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Julie Pierce
ABAG President and City of Clayton Councilmember

Julie Pierce has served on the Clayton City Council since 1992 and was elected ABAG President in January 2014, and is serving her second term as ABAG President. In her role as ABAG's President, Julie is the ABAG delegate to MTC and serves on the ABAG Administrative Committee and on other major governance committees.

Julie has been recognized locally, regionally and inter-regionally for her leadership, ability to build consensus from divergent views and for promoting a county and regionwide approach to transportation planning, land use and growth management. She has been working on transportation, land use and growth management policy issues for 27 years, beginning in 1987, when she was appointed to TRANSPAC, the Central Contra Costa Regional Transportation Planning Committee. Julie is also Past President of the California Council of Governments.

Delaine Eastin
Former California State Superintendent of Public Instruction

Delaine is Former California State Superintendent of Public Instruction where she was elected in 1995. The only woman to ever hold this office, Eastin supported many groundbreaking initiatives, including enlisting California to become the first state to improve the nutritional value for school lunches, and she was the first statewide official to advocate for universal preschool and full-day kindergarten. Eastin served as a champion for public libraries, wiring schools for technology, and stronger technical and vocational training for students. She advocated tirelessly to create statewide standards and systems of accountability, ensure reduced class sizes in grades K-3, increase parental involvement and teacher training, and create overall safe and healthy school environments for every child.

Prior to becoming State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Delaine was elected to the State Assembly in 1986, after serving on the City Council in Union City. In the four terms she served in the Legislature representing parts of Alameda and Santa Clara counties, Eastin served as chair of the Governmental Efficiency and Consumer Protection Committee where she authored consumer protection legislation, streamlined hospital construction and cracked down on unlicensed contractors. She combined two government agencies into one, the first time such streamlining had been done in decades. Subsequently, she chaired the Assembly Education Committee and sponsored major legislation to reform California's education system. Delaine carried legislation to strengthen financial oversight of schools after the Richmond Unified bankruptcy and combined higher education and K-12 into a successful school bond initiative. Eastin's leadership garnered her many awards.

Delaine was the first Executive Director of the National Institute for School Leadership, and a Distinguished Visiting Professor of Educational Leadership at Mills College, where she directed the Center for Civic Engagement and Women's Leadership. She now does speaking and consulting, and will be launching her run to be our next governor. She serves on a number of boards that support the education, health and civic engagement of children from preschool to college. An elementary school in Union City is named after her.

Delaine Eastin was born in San Diego and raised in San Francisco and San Carlos, California. She earned her Bachelor's degree from the University of California, Davis, and her Master's degree in Political Science from U.C. Santa Barbara.

Ann Markusen

Principal, Markusen Economic Research Services

Ann Markusen is Director of the Arts Economy Initiative and the Project on Regional and Industrial Economics at the University of Minnesota's Humphrey School of Public Affairs, and Principal of Markusen Economic Research. She is a researcher, frequent public speaker, and advisor to public agencies, policymakers, businesses, economic developers, and nonprofit organizations. She is currently serving as research and writing consultant for the Minnesota House of Representatives' Select Committee on Living Wage Jobs.

In recent years, Markusen's research and consulting has focused on artists, arts organizations, and creative placemaking. Markusen was featured in WESTAF's Barry's Blog as among 2012's Fifty Most Powerful and Influential Leaders in the Nonprofit Arts. Her publications include *Nurturing California's Next Generation Arts and Cultural Leaders* (2011), and *Creative Placemaking* (2010).

Ann Markusen is a former Rockefeller Foundation Bellagio Fellow, Fulbright Lecturer in Brazil, and she has directed large research projects funded by the Ford, MacArthur, McKnight, Irvine, and Hewlett Foundations, among others. Markusen holds a Bachelor's Degree in Foreign Service from Georgetown University and M.A. and Ph.D. in Economics from Michigan State University. She has served on the University faculties of Minnesota, Rutgers, Northwestern, California, Berkeley, and Colorado.

Amie Fishman

Executive Director, Non-profit Housing Association of Northern California

Amie joined Non-Profit Housing Association (NPH) as Executive Director in 2015, after more than 20 years in the affordable housing and community development field. At NPH, she has launched a new initiative to grow public support and political will for affordable homes in the Bay Area through ballot measure campaigns. Prior to joining NPH, Amie was Executive Director of East Bay Housing Organizations (EBHO) from 2006 to 2014. During her tenure there, she initiated major affordable housing advocacy campaigns with broad based community coalitions, developed strong membership committees, initiated a resident organizing program, and deepened EBHO's work throughout Alameda and Contra Costa Counties to advance local and regional policies for affordable housing and sustainable and equitable transit-oriented development.

Amie also worked as the Director of Supportive Housing at Mission Housing Development Corporation (MHDC) in San Francisco for 10 years, directing MHDC's supportive housing programs and community organizing collaborations for homeless and formerly homeless adults and families. Amie holds an MPA in public policy analysis with a focus on affordable housing and community development from the Wagner School of Public Service at New York University.

Ray Bonilla

Senior Director, Information Technology (IT) Resiliency Management, Kaiser Permanente

Ray Bonilla is the Senior Director of IT Resiliency Management at Kaiser Permanente. He is responsible and accountable for the strategic direction and execution of IT resiliency management programs across the enterprise. He leads and manages cross-organizational initiatives to enhance the resiliency of KP's workforce, technology infrastructures, and business processes. He also provides strong leadership and management in developing strategies, executing on commitments from executive leadership and the Board of Directors, and change management with key stakeholders around the organization.

Ray has progressive experience managing large and complex business continuity, emergency management, and disaster recovery programs. Previously, Ray served as a Senior Business Continuity Consultant with Kaiser Permanente's Program Offices, where he managed the development, implementation, testing, and maintenance of over 2,000 Business Continuity Plans. Ray serves on numerous business continuity boards, committees, and focus-groups throughout California. Some of his activities include Director of Membership for the Association of Contingency Planners (ACP), and Terrorism Liaison Officer (TLO) with the Northern California Regional Intelligence Center.

Ray is a recent appointee to the Resilient America Roundtable at the National Academies of Science in Washington, DC. The committee's work focuses on how the implementation of resilience public policy and outcomes measures is applied nationally. He is also a Certified Business Continuity Professional (CBCP), and a Member of the Business Continuity Institute (MBCI). Ray received his Bachelor's Degree in Organizational Communications from California State University, East Bay, and his MBA in Organization Leadership and International Business from the University of San Francisco.

Mark Luce

Former ABAG President and Former Napa County Supervisor

Mark Luce was elected to the Napa County Board of Supervisors in 1996, where he served until December 2016. Mark was elected ABAG President in January 2012. He served as a member of ABAG's Administrative Committee. He also chaired the ABAG Legislative and Governmental Organization Committee and the ABAG Hazardous Waste Allocation Committee that developed the Green Business Program.

In addition, Mark Luce served on the Napa Sanitation district and advocated for reclaiming water for use in the Coombsville area and the Carneros area to allow for continued agricultural, recreational, and school activities. Mark was appointed by the Board of Supervisors to serve on the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC). As an MTC Commissioner he supported a \$6 million grant to extend the Vine Trail to Calistoga.

Mark worked at Chevron Research Company as a Senior Environmental Engineer providing advice to Chevron operating companies on how to prevent pollution, manage hazardous waste and remediate contaminated sites. He retired from Chevron in 2006.

Mark Luce received a Bachelor's degree in chemical engineering from San Jose State University in 1978 and a Master's of Science degree from the University of Wisconsin in 1980.

Brad Paul
ABAG Acting Executive Director

Brad Paul is Acting Executive Director of the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG). He joined ABAG as Deputy Executive Director in 2013, after more than thirty years of experience working with private and public entities to address problems challenging cities and neighborhoods. Brad works closely with ABAG program managers and manages Executive Board relations and legislative activities. He is involved with the development of Plan Bay Area, putting to full use his housing and community development expertise. In addition to his extensive background in community planning and development and affordable housing, Brad has demonstrated expertise in developing creative outreach, planning and development strategies, and mediating among groups with differing and passionate points of view.

He served as San Francisco's Deputy Mayor for Housing and Neighborhoods and as Director of the Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development for Mayor Art Agnos from 1989 to 1992. In addition to recent work as a Housing, Community Planning and Development consultant, he also served as Senior Project Officer for the Evelyn and Walter Haas, Jr. Fund.

Brad has been a Bay Area resident since completing his undergraduate work at Williams College, and minus a year attending the Harvard Graduate School of Design as a Loeb Fellow. Brad lives in San Rafael with his wife and son.

David Rabbitt
ABAG Vice President and Sonoma County Supervisor

David Rabbitt was elected in November 2010 to represent Sonoma County's 2nd District on the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors and was re-elected in 2014. He is Vice President of ABAG and serves on the ABAG Finance and Personnel Committee and the Legislative and Governmental Organization Committee. His regional assignments also include the Golden Gate Bridge District, the North Bay Water Reuse Authority, and the Community Advisory Board of the San Francisco Bay Water Transit Authority.

Supervisor Rabbitt's countywide assignments embrace Health Action, Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO), Solid Waste Advisory Group, and Sonoma County Employee Retirement Association (SCERA). Supervisor Rabbitt has been active in numerous community and civic activities including serving two terms as PTA President at McNear Elementary School, assisting in establishing the Petaluma City School District's Fund Development Task Force, and serving on the Campaign Committees for Measures C and K to help raise funds for local schools.

David Rabbitt is an architect, earning his architectural degree at the University of Oregon and resides in Petaluma with his wife Jane and three children.

Pat Eklund

City of Novato Councilmember

Pat Eklund has served on the Novato City Council since 1996. Currently, Pat serves on the Board for the Cities, Counties and Schools Partnership - a joint effort between the League of California Cities, California State Association of Counties, and California School Boards Association where she served as President twice. She also serves on the ABAG Executive Board and ABAG's Regional Planning Committee and Administrative Committee. Councilmember Eklund also serves on the Environmental Quality Policy Committee for the League of California Cities and several other local committees and organizations.

Pat Eklund recently retired after serving over 43 years with the federal government, where she served 7 years with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and 36 years with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), as an Environmental Manager overseeing environmental-protection programs including the Underground Storage Tanks, Ground Water, Ocean Dumping, Wetlands Protection (Section 404) of the Clean Water Act, San Francisco Bay, and the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System programs.

Pat is a 39-year Novato resident who lives in Ignacio. She received her undergraduate degree from San Francisco State University of California; a Master's degree in Public Administration from Golden Gate University and a Master's degree in Environmental Management from the University of San Francisco.

Pradeep Gupta

City of South San Francisco Councilmember

Pradeep Gupta was appointed to the City Council of the City of South San Francisco on December 31, 2012. He was subsequently elected in November 2013 for a full four year term. Prior to his appointment to the City Council, he was on the South San Francisco Planning Commission for three years, serving as the Commission's Chair in 2011.

Pradeep Gupta is Chair of the ABAG Regional Planning Committee and he also serves on the ABAG Executive Board, the ABAG Administrative Committee, and the Bay Area Regional Collaborative.

His professional career spans over thirty years of working with electric utility industries both in the US and abroad. In addition to an extensive work history, Vice Mayor Gupta has served on several domestic & international boards and task forces related to business forecasting and utility planning. Pradeep Gupta has a Master's degree and a Doctorate from Purdue University in Electrical Engineering, specializing in the area of energy efficiency and long term planning of electric utility systems.

Greg Scharff

City of Palo Alto Councilmember

Greg Scharff has served on the Palo Alto City Council since 2009. He is an ABAG Delegate and he served on the ABAG Executive Board from 2014-2016. He is Santa Clara County Cities Association President and serves on the Palo Alto Transportation Management Association. He currently serves on the Joint Powers Board of the Caltrain Advisory Committee and is a Northern California Power Agency Commissioner San Francisco Creek Joint Powers Authority board member.

Greg Scharff is an Attorney. He received a Juris Doctorate from Columbia University, School of Law and a Bachelor of Arts degree from Bowdoin College.