

# **Santa Clara County Supervisor Ken Yeager**

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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

Major Field – Gender Studies

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

Major Field – Local and State Politics

Ethics in Public Service Program, Josephson Institute of Ethics Senior Executives in State and

Local Government Program, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University

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, Internship Seminar, Interest Groups, Political Campaigns.*

## **Other Professional Experience:**

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-present.

- Board of Supervisors Policy Committees
  - Finance and Government Operations Committee, Chair
  - Health and Hospital Committee, Vice Chair

- Current Appointments and Assignments
  - California Air Resources Board (CARB), BAAQMD Representative
  - Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG), Executive Board
  - Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD), Delegate
  - Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), Delegate
  - Bay Area Joint Policy Committee (JPC), MTC Representative
  - Caltrain Joint Powers Board, Director
  - Bay Area Climate Collaborative, Leadership Team Member
  - California State Association of Counties (CSAC) Climate Change Task Force, Delegate
  - Valley Transportation Authority (VTA), Ex Officio Member on behalf of MTC
  - BART to Silicon Valley Policy Advisory Board, Chair
  - Diridon Station Joint Policy Advisory Board, Vice Chair
  - Comprehensive County Expressway Planning Study Policy Advisory Board, Chair
  - First Five Santa Clara County, Member
  - Early Childhood Obesity Prevention Collaborative, Workgroup Chair on behalf of MTC
  - Traffic Safe Communities Network, Co-Chair
  - Recycling and Waste Reduction Commission, Vice Chair
  - West Valley Sanitation District (WVSD), Delegate
  - San Jose/Santa Clara County Treatment Plant Advisory Committee (TPAC), WVSD Representative
  - Safe on 17 Task Force, Member
  - Vasona Light Rail Policy Advisory Board, Delegate
  - Valley Medical Center Foundation, Liaison

### **Community Involvement:**

#### *Current Organizations:*

- Santa Clara County Democratic Central Committee, Elected Member
- Housing Trust of Santa Clara County, Chair
- Guadalupe River Park Conservancy, Board Member
- Silicon Valley Marathon, Board Member
- Indian Health Center, Board Member

#### *Past Community Involvement:*

- Arts Council Silicon Valley, Board Member
- Bay Area Municipal Elections Committee, Co-Founder
- City of San Jose's Airport Curfew Monitoring Committee, Past Chair
- Friends of the Rose Garden Library, Past President
- Rose Garden Neighborhood Preservation Association, Past President
- San Jose Convention and Visitors Bureau, Board Member
- Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors' Task Force on AIDS, Past Chair
- Santa Clara County Grand Jury, Former Member
- Santa Clara County Strategic Vision Steering Committee, Former Member
- Santa Clara County, Ryan White Care Act Grant Review Committee

- Aris Project's Ad Hoc Committee on AIDS Policy, Former Member
- United Way of Santa Clara County Lesbian & Gay Task Force, Former Member

## **Publications:**

### Books:

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

### Periodicals:

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 (1990) Child care and electoral politics at the local level (Stanford University School of Education)

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

## **Awards and Honors:**

Kiwanis Turnaround Scholarship Benefit

*Honorary Chairman, 2010*

Metro Silicon Valley

*25 People Who Changed Silicon Valley, 2010*

Santa Clara County Black Infant Health Program

*Shirley Shelton Award, 2008*

Network for a Healthy California

*California Advocate for Nutrition Award, 2008*

100 Black Men of Silicon Valley

*Public Official of the Year, 2007*

National Alliance on Mental Illness Santa Clara County

*Community Merit Award, 2007*

Indian Health Center of Santa Clara Valley

*Award of Appreciation, 2007*

Bay Area Municipal Elections Committee

*Lifetime Achievement Award, 2004*

**Interests:**

Marathon running

Hiking

Baseball

San Jose Symphony