



Alex Powell is Chief of Staff for the City of San José Department of Planning, Building and Code Enforcement where he works with staff to transform operations to maximize service to the public. Prior

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Ben Fu has been with the City of Cupertino since 2016 and was appointed as the Director of Community Development in 2019. As a department head, Ben is responsible for all aspects of land use development and permitting of the city. The

Department consists of four major divisions: building, planning, housing, and code enforcement. Ben is also currently the Vice Chair of the City of Oakland Landmark and Preservation Advisory Board. As an appointed board member by Mayor Libby Schaaf, Ben and his colleagues review development activities in historic districts and with historic structures. Ben began his public sector career in 2001 with the San Francisco Planning Department, working on design guidelines, managing major land use projects, participating on design review boards, and supervising professional staff. In 2014 he relocated to the City of Rocklin as the city's Planning Manager, overseeing the city's urban design and land use expansion and diversification efforts. Prior to local government, Ben was an architectural designer for a few years after obtaining a bachelor's degree in architecture from UC Berkeley. Ben also has a Master's degree from USC in Public Administration. When not working, you can find Ben spending time with his family visiting Bay Area hidden gems and playing tennis.

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Chris Adams is President of Balancing Act and a Senior Fellow at the University of Colorado School of Public Affairs. He has published more than 40 essays in publications including The Los Angeles Times, New York Newsday,

The Christian Science Monitor, The San Francisco Chronicle and many others. He is a past speaker at the distinguished Conference on World Affairs at the University of Colorado, delivering five presentations on the theme "Values and Ethics in a Fragile World." Adams is the former president of the board of Denver Urban Gardens, a network of more than 100 community gardens. He is a graduate of Yale University and the University of Colorado.

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David Javid As the founder of Plan to Place, Dave has over 15 years of experience leading a wide range of planning, urban design and community engagement efforts of varying scale. Dave's experience managing the public facing side of

meaningful projects includes Racial Equity Assessments; Citywide General and Housing Plans; and Downtown, Strategic and Vision Plans throughout the Bay Area. Dave and Plan to Place have collaborated with the City of San Jose and Google over the past four years on the Diridon Station Area Community Engagement effort to shape and facilitate an inclusive and equitable outreach strategy that led to the unanimous approval of a comprehensive community supported plan. Plan to Place continues to research and implement best practices related to communication, facilitation, and collaboration strategies, and has become a leader in the ever-evolving virtual communication landscape.

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Mark Muenzer is the Community Development & Transportation (CDT) Director for the City of Redwood City. Muenzer manages a multi-faceted department that is often at the forefront of community planning, development and construction issues.

CDT includes four separate divisions: Planning, Building and Code Enforcement, Engineering and Transportation, and GIS/Analytics. CDT is currently managing several large-scale development and planning processes including the Central Redwood City and Transit District Plans, multiple mixed-use development proposals, as well as numerous transportation and capital improvement projects.

Prior to coming to Redwood City, Mark was the Community Development Director for the City of Menlo Park, where he oversaw the Planning, Building and Housing and Economic Development Divisions. While with Menlo Park, he directed City staff on several high-profile development projects including the Stanford Middle Plaza and Facebook Willow Village developments. Prior to relocating to California in 2017, he was the Community Development Director for the Cities of Evanston and Countryside Illinois, and he also held several management positions with the City of Chicago.

A native of Michigan and Pennsylvania, Muenzer holds a Bachelors in Political Science from Gannon University (PA) and a Masters in Community Planning from the University of Cincinnati. He resides in Downtown San Jose.

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