

Nominees for the 2021 Redistricting Advisory Committee



Alfredo M. Morales, Principal Attorney, Morales & Leaños
(nominated by Chair Tony Estremera, District 6)

Mr. Morales was born and raised in San Jose and attended schools in Eastside San Jose. He graduated from Santa Clara University in 1972 and from UC Berkeley Law School in 1975. He is licensed to practice law in the State of California, the United States District Court for the Northern District of California, the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit and the United States Supreme Court. He is a principal in the firm of Morales & Leaños. Mr. Morales' firm handles criminal defense, civil rights and personal injury cases.

Since graduating from law school Mr. Morales has been a member of the San Jose Housing Commission, County Planning Commission and a member of the board of directors for the Mexican Heritage Corporation. He is also a member in good standing with the State Bar of California, Santa Clara County Bar Association and the La Raza Lawyers Association.



Raven Malone, Systems Engineer
(nominated by Vice Chair Gary Kremen, District 7)

Raven Malone is a Systems Engineer with an Undergraduate and master's degree in electrical engineering. She worked for the United States military as an Electrical and Systems Engineer for 6 years before moving to California and switching to the private sector. Her professional resume includes software development, leading a team of engineers on a multi-billion dollar classified program, and creating new technology for the Army. In 2020, she ran for City Council in Palo Alto where her main issues were creating better infrastructure, advocating for more housing, and reimagining public safety. While she lost her election, she is committed to bringing important issues to the table and lifting the voices of those who feel unheard. She is a member of Palo Alto Forward, Peninsula Young Democrats, the 2021 board for the Peninsula Democratic Coalition, and she serves as the liaison for Josh Becker for the Democratic Central Committee.



Juan Miguel Munoz Morris,
Contracting Professional, County of
Santa Clara *(nominated by Director*
John Varela, District 1)

Mr. Munoz-Morris is a contracting professional for the County of Santa Clara Social Services Agency. He has an MBA from Purdue University and a Bachelor's from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. His family has a proud history of service to the community, which he is building on as a Planning Commissioner for the City of Morgan Hill (a role he has held for the last 3.5 years). He believes that resource management, in particular water management, is a critical component of a sustainable lifestyle. As a new parent, he wants to ensure a good future for his daughter and her peers, and would welcome the chance to serve on the Redistricting Advisory Committee.



Emilie Gatfield, Political Consultant
(nominated by Director Barbara Keegan,
District 2)

Emilie Gatfield is a political consultant, specializing in connecting clients with support from community groups and organizations. Ms. Gatfield began her professional career in accounting, working in the legal and manufacturing sectors, before transitioning into the non-profit sector. Within the non-profit sector, her work encompassed training, administration, and fundraising, always with a focus on meeting the needs of low-income communities. Since beginning to work independently, Ms. Gatfield has worked extensively with organized labor and neighborhood groups.

Ms. Gatfield has served on the boards of a variety of organizations, from non-profits focused on the needs of low-income communities to her homeowners association; she has also been an active member of the Democratic Party for many years, on both the county and state level. She has lived in Downtown San Jose for more than 20 years, with her husband and a varying number of cats.



Michael Kraus, retiree, President of the Penitencia Neighborhood Association (nominated by Director Richard Santos, District 3)

Michael Kraus was born and raised in Saint Louis, Missouri. Michael attended college at the University of Illinois – Chicago. Upon graduating with a BSEE, Michael moved to San Jose, CA and began his professional career at the Lockheed Missiles and Space Company, focusing on technical solutions, Subcontracts and Program Management, retiring in 2014. Michael is the president of the Penitencia Neighborhood Association and has been actively involved in the community since 2013. Accomplishments for Michael include but not limited to: City of San Jose Commendation, RLEI - Neighborhood Champion, California Legislature Assembly Community Hero, California State Senate Community Certificate of Recognition and UNSCC and Catholic Charity Penitencia Neighborhood Association Award.



Michael Gross, Director of Sustainability, Zanker Recycling (nominated by Director Linda LeZotte, District 4)

Mr. Gross has been in the waste and recycling industry since 1979 when he started his own garbage collection company while still in high school. In 2011, Mr. Gross was named the Director of Sustainability for GreenWaste and the Zanker family of companies. This position allows him to coordinate and institutionalize sustainability efforts across divisions and among business relationships. He focuses on greenhouse-gas emission's reductions, procurement opportunities, C&D diversion opportunities, waste management and recycling alternatives and marketing. He provides leadership to reach the company's environmental goals, advocates the transformation of the waste industry, and works with the community to integrate sustainability into their daily lives. Mr. Gross is a board member of the Recycling Certification Institute, Santa Visits Alviso Foundation and the Legacy Alviso Foundation.



Howard Miller, Professor, West Valley College *(nominated by Director Nai Hsueh, District 5)*

Howard Miller moved to Santa Clara County in 1985 and Saratoga in 1993 and, with his wife, raised 5 kids. He is named on 20 patents, retired from Apple in 2016 and is currently a Professor at West Valley College. He holds a BS in Engineering from Cal Poly and a MS in Computer Science from Stanford. He was elected to the Saratoga City Council in 2008, 2012 and 2016. Mayor in 2011, 2015 and 2020. He served on regional agencies, notably: VTA Policy Advisor Committee for 11 years; VTA HWY 85 committee 4 years; Silicon Valley Clean Energy board for 4 years; West Valley Solid Waste JPA for 5 years. Prior to public office, he held various board positions in the Saratoga Soccer AYSO; On the SUSD Technology committee; Assistant Scout Master; The Kevin Moran Park Task force; among others. Howard has always been involved in his community.