

Charter Review Committee Members

Larry Carr

Larry is the executive director of the Florin Road Partnership, a south Sacramento Property-Based Business Improvement District (PBID). The PBID administers funds collected through the district, which is charged with enhancing the image and vitality of the Florin Road corridor. He has also been a member of the SMUD Board of Directors since 1998 and served as President of the Board in 2000, 2001 and 2008. He is also on the Board of Directors for the Sacramento Black Chamber Commerce and the Inner City Housing Corp., which is focused on acquiring renovating and aggressively managing multi-housing projects in the most challenged neighborhoods in the region. Prior to assuming leadership of the Florin Road Partnership, Carr taught at Sacramento High School. He started the Army JROTC program and headed the AVID/MESA Academy at the school. Carr retired as a lieutenant colonel after 23 years in the U.S. Army. He was a recipient of the Legion of Merit. Carr lives in the Parkway community in Sacramento and has served as president of the Parkway Neighborhood Association. He is also a past president of the South County Neighborhood Accountability Board (a youth first-offender diversion program), has served as steering committee chair of the EnterFund Micro Enterprise Loan Program, as an executive committee member of 100 Black Men of Sacramento mentoring program, as a board member of the Sacramento Commerce and Trade Organization, and as a member of the Special District Advisory Committee of the Sacramento Local Area Formation Commission. He earned a bachelor's degree in political science at Norfolk State University and a master's degree in business administration from the University of California, Los Angeles.

William Edgar

Bill Edgar's career in local government service spans more than 40 years, with particular emphasis in trouble shooting, program development, local government finance and intergovernmental collaboration. He served as both City Manager and Assistant City Manager for the cities of Sacramento and Pleasanton. In addition, he developed a successful record of inter-agency cooperation as the executive directors for the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency, the Sacramento Transit Development Agency, the Sacramento City/County Office of Metropolitan Water Planning and the Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency. Bill served as a member and officer of the State Reclamation Board. He and his wife Karen opened their tax practice in 1999 when Bill retired from the City of Sacramento. Bill's contributions to the community have been honored by the American Society of Public Administration, the League of California Cities, the League of Women Voters and the Modern Transit Society of Sacramento.

JoAnne Fuller

Ms. Fuller is the Associate Director of California Common Cause, a nonpartisan, nonprofit citizen lobby focused on making democracy work for all and holding government accountable. She has been with Common Cause for ten years. In Sacramento, Common Cause has worked on the issues of campaign financing, ethics and lobbyist disclosure. JoAnne lives in the Spanish Tract area near Sacramento City College. She appreciates the diversity of Sacramento and looks forward to involving everyone she can in the process of figuring out what is and isn't working in our city government and what might fix our problems. Ms. Fuller participated in the Selma, Alabama 1965 voting rights march, which inspired her to be an active participant in public interest efforts, while encouraging others to take effective action for themselves on important issues of the day.

Cecily Hastings

Cecily Hastings is the founder and publisher of Inside Publications. They produce three neighborhood newsmagazines - Inside East Sacramento, Inside The City and Inside Arden - that are direct-mailed for free to more than 50,000 homes each month. Hastings also co-founded the McKinley East Sac Neighborhood Association in 1992 and the East Sac Chamber of Commerce in 1996. She served on the boards of each for more than a decade and spearheaded numerous fund-raising efforts for neighborhood beautification, safety and schools. She has been a resident of Sacramento for 20 years.

Alan LaFaso

Alan LoFaso has over 20 years of policy making experience in California state government. Also a member of the State Bar, Mr. LoFaso currently serves as Chief Deputy to Board of Equalization Chairwoman Betty T. Yee. Prior to that position, Mr. LoFaso served as Chief of Staff to state Senator Carole Migden and Governmental Affairs Director for the California Public Utilities Commission. Mr. LoFaso has developed major legislative enactments in the areas of health care, energy, taxation, and civil rights. Mr. LoFaso graduated with honors from the University of Pacific, McGeorge School of Law. Mr. LoFaso is also a member of the California Democratic State Central Committee and serves as Parliamentarian of the Democratic Party of Sacramento County and Political Action Chair of the Stonewall Democratic Club of Greater Sacramento.

Robert (Bob) Murphy

After graduating from McClatchy High School, Bob attended UC Davis and thereafter received his J D. from UC Berkeley Boalt Hall in 1967. After military service, Bob joined Kronick, Moskovitz, Tiedemann & Girard, where he has practiced since 1969 and is now a senior shareholder. Bob is a public agency, land use, development and finance attorney. Bob currently serves as a city attorney in another jurisdiction and acts as special counsel to several cities, districts and schools. His experience includes all matters of municipal law, public

and private finance, land use and redevelopment. Bob counsels private clients in the areas of finance and development law, negotiating complex transactions and ensuring regulatory compliance. Bob is a former Regent of the University of California and currently serves as the Chair of the UC Davis Chancellor's Club and on the UC Davis Foundation Board. Bob previously served as the chair of the boards of United Way Sacramento and KVIE Channel 6 and as an adjunct professor of law at Mc George Law School on Local Government.

Chester Newland

Chester A. (Chet) Newland is a teacher at the University of Southern California, where he is the Duggan Distinguished Professor of Public Administration. He has been at USC's State Capital Center in Sacramento since 1984. He was a Sacramento Discovery Museum Trustee, 1993-1995. He has been an honorary member of the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) since 1980, following earlier involvement in local government affairs since the 1950s. He now serves on the Association's Credentialing Advisory Board, and he is also a member of the Cal-ICMA Board, 2003-2009. Dr. Newland was the initial director of the Lyndon B. Johnson Presidential Library, first working at the White House and then in Austin to establish that institution. He served twice as director of the Federal Executive Institute (FEI), the U.S. Government's training and development center for top executives. He managed the Labor-Management Relations work of the U.S. Civil Service Reform Act (Title VII) of 1978, which continues as today's framework. He has worked extensively internationally. Since 1975, he has been a Fellow of the Congressionally Chartered National Academy of Public Administration (NAPA).

Chris Tapio

Chris Tapio is a lifelong student of government and politics. He earned a degree in Political Science from UC Davis and has worked in the field for the last sixteen years. He is currently the president of a public policy and campaign consulting firm located in downtown Sacramento. Chris and his family live in the Pocket area, where he enjoys walking his two children to school each morning.

John Taylor

John Taylor is a land use lawyer who appears before local planning bodies throughout the Sacramento Region. He has been a Sacramento City resident since 1981. For ten years he taught land use law at McGeorge School of Law and prior to moving to Sacramento was a political science professor at San Diego State University. Mr. Taylor is a graduate of Chico State (B.A., Political Science) and the University of Arizona (M.A., Ph.D., Political Science, J.D.). He is the father of two college sons (University of San Diego and Chico State) and twin daughters who are high school seniors. His wife was formerly a land use planner for Sacramento County and is now an art student at Sacramento City College.

Tina Thomas

Tina is a founding partner at Remy, Thomas, Moose and Manley, LLP where she served as the managing partner for 28 years and is currently of counsel to the firm. She and late law partner Michael Remy founded the practice in 1982. The Sacramento County Bar Association named Tina "Distinguished Attorney" in 2005. Along with her former partners, Tina co-authored the "Guide to the California Environmental Quality Act" which is in its 11th edition (2006). Tina's clients include governmental agencies and developers and her practice focuses on the environmental and entitlement process in both administrative and judicial forums. Tina serves on a number of nonprofit boards – including Sacramento Food Bank Services and Valley Vision – and provides pro-bono representation to social-service organizations such as Francis House, Works in New Directions (WIND Center for Homeless Teens), Loaves & Fishes, WEAVE, Union Gospel Mission and The Moral Values Program. Tina received her BA from Stephens College and her law degree from the University of San Diego.

Jay Wisham

Jay Wisham is a firefighter with the City of Sacramento. Over the last fifteen years, he has worked in fire stations in several areas of the City, including four years in Del Paso Heights, 5 years downtown, 2 years Oak Park, and most recently at station 10 at Fruitridge and 66th. Although he was raised in the Pocket area of Sacramento, working in each of these fire stations has educated Mr. Wisham about the needs of many of the City's neighborhoods. Growing up, his father was the Assistant City Manager for the City of Sacramento, and his mother was a communications professor at Sacramento State University. Jay's wife is an attorney with Legal Services of Northern California, the legal aid program for Sacramento. They have two children and have lived in Curtis Park for ten years.