

## **Kenneth Yeager, Ph.D**

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### **Education:**

Ph.D., Education, Stanford University, January 1991

Major Field – Policy Analysis

M.A., Sociology, Stanford University, June 1989

Major Field – Organizational Theory

M.A., Education, Stanford University, June 1986

B.A., Political Science, San Jose State University, June 1976

Major Field – Local and State Politics

Senior Executives in State and Local Government Program

*John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University*

Ethics in Public Service Program

*Josephson Institute of Ethics*

Senior Fellow

*American Leadership Forum, Silicon Valley Chapter*

### **Professional Experience:**

Faculty Member, Department of Political Science, San Jose State University, 1991-present.

*Classes Taught: American Government, State Politics, Local Politics, LGBTQ Politics, Internship Seminar, Interest Groups, Political Campaigns, Regional Government.*

### **Other Professional Experience:**

Executive Director, BAYMEC Community Foundation, 2019-present.

Press Secretary for Congressman Don Edwards, Washington D.C. and San Jose, 1983-1985.

Campaign Manager for Congressman Don Edwards, 1982, 1984, 1986

(Primary and General Elections).

Assistant to Santa Clara County Supervisor Susanne Wilson, 1979-1982.

Assistant to Santa Clara County Supervisor Rod Diridon, 1978-1979.

### **Public Service:**

Elected Trustee, San Jose/Evergreen Community College, 1993-2000.

Councilmember, City of San Jose, 2001-2006.

Supervisor, County of Santa Clara, 2007-2018, President 2010, 2013

### *Board of Supervisors Policy Assignments:*

- Health and Hospital Committee, Vice Chair 2009-2012, Chair 2013-2018
- Public Safety and Justice Committee, Vice Chair 2007-2008, 2015-2018
- Finance and Government Operations Committee, Chair 2009-2015
- Children, Seniors, and Family Committee, Chair 2007-2008
- Legislative Committee, Vice Chair 2007-2009
- Housing, Land Use, Environment, and Transportation Committee, Chair 2009

*State and Regional Appointments and Assignments:*

- National Association of Counties (NACo), 2015-2018
- California State Association of Counties (CSAC)
  - Executive Committee, 2012-2017
  - Health and Human Services Committee, 2012-2017
  - Urban Counties Caucus (UCC), 2013-2018
- Valley Transportation Authority (VTA)
  - Board of Directors, 2001-2018, Vice Chair 2011, Chair 2012
  - Administration and Finance Committee 2001-2006, 2018
  - BART Silicon Valley Ad Hoc Committee 2017-2018
  - El Camino Real Policy Advisory Board, Vice Chair 2016, Delegate 2017
  - Transit Planning and Operations 2001-2015, Vice Chair 2016
  - SVRT Program Working Committee, Vice Chair 2012, Delegate 2015-2016
  - Congestion Management and Planning, 2001-2014
  - Diridon Station Policy Advisory Board, 2012-2013
  - Executive Evaluation Ad Hoc Committee, 2011-2013
  - Vasona Light Rail Policy Advisory Board
  - Silicon Valley Rapid Transit Corridor Policy Advisory Board
- California Air Resources Board (CARB), 2009-2012
- Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD), 2008-2013
- Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), 2006-2011
- Bay Area Joint Policy Committee (JPC), 2007-2011
- Caltrain Joint Powers Board, 2001-2017

*County Appointments and Assignments:*

- First 5 Santa Clara County, 2011-2018, Chair 2013, 2018
- Joint Commission on Childcare, 2015-2018
- Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO), Delegate
- Santa Clara County Emergency Operational Area Council, Alternate
- County Library District Joint Powers Authority, Alternate, 2007-2018
- West Valley Sanitation District (WVSD), 2007-2017
- Safe on 17 Task Force 2009-2015
- Intimate Partner Violence Task Force, 2016-2017

**Community Involvement:**

*Past Organizations:*

- Grand Boulevard Initiative, Task Force Member
- Indian Health Center, Advisory Board Member
- Arts Council Silicon Valley, Board Member
- Bay Area Municipal Elections Committee, Co-Founder
- City of San Jose's Airport Curfew Monitoring Committee, Past Chair
- Comprehensive County Expressway Planning Study Policy Advisory Board, Pat Chair
- Friends of the Rose Garden Library, Past President
- Guadalupe River Park Conservancy, Board Member
- Housing Trust of Santa Clara County, Past Chair
- Rose Garden Neighborhood Preservation Association, Past President
- Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors' Task Force on AIDS, Past Chair
- Santa Clara County Democratic Central Committee, Past Elected Member
- Santa Clara County Grand Jury
- Santa Clara County, Ryan White Care Act Grant Review Committee
- Silicon Valley Marathon, Board Member
- United Way of Santa Clara County Lesbian & Gay Task Force, Member

## **Publications:**

### *Books:*

Yeager, Ken (2000) Trailblazers: Profiles of America's Gay and Lesbian Elected Officials (Harrington Park Press)

Yeager, Ken (1990) Child Care and Electoral Politics at the Local Level (Stanford University School of Education)

### *Booklets:*

Yeager, Ken (2018) The Long Struggle for LGBTQ Equality in Santa Clara County

Yeager, Ken (2018) Battle Against HIV/AIDS: A Look Back at the First Decades of the Santa Clara County Experience

### *Periodicals:*

Yeager, Ken (June 27, 2019) "The day I was told I didn't belong"; Bay Area Reporter

Yeager, Ken (November 30, 2018) "Opinion: Supervisor reflects on long fight against AIDS"; San Jose Mercury News

Yeager, Ken (February 15, 2018) "Stop deceptive San Jose developers' Evergreen initiative"; San Jose Mercury News

Yeager, Ken (January 10, 2017) "Collaboration makes Santa Clara County one of healthiest"; San Jose Mercury News

Yeager, Ken (November 10, 2016) "Recalling 1986's AIDSphobic Prop 64"; Bay Area Reporter

Yeager, Ken (December 15, 2015) "New HIV-AIDS strategy needed for Santa Clara County"; San Jose Mercury News

Yeager, Ken (July 2, 2015) "Marriage equality was a long, hard fight in Santa Clara County"; San Jose Mercury News

Yeager, Ken and Rocha, Don (September 14, 2014) "Domestic Violence is a Men's Issue"; San Jose Mercury News

Yeager, Ken (July 13, 2013) "Marriage Equality Brings Great Joy"; San Jose Mercury News

Yeager, Ken (January 29, 2013) "Public health and gun safety top priorities for county"; San Jose Mercury News

Yeager, Ken (January 5, 2012) "Funding Push, iDistrict on VTA chief's agenda";

San Jose Mercury News  
 Yeager, Ken (April 14, 2011) “Caltrain can maintain service if its partners help”;  
 San Jose Mercury News  
 Yeager, Ken (March 2, 2011) “Caltrain partner steps up with budget plan”;  
 San Francisco Chronicle  
 Yeager, Ken (June 10, 2010) “‘Earmarks’ are how we get federal money to meet needs  
 identified locally”; San Jose Mercury News  
 Yeager, Ken (February 11, 2010) “Santa Clara County can make progress despite budget  
 shortfalls”; San Jose Mercury News  
 Yeager, Ken (December 20, 2009) “Climate change shifting how Bay Area land-use decisions  
 are made”; Contra Costa Times  
 Yeager, Ken and Kniss, Liz (May 15, 2007) “Proposed cuts would gut vital services,  
 Supervisors say”; San Jose Mercury News  
 Yeager, Ken (January 9, 2006) “Ethics mustn’t take back seat to political convenience”; San  
 Jose Mercury News  
 Yeager, Ken (April 1, 2005) “America West’s ‘quieter’ plane still too loud, threatening to set  
 dangerous precedent for airport”; San Jose Mercury News  
 Yeager, Ken (March 13, 2005) “Busy year for S.J. ethics panel, but there’s more work to be  
 done”; San Jose Mercury News  
 Yeager, Ken (July 16, 2003) “Keep high-rises out of residential S.J.”; San Jose Mercury News  
 Yeager, Ken (October 2002) “Child-care plan needs private industry’s involvement”; San Jose  
 Mercury News  
 Yeager, Ken (March 2002) “Build housing, but protect neighborhoods”; Silicon Valley  
 Business Ink  
 Strober, Myra; Gerlach-Downie, Suzanne; and Yeager, Ken (1995) “Child Care Centers as  
 Workplaces”; *Feminist Economics*, Vol. 1 No. 1, p. 93-119  
 Yeager, Ken and Strober, Myra (1992) “Financing Child Care Through Local Taxes”; *Journal  
 of Family Issues*, Vol. 13 No. 3, p. 279-296  
 Yeager, Ken (1985) “Politicians Can’t Keep AIDS at Arm’s Length”; San Jose Mercury News  
 Yeager, Ken (1984) “Tolerance Will Allow Gays to Help ‘Build Our Land’”; San Jose  
 Mercury News

### **Academic and Community Panels:**

Left Coast Politics in a Post-election Era  
 LGBTQ Economic Summit (March 16, 2017)  
 Santa Clara County on the cutting edge. What is on the horizon for health care in our County?  
 Health and Housing Summit (November 16, 2015)  
 Santa Clara County’s Comprehensive Nutrition Standards  
 Healthy Beverage Summit (October 21, 2013)  
 Preventing Obesity through Local Action  
 San Jose State University Food Day (October 23, 2012)  
 Preventing Obesity through Local Action  
 Stanford Food Summit 3 (October 24, 2012)  
 Transformation Leadership Case Study: LGBTQ Movement in Silicon Valley  
 Values Based Leadership Working Partnership Training (January 2012)  
 Unhappy Meals: Addressing the Nutritional Quality of Restaurant Children’s Meals  
 American Public Health Association (November 2, 2011)  
 Selling Poor Health: The Implications of Marketing to Children  
 Childhood Obesity Prevention Summit (September 8, 2011)

**Awards and Honors:**

Metro Silicon Valley

*25 People Who Changed Silicon Valley, 2010*

100 Black Men of Silicon Valley

*Public Official of the Year, 2007*

Santa Clara Department of Public Health

*Healthy Cities Champion Award, 2016*

The California Legislative LGBTQ Caucus

*LGBT Leadership Award, 2015*

California State Association of Counties

*Circle of Service, 2017, 2018*

First 5 Santa Clara County

*Dedication to Young Children of Santa Clara County, 2014*

Bay Area Municipal Elections Committee

*Lifetime Achievement Award, 2004, 2018*

California Walks at Pedestrians County Summit

*Leader in Sustainable Transportation, 2018*

Urban Counties of California

*Appreciation of Years of Service, 2018*

California Association of Public Hospitals and Health Systems/Safety Net Institute

*Appreciation of Effective Leadership, 2018*

Santa Clara County Cities Association

*Legislator of the Year, 2018*

Santa Clara County Democratic Club

*Achievement Award, 2018*

Valley Transportation Authority

*Recognition of 18 years of Service on the Board, 2018*

California Center for Public Health Advocacy

*Community Health Champion, 2012*

Kids in Common

*Bold Steps for Children Award, 2016*

Breathe California

*Clean Air Leadership Award, 2011*

Community Health Partnership

*Community Health Champion, 2014*

Momentive for Mental Health

*Shining Stars Award of Excellence, 2017*

Silicon Valley Council of Nonprofits

*Everybody Wins Award, 2011*

Network for a Healthy California

*California Advocate for Nutrition Award, 2008*

Generations Community Wellness

*Visionary Award, 2010*

Inspire Family Learning Centers

*Champion of Health Award, 2011*

Korean American Community Services

*Friend of the Korean American Community Award, 2010*

National Alliance on Mental Illness Santa Clara County

*Community Merit Award, 2007*

Indian Health Center of Santa Clara Valley

*Award of Appreciation, 2007, 2016*  
Santa Clara County Black Infant Health Program  
*Shirley Shelton Award, 2008*  
Kiwanis Turnaround Scholarship Benefit  
*Honorary Chairman, 2010*  
Bill Wilson Center  
*La Bandera Salutation of Leadership, 2016*

**Interests:**

Marathon Running, Triathlons, Obstacle Course Racing