

Sacramento Charter Committee
Pool of Potential Speakers

| Topic | Academics | Practicioners | Organizations |
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| Governance/Budget | Bruce Cain, Ph.D. , UC Berkeley | Dave Mora , Western Regional Director, ICMA; Former City Manager | International City/County Management Association (ICMA) |
| | John Nalbandian, Ph.D. , University of Kansas, Fmr. Mayor of Lawrence, Kansas | Jerry Newfarmer , CEO, Management Partners, Inc.; Former City Manager of Fresno, San Jose & Cincinnati | League of California Cities |
| | Raphael Sonenshein, Ph.D. , CSU Fullerton | Daniel K. Whitehurst , Former Mayor, Fresno during transition to Strong Mayor Government | National League of Cities |
| | Robert Waste, Ph.D. , CSU Sacramento | Bill Stewart , Chair, Fresno Charter Review Committee | U.S. Conference of Mayors |
| | James Svava, Ph.D. , Arizona State University | John Davies , Chair, San Diego Charter Review Committee | National Civic League |
| | | Chris McKenzie , Executive Director, League of California Cities | Institute for Local Government |
| | | Mary Bradley , Finance Director, Sunnyvale; Past President, California Society of Municipal Finance Officers | National Advisory Council on State and Local Budgeting (NACSLB). |
| | | Mary Lewis , Chief Financial Officer, San Diego | Government Finance Officers Association |
| | | Renena Smith , Budget Director, Fresno | California Society of Municipal Finance Officers |
| | | Henry L. Gardner , Executive Director, Association of Bay Area Governments; Former Oakland City Manager | |
| | | Matthew H. Hymel , County Administrator, County of Marin | |
| | | Bruce Katz , Vice President/Founding Director, Metropolitan Policy Program | |
| | | Neal Peirce , Syndicated Columnist, The Washington Post Writers Group | |
| Election Process | TBD | Robert Stern , President, Center for Governmental Studies | League of Women Voters |
| | | Derek Cressman , Regional Director of State Operations for Western States, Common Cause | Common Cause |
| | | Blair Bobier , Deputy Director, New America Foundation | |
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| Full-Time Status - Mayor/Council Members | TBD | TBD | TBD |
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| Ethics Commission | Jessica Levinson , Political Reform Director, Center for Governmental Studies; Adjunct Professor, Loyola Law School | John St. Croix , Executive Director, San Francisco Ethics Commission | Common Cause |
| | | Daniel K. Purnell , Executive Director, Oakland Public Ethics Commission | Institute for Local Government |
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| Green Waste | TBD | TBD | TBD |
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GERALD E. NEWFARMER

Jerry Newfarmer, President and CEO, founded Management Partners in 1994 to help government leaders improve their organizations, staff and operations. He has led the company, which has offices in Ohio and California, in hundreds of projects to help governments, large and small, become more effective in myriad ways.

Jerry has extensive public service experience, having served in top city management roles in California and Ohio. He also has been a leader in professional organizations like the International City/County Manager's Association; was president of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce; and headed the State and Local Government Team in the National Performance Review, an examination of the operations and management of the Government of the United States.

Jerry began his career with the city of Oakland, California, where he served in a variety of management positions over a 10-year period, concluding as Assistant City Manager, the Chief Operating Officer role. He subsequently served as City Manager of Fresno and San Jose, California; and of Cincinnati, Ohio.

As a national leader in local government performance management, Jerry was instrumental in establishing the International City/County Management Association's Center for Performance Measurement. He has directed Management Partners' many performance management assignments, which range from Kent, Washington; to Alameda, Orange and San Mateo Counties in California; to Rockville and Montgomery County, Maryland. Jerry frequently presents seminars about performance management to both elected and appointed officials.

He also has been active in professional organizations, serving as a member of the ICMA Government Affairs and Policy Committee; on the Board of Directors of the Greater Cincinnati Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration; and on the Charter Committee of Greater Cincinnati. He serves as executive director of the Large Cities Executive Forum; and is a past president of the City Manager's Department of the League of California Cities and the San Francisco Bay Area Chapter of ASPA. Jerry has been recognized as a Credentialed Manager of the ICMA.

Jerry earned a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from San Jose State University and a Master of Public Administration (with distinction) degree from the University of California at Berkeley. He was honorably discharged from the U.S. Navy with the rank of lieutenant, after service on destroyers that included a tour of duty in Vietnam.



Daniel K. Whitehurst

Education

- 1973 M.A. Occidental College (Urban Studies)
- 1972 J.D. U.C. Hastings College of the Law
- 1969 B.A. Saint Mary's College of California (Government)

Business

- 2008-today Consultant, NewLevel Group, Napa
- 1999-today Board of Directors, AAA Northern California, Nevada & Utah
Chair, 2005-2007
- 2005-today Board of Directors, AAA Club Affiliates Holdings
Holding Company for AAA Clubs in AK, AZ, CA, IN, MT, NV, OH,
OK, SD, UT, WY. Currently Vice-Chair
- 1975-today Owner-operator of funeral service companies and properties

Government

- 1977-1985 Mayor, City of Fresno
Board of Directors, National League of Cities
Advisory Council, U.S. Conference of Mayors
- 1975-1977 Member, Fresno City Council

Law

- 1985-2009 Of Counsel to Dowling, Aaron & Keeler in Fresno
- 1973-1975 Associate at Baker, Manock & Jensen in Fresno

Media

- 1998-2005 Commentator, KJWL-FM, Fresno
- 1985-1993 Commentator, Action News Live at 5, KFSN, Fresno
- 1980-1990 Wrote opinion pieces for the Los Angeles Times, Boston Globe, San Jose Mercury-News, California Journal, Oakland Tribune

Teaching

- 2001-2003 Kenneth L. Maddy Professor of Public Administration, CSU Fresno
- 1985 Fellow, Institute of Politics, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard

Community Service

- 1997-2005 Board of Directors, Great Valley Center (founding chair)
- 1985-1987 President, Fresno County Economic Development Corporation
- 2003-today Board of Directors, Institute for Local Government (current chair)

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Henry Gardner

Mr. Gardner is the Executive Director of the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG), the official Council of Governments representing the Bay Area's nine counties and 101 cities. Mr. Gardner has served as ABAG's Executive Director since December 18, 2004. He is an award winning professional with more than 30 years of public service and private consulting experience. He began his career with the City of Oakland, rising from Assistant City Manager to City Manager, a position he held from 1981-93. Mr. Gardner has been the recipient of the National Forum for Black Public Administrators' Mark of Excellence Award, and was the 1992 Selected Fellow of the National Academy of Public Administration. He is the past president and founding board member of the National Forum for Black Public Administrators. Mr. Gardner received an A.B. from the University of Illinois with a major in Political Science and Speech, and an M.A. from Southern Illinois University in Government and International Law and Relations.