

# **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

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, Internship Seminar, Interest Groups, Political Campaigns, Regional Government.*

## **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:*

- Health and Hospital Committee, Chair

- Public Safety and Justice Committee, Vice Chair

- *State and Regional Appointments and Assignments:*
  - Caltrain Joint Powers Board, Past Chair
  - California State Association of Counties (CSAC)
    - Executive Committee, Member
    - Health and Human Services Committee, Chair
  - Urban Counties Caucus (UCC)
  - Valley Transportation Authority (VTA), Past Chair
    - Silicon Valley Rapid Transit Working Committee, Chair
    - BART to Silicon Valley Policy Advisory Board, Past Chair
    - Transit Planning and Operations Committee
    - Vasona Light Rail Policy Advisory Board
    - El Camino Real Rapid Transit Policy Advisory Board, Past Chair
  - 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
  
- *County Appointments and Assignments:*
  - First Five Santa Clara County, Chair
  - West Valley Sanitation District (WVSD)
  - Safe on 17 Task Force

## **Community Involvement:**

### *Current Organizations:*

- Santa Clara County Democratic Central Committee, Elected Member
- Grand Boulevard Initiative, Task Force Member
- Indian Health Center, Advisory Board Member

### *Past Organizations:*

- 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, Past 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 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)

### *Periodicals:*

- 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:**

Santa Clara County's Comprehensive Nutrition Standards

Healthy Beverage Summit (October 21, 2013)

Preventing Obesity through Local Action

Stanford Food Summit 3 (October 24, 2012)

Preventing Obesity through Local Action

San Jose State University Food Day (October 23, 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*

Bay Area Municipal Elections Committee

*Lifetime Achievement Award, 2004*

California Center for Public Health Advocacy

*Community Health Champion, 2012*

Breathe California

*Clean Air Leadership Award, 2011*

Community Health Partnership

*Community Health Champion, 2014*

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*

Santa Clara County Black Infant Health Program

*Shirley Shelton Award, 2008*

Kiwanis Turnaround Scholarship Benefit

*Honorary Chairman, 2010*

**Interests:**

Marathon running

Triathlons

Obstacle Course Racing

San Jose Symphony