



# *National Advisory Council Member Biographies 2012*

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## Darius Anderson

### *Chair of the Council*



Darius Anderson is Founder and CEO of Platinum Advisors, a full-service government affairs firm that ranks in the top five of California government advocacy companies.

With offices in Sacramento, Orange County, San Francisco and Washington, D.C., Platinum Advisors provides lobbying, real estate project development, procurement, public affairs and strategic consulting to corporations, governments, trade associations and non-profit groups.

Darius founded Platinum Advisors as a one-of-a-kind company where ingenuity, relationships and innovation came together to forge policy solutions in an ever-changing political and economic environment. As one of California's most influential leaders in politics, government, business and philanthropy, Darius Anderson offers Platinum clients more than fifteen years of experience and success in the public and private sectors. Darius is a talented political strategist who also understands the hard-charging working dynamics of big business and big government.

He spearheaded a series of innovative ventures and private/public partnerships in the high-tech, real estate and retail fields. Currently, a key project is the Treasure Island Development Project, a \$1 billion economic redevelopment of the former Naval Station

Treasure Island located in the San Francisco Bay. Widely recognized as one of California's most effective political strategists and fundraisers, he has and continues to advise many of California's highest-ranking political and business leaders, including US Senator Dianne Feinstein, California Attorney General Jerry Brown, former California Assembly Speaker and San Francisco Mayor Willie Brown and corporate executives Ron Burkle, Eli Broad and Brad Grey.

Between 1993 and 1998, Darius Anderson served as Chief of Staff for The Yucaipa Companies and as Vice President of External Affairs for Ralphs Grocery Stores, Inc., a Fortune 500 company. During that time, Darius Anderson was responsible for business development for The Yucaipa Companies, including property acquisition and development, and for government affairs, community relations, external corporate communications and public relations for Ralphs Grocery Stores. He also served as the Executive Director for the Ralphs/Food 4 Less Foundation.

Philanthropy is important to Darius, and he is involved in a variety of charitable activities. He serves as the Chairman of the Advisory Council for the Robert Toigo

Foundation, a non-profit dedicated to encouraging exceptional minority students to consider a career in finance. He is the Chair of the National Advisory Council at the Institute of Governmental Studies at University of California, Berkeley. Additionally, he serves on the Board of Directors of the Jackie Robinson Foundation, the George Washington University Graduate School of Public Management's Council on American Politics and the Sonoma Jazz + Festival.

He is a passionate art collector and owns world-class collections of both baseball and Jack London memorabilia.

Darius Anderson holds a Bachelor's degree in Communications from George Washington University in Washington, D.C.

## **William Brandt, Jr.**

### *Chair of the Development Committee*



William Brandt has been in the business of workout, turnaround and insolvency consulting for almost thirty years and is widely recognized as one of the foremost practitioners in the field. He is President and CEO of Development Specialists, Inc. ("DSI"), a firm specializing in the provision of management, consulting and turnaround assistance to troubled or reorganizing enterprises. Mr. Brandt has advised Congress on matters of insolvency and bankruptcy policy, and in that capacity was the principal author of the amendment to the Bankruptcy Code permitting the election of trustees in Chapter 11 cases. During the Clinton administration, he served as a member of the President's National Finance Board as well as serving as a delegate from the State of Florida to the 1996 Democratic National Convention. In 2000, he served as a member of the Democratic Party's Platform Committee.

Previously, Mr. Brandt served several terms as a member of the Board of Directors of the American Bankruptcy Institute; served for almost 20 years as a member of the private Panel of Trustees for the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Illinois; and briefly served as a member of the same panel for the Bankruptcy Court in the Southern District of Florida in the late 1980s. Mr. Brandt is a governing member of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, a former Governing Member of the Sustaining Fellows of

the Art Institute of Chicago and a life trustee of Fenwick High School in Oak Park, Illinois.

By Gubernatorial appointment, Mr. Brandt is serving his second consecutive term as Chair of the Illinois Finance Authority, having been first appointed in 2007 and then reappointed in 2010. The IFA is one of the nation's largest self-financed entities principally engaged in issuing taxable and tax-exempt bonds, making loans, and investing capital for businesses, non-profit organizations and local government. The Governor has also appointed Mr. Brandt to the Illinois Broadband Deployment Council, which works to ensure that advanced telecommunications services are available to all the citizens of Illinois.

## Peter Brightbill



Peter Brightbill, Senior Director of Government Relations, started working with Wells Fargo in 1998; he is based in San Francisco. In this role, he is responsible for managing the organization's state legislative and political agendas in California.

Additional responsibilities include providing counsel to the company's senior executive management in public policy, legislative, community and political activities.

Prior to joining Wells Fargo, Peter served in various management and policy positions in California state government. He also served on the White House staff of two U.S. Presidents.

Peter received his degree in political science from the University of California at Berkeley.

He is a member of the University of California Alumni Association, the California Chamber Public Affairs Council and a former member of the John Muir Hospital Foundation Board of Directors.

## Steve Burns



Stephen D. (Steve) Burns is manager, California government affairs, for Chevron Corporation. He has responsibility for advancing the company's interests in California state politics and public policy, supervising a team of legislative and regulatory analysts and advocates in Sacramento. He also is responsible for leading Chevron's strategy development and engagement on AB 32, California's Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006.

He has held several other senior policy positions in Chevron, including manager of corporate responsibility, lead policy coordinator, manager of global community engagement, and assistant to the chairman & chief executive officer. Prior to joining Chevron, he worked for two years at Enron Corp, and before that spent 11 years in research and policy non-governmental organizations focusing on energy, trade and development issues in Asia and Latin America. He also worked for two years on the staff of the chairman of the Ways and Means Committee in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Mr. Burns lived in Latin America and Asia for more than 14 years. He has a master's degree in public administration from the George Washington University, and received his undergraduate degree from the College of William and Mary in 1984.

He and his wife Sarah live in Sacramento with their four children.

## Kelly C. Calkin ('00)



Kelly Calkin has worked in California politics on the local, state and federal levels for over a decade.

Mr. Calkin currently serves as the Political Director for the Personal Insurance Federation of California (PIFC), a Sacramento based trade association whose members include State Farm, Farmers, Allstate, Progressive, Mercury and Liberty Mutual. In this role Mr. Calkin oversees PIFC's political department and is tasked with building a comprehensive statewide political program that combines grassroots political action, fundraising, independent expenditures and statewide election strategy.

Prior to joining PIFC, Mr. Calkin served as Political Director for the California Professional Firefighters (CPF), where he used political action to further the goals of CPF's 30,000 frontline members. Mr. Calkin also owned his own political consulting firm where he managed city council, local ballot and State Assembly campaigns. He also worked for a Southern California member of Congress.

Mr. Calkin graduated, with honors, from UC Berkeley in Political Science and lives in Sacramento with his wife, Leslie.

## Bryan Cameron



Bryan Cameron is co-director of research for Dodge & Cox, an investment management firm in San Francisco, with over \$180 billion in assets under management. Mr. Cameron graduated with a BA in Economics from UC Davis in 1980 and a MBA from Stanford University in 1983. At the University of California at Berkeley, Mr. Cameron has served

as a Trustee of the UC Berkeley Foundation and as President of the Bear Backer (Cal Athletics) Board of Directors.

## Christopher Carr [’90, JD ’94, PhD ’04]



Chris Carr is a partner at the firm of Morrison & Foerster LLP. Based in the firm’s San Francisco office, he is the co-chair of the firm’s Land Use and Environmental Group. Mr. Carr represents public agencies, landowners, private individuals, and business concerns in all areas of natural resource law, including energy, water, forestry, agriculture, mining, fisheries, land use, and real property. He specializes in litigation and permitting under the federal Endangered Species Act, the Clean Water Act, the National Environmental Policy Act, and their California counterparts.

Prior to going into private practice, Mr. Carr served as Special Assistant to Joseph L. Sax, Counselor to the U.S. Department of State’s Office of Marine Conservation, where he represented the United States in international fishery and ocean resource negotiations.

Mr. Carr serves on the City of San Francisco’s Clean Technology Advisory Council, the Wine Institute’s Public Policy Committee, the California Forestry Association’s Legal Affairs Committee, and the California Construction and Industrial Material Association’s Environment Committee.

Mr. Carr received his B.A. (history), J.D., and Ph.D. (jurisprudence and social policy) from UC Berkeley. He has been a lecturer on environmental law at Boalt and has served on UC Berkeley’s Library Advisory Board.

## David Carrillo [’91, JD ’95, LL.M ’07, JSD ‘11]



David A. Carrillo joined the Berkeley Law faculty as the founding Executive Director of the California Constitution Center in 2012. The center is devoted to developing scholarship concerning the California Constitution and the California Supreme Court.

Dr. Carrillo has been awarded four degrees by the University of California at Berkeley: a J.S.D. (2011), an LL.M. (2007), a J.D. (1995), and a B.A. (1991). In addition to operating the center, he has taught or co-taught several courses at Berkeley Law School.

Dr. Carrillo was in active practice for 16 years, and prevailed in many trial court judgments and appellate decisions in state and federal court. He served as a Deputy Attorney General with the California Department of Justice, where as a member of the Employment and Administrative Mandate Section he represented state agencies in civil litigation, writs of mandate and administrative proceedings on issues of statewide importance in state and federal courts. Before joining the California Attorney General's Office, Dr. Carrillo served as a Deputy City Attorney in San Francisco and Deputy District Attorney in Contra Costa County.

Dr. Carrillo actively participates in the state and local bar, and is a life member of the La Raza Lawyers Association and the Hispanic National Bar Association. He previously served on the State Bar of California Commission on Judicial Nominees Evaluation, and currently serves on the San Francisco and Alameda County Bar Association committees on judicial appointments. Dr. Carrillo also currently serves on the board of the Boalt Hall Alumni Association, and the National Advisory Council of the Institute of Governmental Studies.

## David K. Chai ['93]



Chai worked in the White House during the Clinton Administration as Deputy Press Secretary and Special Projects Director for Management & Administration. His campaign experience includes serving as the Assistant Deputy Campaign Manager and Chief Operating Officer (COO) for the Clinton/Gore 1996 presidential campaign.

Chai has worked in Policy and Communications for three governors and two mayors: Governor Edward Rendell in Pennsylvania, Governor Gray Davis in California and Governor Gary Locke in Washington; in addition to Mayor Gavin Newsom, he also worked for the Mayor of New York, Michael Bloomberg and Mayor Ron Dellums.

David Chai has a B.A. in Sociology from the University of California, Berkeley.

## Darek DeFreece ['93]



Darek DeFreece is Managing Counsel for Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., leading a team of lawyers in support of the bank's international businesses. He received his A.B. degree in political science from the University of California, Berkeley and his J.D. from Boston College Law School.

DeFreece has focused his legal career on financial services including OTC derivatives, investment management and international law. DeFreece is a member of the Financial Markets Lawyers Group. The FMLG advises on legal issues relevant to over-the-counter foreign exchange and other financial markets and is comprised of lawyers who support foreign exchange and other financial markets trading in leading worldwide financial institutions. The FMLG is sponsored by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

DeFreece is the Immediate Past-President of the California Alumni Association, representing the 430,000 living alumni of UC Berkeley. Under DeFreece's presidency, CAA launched its new strategic plan with increased emphasis on alumni engagement, scholarship and advocacy, all in support of the University. Mr. DeFreece is a Regent-Emeritus for the University of California and a former Trustee of the UC Berkeley Foundation.

## David DeGroot [JD '93]



David DeGroot has over 20 years experience in law and government. Mr. DeGroot's government experience came from his time at the Department of City Planning in New York City, where he worked in the Executive Office and as a community planner in Flushing, Queens. Through this experience he learned how local government and regulatory agencies operate and how their performance could be improved.

After attending Berkeley Law, Mr. DeGroot began his practice as a trial attorney at Pillsbury, Madison and Sutro, where he worked on securities and antitrust cases, mostly on behalf of large companies. He then opened his own legal practice, where he assisted individuals and small businesses with the many challenges of the court system.

In 2001, he joined Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton in San Francisco, where he is now Special Counsel. He practices commercial, regulatory, tax and intellectual property law, helping his clients navigate through litigation and regulation.

Mr. DeGroot is President of the San Francisco Chapter of the Federalist Society. He writes frequently on issues of legal ethics, judicial independence, and alternative dispute resolution.

Mr. DeGroot earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in History and Economics from Yale in 1986. He obtained his law degree from Berkeley Law in 1993, where his work concentrated on administrative law. He lives in San Francisco with his wife, Mary Kane, and their two children.

## Pamela S. Duffy



Ms. Duffy is a partner who practices primarily in the areas of commercial real estate, land use, and development, with a special expertise in large public and private entity transactions. She has acted as principal counsel for numerous major development projects and real estate transactions, including the two largest development projects in San Francisco.

Ms. Duffy represents clients in the acquisition, planning, construction, and sale of major developments. Because of her in-depth understanding of the long-term implications of development requirements and exactions and how they relate to construction, financing, operation, leasing and sale of a development project, Ms. Duffy is adept at helping clients find workable solutions to the difficult problems that arise in the development of complex public/private projects.

She counsels clients as varied as Farallon Capital Management, Forest City Enterprises, Cadence Designs Systems, eBay Inc., the San Francisco 49ers in conjunction with its stadium development, Gap Inc. and the San Francisco Giants. Ms. Duffy was lead counsel for the Millennium Tower project, the tallest building in downtown San Francisco. She served as lead counsel to Farallon Capital Management in connection with its 300-acre San Francisco Mission Bay development project. She was instrumental in the land acquisition and development of the 43,000-seat AT&T Park for the San Francisco Giants, in Forest City's 1.5-million-square-foot retail and entertainment project, including a Bloomingdale's store in downtown San Francisco, and in the negotiations for acquisition and development of eBay Inc.'s major campus expansion in San Jose. She also represents several medical centers in responding to the real estate and development issues surrounding the state's seismic update laws.

Ms. Duffy graduated with honors from California State University, Los Angeles in 1970 and earned her law degree, *cum laude*, from Loyola University, Los Angeles, in 1978. While at Loyola, she was elected to the St. Thomas More Law Honor Society and served as a lead Articles Editor of the *Loyola Law Review*.

## Bevan Dufty ['89]



Bevan Dufty serves as the Director of Housing Opportunity, Partnerships and Engagement (HOPE) in Mayor Ed Lee's administration managing homeless services and supportive housing initiatives for San Francisco. He was elected to the San Francisco Board of Supervisors in December 2002, re-elected in November 2006, and represented San Francisco's District 8 through 2010. Bevan ran for Mayor of San Francisco in the 2011 election.

At 21, he worked on Capitol Hill and decades later as Director of Neighborhood Services for Mayor Willie Brown in San Francisco. As a member of the Board of Supervisors, Dufty encouraged Mayor Brown to launch the Open Door Program, a Saturday morning forum. This program provided an opportunity for individual San Franciscans to talk privately with the mayor about their individual problems and gave thousands of people personal access to their mayor. On a community level he has continued to work in close partnership with neighborhood and merchant groups throughout District 8. Mr. Dufty is a member of the Alice B. Toklas, Raoul Wallenberg and Robert F. Kennedy Democratic Clubs, a founder of San Francisco's LGBT Community Center and a member of San Francisco Front Runner's.

## Eric M. George



Eric M. George is a Partner at the law firm of Browne George Ross LLP, based in Beverly Hills, where he specializes in civil practice that includes all aspects of litigation related to complex business transactions, intellectual property, real estate, malpractice, civil rights and constitutional issues. Prior to joining Browne George Ross LLP, Mr. George served as Counsel for the US Senate Judiciary Committee advising its Chairman Senator Orrin Hatch and as Deputy Legal Affairs Secretary for California Governor Pete Wilson. He also clerked for US District Court Judge D. Lowell Jensen of the Northern District of California.

Mr. George also serves on the Federal Judicial Advisory Committee, appointed by California Senator Barbara Boxer, on the Ninth Circuit Advisory Board, appointed by Ninth Circuit Chief Judge Mary Schroeder, and on the State Judicial Selection Advisory Committee appointed by California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Mr. George holds both a BA and JD from Georgetown University. He is listed as one of the Top 100 California Attorneys by the *Daily Journal* (Fall 2005) and as a "Super Lawyer" by the *Los Angeles Magazine* (2007 & 2008). He has published numerous articles and opinion pieces in leading legal publications and newspapers.

## Karen Getman



Karen Getman is a partner at Remcho, Johansen & Purcell, one of the state's leading constitutional, public policy and election law firms. She formerly served as Chairman of the California Fair Political Practices Commission from March 1999 through April 2003.

Ms. Getman advises candidates, committees and public agencies regarding compliance with the state Political Reform Act, the federal Bi-Partisan Campaign Reform Act, and other legal matters. Ms. Getman has successfully challenged a local ordinance's ban on inter-candidate transfers of campaign contributions; succeeded in contesting certification of a proposed manual count voting system; represented the League of Women Voters in litigation over the counting of write-in ballots in the San Diego mayoral race; and is representing the League of California Cities and the California State Association of Counties in *Vargas v. City of Salinas*, a case pending in the California Supreme Court concerning the right of public entities to publish informational materials on local ballot measures.

From 2003-05, Ms. Getman served as the first Executive in Residence at the Center on Politics at the Institute of Governmental Studies. She is an adjunct professor at Boalt Hall School of Law, where she co-teaches the course on Regulating Public Integrity. Ms. Getman was admitted to the New York Bar in 1986, the District of Columbia Bar in 1987 and the California Bar in 1988. She is a graduate of Yale College (B.A. with distinction, 1980) and Harvard Law School (J.D. cum laude, 1985), where she was Editor in Chief of the Harvard Women's Law Journal, and recipient of a Revson Women's Law and Public Policy Fellowship in 1985-86.

## William E. Grayson



William (“Bill”) E. Grayson is Senior Advisor at Bernstein Global Wealth Management and was prior the President of Falcon Point Capital, LLC. Prior to Falcon Point, Bill was a Vice President at both J.P. Morgan and Montgomery Securities. Bill served as the Principal Deputy General Counsel of the Army in Washington D.C. during the first Bush Administration. While in the Pentagon he had oversight of the Army’s 2,700 civilian and military lawyers worldwide and focused on regulatory law, mergers & acquisitions, litigation and defense contracting issues. For his service, he was awarded the Outstanding Civilian Service Medal by the Secretary of the Army.

Bill has served on the boards of directors of the following organizations: Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholar, Dominican University and the investment committee of the Archdiocese of San Francisco. In 2002, Bill was appointed by President

Bush to serve on the President's Commission on White House Fellowships and served as a commissioner until 2008

Bill graduated from St. Ignatius College Preparatory, received his B.A. from the University of California, Santa Barbara, and his law degree from the University of San Francisco.

## Peter Hart



For more than 35 years, Peter Hart has been one of the leading analysts of public opinion in the United States. Since 1971, he has directed Peter D. Hart Research Associates, which has conducted more than 6000 public opinion surveys that have included interviews among more than five million individuals. Hart Research also has undertaken more than 5000 focus group sessions. Mr. Hart currently serves as Chairman of Hart Research and as Senior Counselor to the McGinn Group.

Mr. Hart built his reputation on his successful work in politics, working for more than 30 U.S. senators and 30 governors, but his focus over the last 20 years has been on public policy, cultural and social issues, and strategic consulting work for corporations. Corporate clients have included Boeing, Time Warner, American Airlines, Coca-Cola, Microsoft, AT&T, and Tiffany and Company. His work in the non-profit field includes research for Habitat for Humanity, the ACLU, The Smithsonian Institution, and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Internationally, Mr. Hart has conducted studies in South America, Europe, Asia, and Africa. Over the past decade, Mr. Hart has taught courses in public policy at Duke University's Sanford Institute of Public Policy, the University of Pennsylvania's Annenberg School for Communication, and at UC Berkeley.

## David Howard

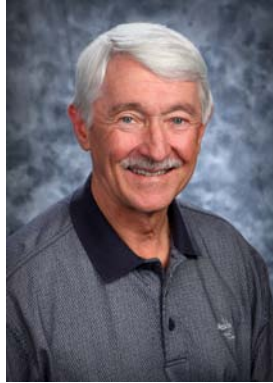


David Howard has over 35 years experience in political advocacy and community organization, candidate and issue campaigns, as well as government service in the field of community-based human services. Mr. Howard is the current Political Affairs Director for the California Association of Realtors (CAR) where he manages their federal, state, and local political action committee operations and serves as the co-editor of the *California Target Book*.

Prior to joining CAR, Howard was the managing partner of D. Howard & Associates, a full service consulting firm specializing in senior issues, served as a vice president at the California Association of Health Plans, and with the AARP as its federal legislative liaison for California.

Mr. Howard has graduate degrees and certificates from the University of Missouri-Columbia, the University of Michigan, and Ohio State University.

## Bob Naylor



A native of Nevada, Mr. Naylor graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Stanford University in 1966 and later from Yale Law School. He served as a Lieutenant in the United States Army, including service in Vietnam.

Mr. Naylor was first elected to the California State Legislature in 1978 to represent the state's 20<sup>th</sup> Assembly District, which included the southern half of San Mateo County. In 1982, Mr. Naylor was elected Assembly Republican Leader. In this role, Mr. Naylor was one of the chief architects of legislation linking increased public school funding to landmark educational reforms. He acted as a major advocate for policies that foster economic growth and a leader in balancing the state budget within existing revenues.

After leaving the California State Assembly, Mr. Naylor was elected Chairman of the California Republican party, serving for two years. Mr. Naylor was appointed by President Bush to the James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation, served as Chairman of the Association for California Tort Reform, is Vice Chair of the Stanford Mansion Foundation and was a founding director of Calnet Business Bank in Sacramento. In addition, Mr. Naylor has been a delegate to ten Republican National Conventions. For 24 years, Mr. Naylor was a partner at the law firm of Nielsen, Merksamer, Parrnello, Mueller & Naylor, specializing in government law. Recently, Mr. Naylor launched his own firm, Robert W. Naylor Advocacy, and became Of Counsel to Bell, McAndrews & Hiltachk, LLP.

## Dan Pellissier ['82]



Dan Pellissier has had a distinguished 25 year career in public service that started with a Capitol Hill internship through the Cal-in-the-Capitol program at UC Berkeley.

Most recently, Dan served as Deputy Cabinet Secretary for Energy and Environment, where he advised Governor Schwarzenegger and oversaw California's Natural Resources and Environmental Protection agencies. Prior to the Schwarzenegger Administration, Dan served for six years as Chief of Staff for Assemblyman Keith Richman where he spearheaded fiscal and political reform efforts and helped foster bipartisan cooperation through the Bipartisan Group. As energy policy advisor for Assembly Republican Leader Scott Baugh, Dan coordinated the Republican's response to the California energy crisis in 2000-01.

During his three decades in California's political arena, Dan has held senior positions on four statewide initiative campaigns (Indian gaming, infrastructure development, energy policy and pension reform) and numerous legislative campaigns. Currently, he is serving as President of California Pension Reform, a citizen's group that is preparing a pension reform initiative for the November 2012 statewide ballot.

Dan grew up in Whittier, California and graduated from UC Berkeley with a degree in Development Studies from the Institute for International Studies. He lives in Sacramento with his wife Laura Walker ('84) and has one grown daughter Johanna. They are longtime Bear Backers and attend most Cal home football games.

## Laurence Pelosi ['94]



Laurence Pelosi is a Director at the Royal Bank of Canada's Capital Markets Division based in San Francisco. Prior to his work with the Bank, Laurence was at McKinley Partners where he focused on residential investments and public private real estate partnerships in California.

Mr. Pelosi is on the boards of the San Francisco Planning and Urban Research Association (SPUR) and Family House. He received a B.A. from the University of California at Berkeley and a J.D. from Georgetown University.

## Heather Podesta ['93]



Heather Podesta, who launched the cutting-edge government relations firm, Heather Podesta + Partners, in January 2007, is a leading legislative and public policy strategist with experience on Capitol Hill and in the private sector. Heather Podesta + Partners was recently named one of DC's top 50 government relations firms by *The National Law Journal*.

Podesta has guided clients from Fortune 500 companies to non-profits to success in Congress and the Executive Branch. Providing common-sense advice on issues ranging from education, health care, and technology to tax and trade policy, her work has been highlighted in several major media outlets, with profiles in *The Washington Post* and *The*

*Wall Street Journal*. *Legal Times* recently named her one of the Top 10 “Leading Lawyers in Government Affairs.” Podesta previously worked for several U.S. Members of Congress on the tax writing committees, including the late Representative Robert Matsui (D-CA), Representative Earl Pomeroy (D-ND), and Senator Bill Bradley (D-NJ). Podesta is an active Democratic organizer and political adviser to many elected officials in Washington, DC and in state capitals across the nation. She is a Trustee of the National Museum of Women in the Arts, serves on the Advisory Board of the Peggy Guggenheim Collection, and is also on the Washington DC Police Foundation Board. Podesta graduated with a BA from UC Berkeley in 1993.

## Karen Skelton [JD ‘92]



Karen Skelton founded the California office of the Dewey Square Group — one of the country’s leading public affairs firms which specializes in political strategies and communications, energy, green tech, environmental policy and general government relations. She received her B.A. with honors in English from UCLA, a Masters from Harvard’s John F. Kennedy School of Government, and her J.D. from UC Berkeley Boalt Hall School of Law.

Ms. Skelton previously worked in the White House during the Clinton Administration on the political staff and served as Director of Political Affairs for then Vice President Al Gore. As a lawyer, Skelton prosecuted criminal cases at the U.S. Department of Justice as a Special Assistant U.S. Attorney, and as a trial lawyer in the Division of Environmental Enforcement. She was also named Chief Counsel of the Federal Highway Administration in January 1999.

Since 2003, she has worked as the executive co-producer and program director for the California Governor and First Lady’s Women’s Conference. Ms. Skelton is also Senior Executive Producer for Maria Shriver’s national project “A Woman’s Nation” working in developing next steps needed to remove barriers to women’s success. In 2011, Ms. Skelton left Dewey Square Group to start her own consulting firm called Skelton Strategies.

**Lisa Suennen ['86, MA '87]**  
*Vice Chair of the Council*



Lisa Suennen is a co-founder and Managing Member of Psilos Group, a healthcare-focused venture capital firm with over \$450 million under management. Ms. Suennen has headed Psilos' West Coast office since the firm's founding in 1988 and focuses on the medical device, healthcare information technology and healthcare services sectors. She serves as a Director on the Board of several Psilos portfolio companies, including AngioScore, Inc. (chairman), InSound Medical, Inc., IntelliDOT Corp., Navitas Cancer Rehabilitation Centers of America, Inc. (chairman), VeraLight, Inc (chairman) and a board observer for Health Hero Network and Estech.

Prior to Psilos, Ms. Suennen was at Merit Behavioral Care (formerly American Biodyne, Inc), where she held various senior executive roles including Senior Vice President/General Manager of the Public Sector Division, Senior Vice President of Pacific Region Operations and Senior Vice President of Sales and Marketing. Previously, Ms. Suennen served as Worldwide Product Manager for INGRES/Relational Technology, Inc., a relational database company, where she had responsibility for development, marketing and distribution of the company's UNIX PC software product. Prior to INGRES, Ms. Suennen served as Director of U.S. Market Development and as Manager, U.S. Government and Industry Relations for X/Open, an international computer industry standards setting and lobbying consortium. Earlier, Ms. Suennen spent several years at Regis McKenna, Inc., an international high technology marketing and public relations firm, responsible for government relations and public relations strategy for client companies in the software and healthcare areas.

## Duf Sundheim



Duf Sundheim has been active in Republican Party politics for over 30 years beginning with his service as a page in the Illinois State Legislature at age 18 and working in the trenches as a campaign advance staffer for the Illinois Republican U.S. Senate candidate in 1974. Duf also had a record setting term as Chairman of the Lincoln Club of Northern California.

Mr. Sundheim was Chairman (2003-06) of the California Republican Party during one of the most critical times in its history. Shortly after Mr. Sundheim was elected in 2003, California had its first recall of a sitting Governor and elected Arnold Schwarzenegger Governor. Mr. Sundheim's election itself was historic, as it marked the first time in 38 years the seating Vice Chairman had not been elected Chair. In February of 2005, Mr. Sundheim became the first Chairman in the history of the CRP to be re-elected to a consecutive term. In three years, with the active support of Governor Schwarzenegger, the CRP has raised over \$100 million dollars, an unprecedented figure.

## Susie Swatt



Susie Swatt was Communications Director for the California Fair Political Practices Commission and has authored three highly acclaimed reports detailing the influence of money in the political process. Her report, "Independent Expenditures: The Giant Gorilla in Campaign Finance," was awarded a 2009 ProPublica Prize for Investigative Governance.

Before joining the FPPC, Ms. Swatt served for more than 30 years in the California Legislature. She was Chief of Staff to the Senate and Assembly minority leaders; Special

Consultant to the Senate Rules Committee; and was considered a leading expert on all election and political reform issues. While serving in the Senate, she was appointed to membership on the Bipartisan Commission on Internet Practices, the McPherson Commission on the Political Reform Act, and Leadership California. During her tenure in the Legislature, she played critical roles in numerous public policy achievements – including elevating the Newsman’s Shield Law to the California Constitution, creating the 12,000 acre Chino Hills State Park in Southern California, and requiring paper trails for electronic voting machines.

Ms. Swatt attended UC Berkeley for three years and graduated with honors in history from Sacramento State University. She and her husband are active members in the California Alumni Association and Bear Backers.

## Kris Van Giesen [‘87]

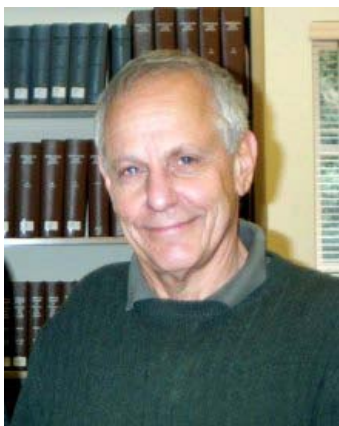


Kris Van Giesen serves as the Chief Development and Community Relations Officer of the Hanna Boys Center in Sonoma, California. The Hanna Boys Center/Hanna High School has been one of the country's most successful residential treatment and academic centers for close to 60 years.

Previously, Mr. Van Giesen worked as an advisor to both former Congressman Richard Gephardt and former Massachusetts Governor Michael Dukakis during their 1988 Presidential campaigns. In 1992, Mr. Van Giesen returned to Washington DC to accept a position in the Clinton-Gore Administration, working in the White House and on President Clinton's re-election campaign for a total of seven years. During his time with the administration, Mr. Van Giesen held key leadership positions focusing on national fundraising, political affairs, international diplomatic missions and, upon his return to California, served as the Western United States regional representative for the U.S. Small Business Administration. Prior to accepting his position in Sonoma, Mr. Van Giesen played a pivotal role in raising \$2 million for the California Alumni Association at the University of California, Berkeley.

Ex-officio

## Jack Citrin ['70 PhD]



Professor Citrin is currently the Heller Professor of Political Science at the University of California Berkeley and serves as the Director of the Institute of Governmental Studies.

He has taught at Berkeley since 1969 and during that time has held administrative appointments as Director of the State Data Program, Acting Director of the Survey Research Center, Faculty Athletics' Representative to the NCAA, and Faculty Director of the Berkeley Washington Program. Professor Citrin has testified as an expert before legislative committees and served on Advisory Committees of the National Academy of Sciences. He teaches undergraduate and graduate courses in American politics and political psychology and in 2004-05 was a finalist for the Distinguished Teaching Award on the Berkeley campus.

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