area Council Institute.

**F. Noel Perry**  
**Founder, Next 10**

Noel Perry is the Founder and Managing Director of Baccharis Capital, Inc., a private venture capital firm, started in 1991, located in Menlo Park, CA. The company's focus is on early stage investments in educational software, educational toys, organic food, health, and other consumer products.

Noel's desire to improve our communities (local, national and international), particularly in California, has led to his involvement in and the formation of several organizations. Noel is the Founder of Next 10, a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization that educates, engages and empowers Californians to improve our state's future. Next 10 is the creator of the online California Budget Challenge game and the California Green Innovation Index. Noel is also the Founder of 100 Families Oakland, a project celebrating the power of families and neighborhoods, creating stronger connections between diverse groups, and positive social change through the process of making art.

Noel holds a BA from the University of Rhode Island, an MBA from George Washington University and is a Chartered Financial Analyst.

**Joseph H. Pettus**

**Senior Vice President, Fuel and Energy, Safeway, Inc.**

Joe Pettus is responsible for the operation and marketing of over 400 Safeway gasoline fueling stations located throughout the United States and Canada, with annual revenues of over \$4 billion. Joe is also responsible for the management of all Energy (electricity, natural gas, solar, wind, and fuel cell) Operations for Safeway. Safeway is one of the Top Ten corporate purchasers of Renewable Green Energy in the nation, according to the EPA Green Energy Partnership. All Green and Sustainability operations fall under Joe's guidance. Joe graduated from the University of Colorado, Boulder in 1970 where he received degrees in Civil Engineering and Business Administration.

**Panama Bartholomy**

**Advisor to Commissioner Douglas, California Energy Commission**

Panama Bartholomy is an advisor for Karen Douglas, a commissioner at the CA Energy Commission where he advises her on climate change, land use, renewable energy, transmission, green building, and biofuels policy. He is a board member on the Northern California Chapter of the United States Green Building Council and the Humboldt Bay Center for Sustainable Living. He serves on the City of Sacramento's Planning Commission and the County of Sacramento's Environmental Commission. He previously worked for the California Conservation Corps on vocational environmental education and the Division of the State Architect where he ran the Sustainable Schools program. He has served as a judge for the Governor's Environmental Economic Leadership Awards program for 2003-2007 and served on the Governor's California Performance Review. Panama is a graduate of Humboldt State University with a Bachelors of Science degree in Restorative Development and a Masters of Science in Community Development from UC Davis.

**Ken Kirkey**

**Planning Director, Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG)**

Ken Kirkey, AICP, Planning Director of the Association of Bay Area Governments, joined the agency in April 2006. Kirkey has nearly 20 years of experience related to regional land use, transportation and conservation issues. Kirkey previously served as a Consultant with the PMC Conservation and Resource Planning Group and as Planning Director for the Town of Fairfax. His earlier experience in New England includes serving as a consultant related to major smart growth and inter-jurisdictional planning projects for the State of Massachusetts, as Director of Land Protection, working on land conservation and transit-oriented development planning for

the Wildlands Trust, and as a Senior Planner coordinating growth management issues for the Cape Cod Commission. Ken received a Masters Degree of Regional Planning, and a BS in Landscape Architecture from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst.

**Carolyn Bloede**  
**Sustainability Program Manager, County of Alameda**

Carolyn Bloede became the County of Alameda's first Sustainability Program Manager in 2003. She leads her team in reducing the County's ecological footprint by implementing results-driven sustainability programs, developing policies, building regional partnerships, and influencing legislative activity. She brings an additional 15 years of private sector experience in the environment and holds a B.S. in Chemical Engineering from University of Colorado and a M.S. in Engineering from San Jose State University. Carolyn was selected and trained by former Vice President Al Gore's The Climate Project to represent the organization as a climate change lecturer in the Bay Area.

**Linda Barton**  
**City Manager, City of Livermore**

Linda Barton was appointed to the position of City Manager for the City of Livermore in February 2001. Prior to coming to Livermore, Linda served as Deputy City Manager of Bellevue, Washington for four years. Linda has also served as City Manager in Bedford, Texas and Burnsville, Minnesota. In her public management career beginning 30 years ago, she served as the Commissioner of Employee Relations in the State of Minnesota and Deputy City Manager of Corvallis, Oregon. She began her career in Lakewood, Colorado where she was the Assistant to the City Manger. Linda is an ICMA credentialed manager. She is a member of the Board of Directors of the California Redevelopment Association and the League of California Cities City Managers Department.

**Larry Cheeves**  
**City Manager, Union City**

Larry Cheeves has served as city manager of Union City since 2003. Prior to his appointment, he had been public works director since January, 1989. Larry has 32 years of experience in local government, having worked for five California cities. He earned his undergraduate degree from Pepperdine University and a master's degree in public administration from California State University Fullerton. Larry lives in Union City with his wife, Lori. Together they raised two daughters who are now married and living in the Los Angeles area.

**Scott Haggerty**  
**Supervisor, County of Alameda**

Scott Haggerty was first elected to the Alameda County Board of Supervisors in November of 1996. Scott is currently serving a fourth term on the Board. Board members unanimously voted to elect Haggerty to serve a two-year term as president of the Board in January 2007. 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.

The nine-county Bay Area region's traffic accounts for about 80 percent of all the congestion in Northern California. 40 percent of that congestion occurs within 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. Scott is currently working to ensure the BART (Bay Area Rapid Transit) extension to Livermore is completed, and 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 of the Bay Area. He is a founding member of the Inter-Regional Partnership ([IRP](#)), comprised of 15 elected officials representing counties and cities from two regions; and he is a member and former chair of the Altamont Rail Express Joint Powers Authority ([ACE](#)). Scott is a member and former chair of the Alameda County Transportation Authority ([ACTA](#)) and the Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority ([ACTIA](#)), which was formed to oversee projects funded through Measure B dollars. Scott also serves on numerous regional transportation boards including: vice chair of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission ([MTC](#)), which is responsible for allocating state and federal funds to regional transportation projects; Chair of the Alameda County Congestion Management Authority ([CMA](#)) 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 ([BAAQMD](#)); and the Board of Supervisors' Transportation & Planning Committee.

In addition to his leadership in the transportation arena, Supervisor Haggerty places strong priorities in the field of public safety. Appointed by then-Governor Pete Wilson, Scott formerly served on the California State Seismic Safety Commission. He is a member of the Alameda County Collaborating Agencies Responding to Disasters ([CARD](#)) Board of Directors. Scott formerly chaired the Alameda County Board of Supervisors Public Protection Committee and has been very active on paramedic and trauma issues.

Scott's appointment to other boards and commissions as the representative for Alameda County include: member and former President of the Association of Bay Area Governments ([ABAG](#)); East Bay Regional Park District County Liaison Committee; Local Agency Formation Commission (([LAFCO](#)); and the Tri-Valley Transportation Council ([TVTC](#)). Appointed to the

Commission of the Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum Authority in 2001 (also known as the JPA) Scott also formerly served as its president.

Supervisor Haggerty is active in community activities and served as a board member of the Joseph Matteucci Foundation and Goodwill Industries of the East Bay. Scott has also served on the board of Alameda County Meals on Wheels and as chair of the Twin Valley District of the Boys Scouts of America.

Supervisor Haggerty was raised in Fremont and now resides in Dublin with his family.