

### **Marcie Bellicitti**

Marcie is a lifelong resident of Santa Clara Valley. After leaving the tech industry to finish her BA in Economics at San Jose State University, she then went on to raise her children. Marcie was an active member of the PTA organization for her children's schools, serving as Treasurer and Auditor for 3 schools. A long-time interest in law led her to enroll in Paralegal Studies at West Valley College and she completed the certificate program with a 4.0 GPA. Marcie also served multiple terms in Santa Clara County's Civil Grand Jury before joining the Juvenile Justice Commission in 2022.

### **Stephen Betts (Chair)**

Stephen Betts was born and raised in England and moved to the United States in 1980. While pursuing a master's degree in clinical psychology, he began working for Eastfield Ming Quong (now Pacific Clinics) in a children's treatment program. After receiving his degree he worked as a therapist for an Adolescent Treatment Center, then for Santa Clara County's Department of Family and Children's Services as a manager at their Children's Shelter, and then at the County's Department of Alcohol and Drug Services as a Division Director. There he worked collaboratively with the Probation Department, Court and community-based organizations to bring services to youth. After retiring, Stephen brought his passion for improving systems to the Juvenile Justice Commission, on which he served from 2012-2015, and again from 2018 until the present. Stephen has three teenage grandchildren who are the light of his life, and a daily reminder of the importance of the Commission's work.

### **Penny Blake (Chair emerita)**

Penny was born in Brooklyn, but spent many of her early years growing up in Asia. She returned for college, graduating from San Jose State University. After college she became a Juvenile Probation Officer, and while working later attended Santa Clara University School of Law. Penny then joined the Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office where she spent her last 17 years before retirement, representing abused and neglected children. Penny brings to the Commission working knowledge of the systems impacted by the Juvenile Court.

### **Victoria Burton-Burke (Past chair)**

Victoria Burton-Burke has been on the Juvenile Justice Commission many years. She attended DePauw University and Santa Clara University School of Law. She worked in the Public Defenders office and has been an active advocate in the community for youth.

### **Andrew Cain**

Andrew Cain is a former Directing Attorney of the Legal Advocates for Children and Youth (LACY) program at the Law Foundation of Silicon Valley. Andrew spent 17 years with LACY before departing in 2024. In that role he oversaw all of LACY's work, including programs that served youth involved in the child welfare and/or juvenile justice systems. He remains a member of the Santa Clara County Child Abuse Prevention Council, serving as its Treasurer and Chair of the Allocations Committee. He formerly served on the Santa Clara County Domestic Violence Council and the county's Intimate Partner Violence Task Force. Outside of Santa Clara County, he previously served as Chair of the California State Bar's Family Law Executive Committee. Since departing the Law Foundation Andrew has focused on parenting his two teenage children and various sports coaching opportunities.

### **Deryk Clark**

Deryk Clark has 30 years of community-centered leadership in non-profit management focused on developing, strategic planning, implementing, and overseeing impactful programs that have served homeless, foster care, and probation youth and families. Presently, Deryk is Director of Strategic Partnerships & Advocacy at Bill Wilson Center; identifying, cultivating, and managing high-level relationships with external partners, identifying key policy issues, and monitoring legislative developments to lobby decision-makers. Deryk is a Board of Director Member with San Jose Conversation Corp + Charter School, Lighthouse of Hope Counseling Center and Governance Board Member of Santa Clara County Office of Education Opportunity Youth Academy (OYA). Previous Board of Director member for California Youth Connection, and previous member of Santa Clara County Juvenile Justice Systems Collaborative (JJSC) Race Equity Through Prevention Workgroup.

### **Dev Ghoshal**

Dev Ghoshal was born in India and moved to the United States to pursue higher education. Following an MBA from University of Pennsylvania, Dev spent his early years working at McKinsey, a global management Consulting firm, advising corporate and government officials on strategy and operations. He then joined and helped grow a supply-chain software company to multi-billion \$ revenue, leading their European and then global services organization. Moving to Santa Clara County in 2005, he spent the next 15 years as GM of businesses at Microsoft and Sun Microsystems, as well as helping build two successful startups in the software security space. His passion remains in helping organizations achieve their objectives with the right mix of strategy and focus.

He currently plays a more advisory role and helps several Silicon Valley startups on their growth strategy as part of their Boards. He is also honored to serve on the Advisory Board of San Francisco State University's School of Business. He was a member of the 2021 Civil Grand Jury and then joined the JJC in mid-2022.

### **Karen Guldán**

Karen Guldán moved to California to attend Santa Clara University, where she received a BS in Biology, MBA in Business Administration, and JD. After her first job as a chemist, she transitioned to high-tech and has worked in GPS/GNSS technology and business for the balance of her career. She is active in the community, driving the creation of a weekly food pantry in conjunction with Second Harvest during COVID which now serves more than 400 families per week. She has been a CASA (Court-Appointed Special Advocate) for 10 years for several youth, and now supervises other CASAs. She's been on the board of the Bill Wilson Center since 2009, and is also an active volunteer at the Humane Society of Silicon Valley, Hospice of the Valley, and San Jose Animal Care & Services. She is also on the Board of Directors for Silicon Valley High School.

### **Patrick Lopez-Aguado**

Patrick is an Associate Professor of Sociology at Santa Clara University who specializes in juvenile justice and the legal construction of gang affiliation. He was born and raised in Santa Clara County before earning his PhD at the University of California at Santa Barbara in 2013. In 2018, he published

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*Stick Together and Come Back Home: Racial Sorting and the Spillover of Carceral Identity* with University of California Press based on his dissertation research.

### **Nora Manchester**

Nora has served on the Juvenile Justice Commission for over 40 years. Born in New York State, she moved to California when her husband enrolled in UC Berkeley School of Law. She received her BA from Seton Hill University and her MA in Sociology from Fordham University. Nora worked as a social worker in Contra Costa County and a Juvenile Probation Officer in Santa Clara County. She joined the Board of Children's Research Institute and later California Children's Lobby because of her commitment to create change and safety for children through legislation. Nora is the Founder of Child Advocates of Santa Clara county and then of San Mateo county. She served 12 years as the Executive Director as well as President of the State CASA Association. Nora currently works as the Director of the Myra Reinhard Family Foundation.

### **Neha Parthasarathi (Youth commissioner)**

Neha Parthasarathi is a current senior at Silver Creek High School within the East Side Union District. She plans to pursue her undergraduate years with studies in corporate finance and hopes to attain her JD post-graduate. She is the founder and president of the student-led 501c3 nonprofit, Voiceopedia. Working to empower refugee youth within their secondary education pathways, she hosts career exploration, financial literacy, and public speaking camps in collaboration with schools in the United States and globally in Myanmar. Neha has also received several service commendations, including the California State Senate volunteer award from the Office of Senator Dave Cortese, a nomination for the US Presidential Scholar, and Gold Presidential Volunteer Service recognition. Aligning with her interest to explore the interdisciplinary studies of legislation, labor, and education systems, she is grateful that the JJC enables her to immerse herself within youth equity movements.

### **Howard Pomerantz**

Howard Pomerantz has lived and worked in Santa Clara County since 1989. He has a Ph.D. from Brandeis University and worked in the computer industry for over thirty years where he has held such positions as individual contributor and Vice President. Howard has taught part-time at De Anza College, the De Anza College Youth Enrichment Program, and San Francisco State University. Howard has been a member of the board of directors of non-profit organizations in Silicon Valley and has served two terms on the Santa Clara County Civil Grand Jury.

### **Vaishali "Shali" Sirkay**

Vaishali "Shali" Sirkay was born and raised in New York City, the daughter of immigrants from India. A proud product of the K-12 public education system in NYC, she went on to receive her Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology from Barnard College at Columbia University, and her Master of Public Health from Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine. She has done community development work in New Orleans, New York City, and the San Francisco Bay Area for a variety of target populations. Bringing public health and public education together, in 2018 she was elected to the Los Altos School District Board of Trustees as a Governing Board Member, a position she still holds. She also serves on the Board of Directors of the statewide Asian Pacific Islander School Board Members Association, the leadership team of the Santa Clara County School Boards Association, and several other nonprofit boards. Shali's work on the Juvenile Justice Commission brings her work in

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public education, public health, social justice, and social determinants of health under one umbrella. As a school board member and commissioner on the Juvenile Justice Commission, Shali believes in addressing the whole child, and working with children and families wherever they are in the continuum of education, mental and physical health and wellness, and socio-economic and cultural integration.

### **Diana Traub**

Diana Traub was born and raised in the Bay Area. Having her own lived experience in multiple systems throughout her upbringing, Diana found her passion early on for promoting social justice and equality for vulnerable populations. After experiencing many hardships, Diana pursued her G.E.D. and continued her education to pursue social work, ultimately obtaining licensure in this field (LCSW.) Diana has worked with Santa Clara County's most vulnerable and highest-acuity youth for the past 16 years in multiple positions to help stabilize youth with their families and create sustainability in their natural environments. She also worked for a former California State Senator serving the 15th Senate district, engaging in mental health and social justice policy work. During this time she further engaged the community as the Principal Consultant for a bipartisan Mental Health Caucus and statewide Mental Health Select Committee. Diana's personal experience and professional history have ignited her desire to serve her community through the Santa Clara County's Juvenile Justice Commission.

### **Michelle Wu (Youth Commissioner)**

Michelle Wu is a current junior at Adrian Wilcox High School within the Santa Clara Unified School District. She helps lead the business club, the Wilcox Business Experience, with the goal of supporting financial literacy initiatives in closing the socioeconomic gap. She also actively supports the Santa Clara Schools Foundation, the school district's official nonprofit profit, in giving back to the students, staff, and community through fundraising and event coordination. Michelle is also involved in Peer Court, learning more about intervention options and resources for her peers. Because of her interests in restorative justice and public policy, she appreciates the opportunity to be part of the Juvenile Justice Commission.