

Opening Statements

Dr. Bob Ross

Robert K. Ross, M.D., is president and chief executive officer for The California Endowment, a health foundation established in 1996 to address the health needs of Californians. Prior to his appointment in September 2000, Dr. Ross served as director of the Health and Human Services Agency for the County of San Diego from 1993 to 2000, and Commissioner of Public Health for the City of Philadelphia from 1990 to 1993. Dr. Ross has an extensive background as a clinician and public health administrator. His service includes: medical director for LINK School-Based Clinic Program, Camden, New Jersey; instructor of clinical medicine, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia; and faculty member at San Diego State University's School of Public Health.

Dr. Ross has been actively involved in community and professional activities at both the local and national level. He served as a member of the National Vaccine Advisory Committee, and on the boards of the National Marrow Donor Program, San Diego United Way and Jackie Robinson YMCA. He is a Diplomate of the American Academy of Pediatrics, served on the President's Summit for America's Future and as chairman of the national Boost for Kids Initiative. Dr. Ross received his undergraduate, masters in Public Administration and medical degrees from the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia.

Framing the Challenges and the Solutions

Angela Glover Blackwell

Angela Glover Blackwell is the founder and chief executive officer of PolicyLink, which was established in 1999 to advance economic and social equity. Under her leadership PolicyLink has become a leading voice in the movement to use public policy to improve access and opportunity for low-income people and communities of color. A renowned community-building activist and advocate, Blackwell served as senior vice president of the Rockefeller Foundation, where she oversaw the foundation's Domestic and Cultural divisions. A lawyer by training, Blackwell gained national recognition as founder of the Oakland (California) Urban Strategies Council, where she pioneered new approaches to neighborhood revitalization.

From 1977 to 1987 she was a partner at Public Advocates, a nationally known public-interest law firm. She is the coauthor of *Uncommon Common Ground: Race and America's Future* and a contributor to *Ending Poverty in America: How to Restore the American Dream*. Blackwell earned a bachelor's degree from Howard University and a law degree from the School of Law, University of California, Berkeley. She serves on numerous boards and served as cochair of a task force on poverty for the Center for American Progress.

Raquel Mariscal

Raquel Mariscal is a Senior Consultant for the Annie E. Casey foundation; co-managing the Juvenile Detention Alternative's Initiative (JDAI), perhaps the nation's most ambitious effort to date to demonstrate that jurisdictions can safely reduce reliance on secure juvenile detention. Ms. Mariscal began her formal work in JDAI as the Senior Associate for Juvenile Justice Reform with the Annie E. Casey Foundation.

A member of the California Bar, Ms. Mariscal previously worked as the Executive Director of the Criminal Justice Council of Santa Cruz County, California. Her career includes: administrative analyst for Santa Cruz County fourth district supervisor, providing criminal/juvenile defense services in private practice and ten years working as an attorney in the Public Defender's office of Santa Cruz County. Throughout her tenure in these positions, Ms. Mariscal continued to advocate for the development of alternatives to incarceration, equitable justice services for all residents of Santa Cruz County, addressing racial and ethnic disparities, and other justice system reforms. A family farm-worker legacy has shaped her values and commitment to social justice. She has presented nationally on numerous topics related to juvenile justice reform.

Ms. Mariscal holds a BA in Sociology from the University of California at Santa Cruz and earned her Doctorate of Jurisprudence from the Monterey College of Law in Monterey, California. She currently sits on the board of directors of the W. Haywood Burns Institute for Juvenile Justice Fairness and Equity, and the Fund for Nonviolence.

Ms. Mariscal is the proud mother of a daughter, Xochitlquetzal, son, Gabriel and grandson Cuahatemoc.

Youth Perspectives

Francisco Gutierrez

Hiram Johnson High School Graduate class of 2006. Co-Chair Person to the Sacramento Building Healthy Communities Initiative. Raised in South Sacramento, Elder Creek Florin Road area, oldest of 3 children. Activist and community Organizer and agitator. Studying Graphic Communication at Sacramento City College with plans to transfer to UC Davis.

Fong Tran

Fong Tran is the Youth Specialist at Asian Resources Community Service and counsels youth in their pursuit of career, college and community leadership. Within his work, he incorporates and advises an incredible youth leadership group called YouthRISE who is dedicated to community organizing around youth based issues. Fong was raised in South Sacramento and is the product of an incredible single mother of five. As a refugee from Vietnam, Fong's mother has sacrificed a lot for her son to succeed and receive his Bachelors of Arts in Social Welfare and double minor in Education and Public Policy from UC Berkeley.

Shuntae Campbell

Shuntae Campbell was born on November 30, 1989 in Sacramento, California. Shuntae grew up in a fairly underprivileged neighborhood in the South area of Sacramento called Meadowview. Shuntae became a gang member at the age of 10. He was acknowledged by his peers for fighting, "gang banging," and his general lifestyle. At the age of 16, Shuntae Campbell experienced something that would change his life forever. He knew that it was time to make a change for the better. When Shuntae Campbell turned 17, he began to give back to the Meadowview community by speaking out to the youth about his own experiences, truly believing that he can help save youth from going down the wrong path. He is credited for his prevalent voice, unique delivery, and ability to grasp the attention of the audience

Local Perspectives

Jonathan London

Jonathan London is an educator, researcher, and community-builder with expertise in participatory research, rural community development, and community engaged planning. Jonathan holds a BA from Brown University, a Masters and a Ph.D. from UC Berkeley. As Assistant Professor of Human and Community Development at UC Davis. Jonathan's research addresses conflicts and collaboration in natural resource and environmental issues, with a particular emphasis on marginalized rural communities and environmental justice issues in the Sierra Nevada and the Central Valley. London also directs the UC Davis Center for Regional Change, which serves as a catalyst for multi-disciplinary research that informs efforts to build healthy, prosperous, equitable, and sustainable regions. London served as the Principal Investigator for Healthy Youth/ Healthy Regions. Prior to coming to UC Davis, he co-founded and directed Youth In Focus, a non-profit organization, dedicated to youth empowerment and social change through youth-led research, evaluation and planning.

Bradley Palmer

Bradly Palmer is a Junior at West Sacramento Early College Prep Charter School. He has been a member of the West Sacramento Youth Resource Coalition since 2006, and is a founding member of the coalition's Sactown Heroes youth leadership group. As a key leader and spokesperson for the coalition, Bradly brings a strong youth voice to coalition work and to the community. He served as chairperson of the West Sacramento Youth Commission in 2009, and would like to see youth voice increase and more organizations turn to youth in the community to help make decisions. Being a part of the coalition and projects like *Youth Voices for Change* has increased Bradly's sense of pride in knowing he's a part of something important and lasting in the community. During the *Youth Voices for Change* project, he worked with other young people to map the community with photos, videos and personal observations. Bradly likes to see and be a part of action that results in positive outcomes.

Irvis Orozco

Sacramento Building Healthy Communities Leader

Daryl Jenkins

Darryl E. Jenkins is currently the 100 Black Men of America, Inc, Economic Empowerment Committee Chair, a Leadership Development Institute (LDI) Fellow (*charter member*), Immediate Past President of 100 Black Men of Sacramento, Inc. (*served for two terms*). Also has achieved a 30 year career with AT&T Services, Inc., as WEST Region Network Planning & Engineering Area Manager for Northern California. Darryl is a graduate of Perpperdine University, George L. Graziao School of Business and Management. He completed Master of Science studies in Telecommunication & Data Communication at Golden Gate University, is married for 37 years to Susan M. Jenkins, and has three children, Nicole, Kara, Darryl A., wife Juanita and grandson, Vaughn Jenkins.

Mr. Jenkins joined the 100 Black Men of Sacramento, Inc. in 2003, was appointed Chair of the Health & Wellness Committee and became President in 2006. He is also currently President of the Education

Recourse Board for the School of Education at California State University Sacramento and Board Member of the Sacramento Community Cancer Coalition. Mr. Jenkins is a 21-year member of Palo Alto Alumni Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity and served on the Scholarship and Golf Committee. Darryl has served and appointed to several committees such as the Sacramento City Unified School District and Board support, is Lead Sacramento Chapter Mentor for Father Keith B. Kenney Elementary School (Sacramento City School District). He has held a host of Board positions in Sacramento such as with the Black Chamber of Commerce, past Communication Director and member of the Sacramento NAACP, member of the California Black Chamber of Commerce and is involved with many other community services organization. Darryl has been awarded a variety of distinguish service awards and is a Deacon and member of Faith Fellowship Community Church.

Elaine Abelaye

As the Executive Director for Asian Resources, Inc. Elaine Abelaye has dedicated her professional career to serving her community. Ms. Abelaye holds a bachelor's degree in Communication from Saint Mary's College of California. She currently serves on the Stockton Boulevard Redevelopment Advisory Council for the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency and previously served on the South Sacramento Committee Addressing Race Equity, as an Advisory Board Member for Asian Pacific Community Counseling's Transcultural Wellness Center and on the Board of the National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum-Sacramento Chapter. Earlier this year, Ms. Abelaye was awarded the inaugural Equity Award from the Coalition on Regional Equity (a project of the Sacramento Housing Alliance) and in 2008, Ms. Abelaye was awarded the Community Reinvestment Act Panther Award by the California Reinvestment Coalition.

Ms. Abelaye has demonstrated true leadership and commitment to the social, community and economic development needs of low-income individuals and families throughout Sacramento County. In today's changing and diverse society, Ms. Abelaye believes that financial independence is the vehicle by which community members lift themselves out of poverty, and education and activism is the foundation to reaching social equity.

Strategic Solutions & Strategies - Education

John Rogers

John Rogers is an Associate Professor in UCLA's Graduate School of Education and Information Studies and the Director of UCLA's Institute for Democracy, Education and Access (IDEA). He also serves as the faculty co-director of UCLA's Principal Leadership Institute. Professor Rogers received his Ph.D. in Education from Stanford University and his B.A. in Public Policy and African American Studies from Princeton University.

Professor Rogers is an expert on the quality and distribution of learning conditions in California public schools and communities and for several years has authored the *California Educational Opportunity Report* that is widely used by state lawmakers as well as civic and community organizations.

Professor Rogers also studies the role of public engagement in equity-focused school reform and civic renewal. He is the co-author of *Learning Power: Organizing for Education and Justice* (2006) and the co-editor of *Public Engagement for Public Education: Revitalizing Democracy and Equalizing Schools* (2010)

Rhoda Freelon

Rhoda Freelon is a doctoral student in the Urban Schooling Division of UCLA's Graduate School of Education and Information Studies. She also works as a Graduate Student Researcher for UCLA's Institute for Democracy, Education, and Access (IDEA) where she uses local, state and national data for analyses of educational equity and opportunity. Her research explores parent engagement and the intersectionality of race and class-based educational inequality.

Jeremy Lahoud

Jeremy Lahoud is Executive Director of Californians for Justice. Californians for Justice is a statewide grassroots organization working for racial justice by building the power of youth, communities of color, immigrants, low-income families, and LGBTQ communities. Led by students, they organize to advance educational justice and to improve social, economic, and political conditions. He provides support, vision, and leadership for CFJ to live out its mission and achieve its strategic goals. His responsibilities include working with CFJ's statewide Board of Directors to ensure organizational and financial stability, supporting the organizing and statewide staff to lead successful and proactive educational justice campaigns, and developing relationships with donors and funders to raise funds for movement work. Prior to moving to California in 2004, he spent ten years organizing for racial and educational justice with African American, Latino, and Arab American youth in southwest Chicago.

Carolyn Laub

Carolyn Laub serves as the Executive Director of Gay-Straight Alliance Network, which she founded at age 23. GSA Network is the largest youth-driven organization empowering youth to fight homophobia and transphobia in schools in the US. Her activism has mobilized a vibrant, racially and economically diverse LGBTQ and straight ally youth movement, by expanding the number of Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA) clubs in California high schools and middle schools from 40 in 1998 to more than 850 clubs in 2011. GSA clubs support lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning, and straight ally youth and engage youth activists in the fight to end harassment, discrimination, and violence based on sexual orientation and gender identity in schools. GSA Network's successful California youth-led organizing model is being replicated in other states, thereby accelerating the growth and impact of the GSA movement nationwide.

Carolyn helped lead the effort to pass California's school nondiscrimination law, the California Student Safety and Violence Prevention Act of 2000. Her organization has co-sponsored several other pieces of legislation impacting the health and safety of LGBT youth in schools, including: the Student Civil Rights Act, Safe Place to Learn Act, Mental Health Access for At-Risk Youth, and the FAIR (Fair, Accurate, Inclusive, and Respectful) Education Act. She co-founded the California Safe Schools Coalition in 2001, and has also co-chaired the National Safe Schools Roundtable for 2 years.

Carolyn received a 4-year fellowship from the Echoing Green Foundation in 1999 that helped launch GSA Network. In 2000, she was honored as one of the first U.S. recipients of the international Ashoka Fellowship for her work as a social entrepreneur. Carolyn graduated from Stanford University in 1995 with a BA in Cultural Anthropology with a focus on the social construction of race, gender, and sexuality in contemporary American culture.

Strategic Solutions & Strategies – Safety & Juvenile Justice

James Bell

James Bell is the Founder and Executive Director of the W. Haywood Burns Institute. Mr. Bell has been successfully working to reduce racial and ethnic disparities in the youth justice system in over 70 jurisdictions across the United States. He has worked closely with judges, law enforcement, probation, attorneys, community organizations, youth and families to engage this seemingly intractable problem.

He has appeared on Nightline and the Tavis Smiley show. Also he authored the Unequal Justice section in the Covenant with Black America as well as the Criminal Justice Policy Paper for the national Black/Latino Summit. James has extensive experience in the international juvenile justice arena: he assisted the African National Congress in the administration of the juvenile justice system in South Africa; recently worked with Chinese officials and policymakers on alternatives for proven risk youth moving from the countryside to the cities and worked closely on restorative justice policies with officials in New Zealand and Australia.

Judge David Gottlieb

Judge David Gottlieb attended the University of California, Santa Barbara, where he graduated with a double major in Psychology and Political Science in 1984. Thereafter he attended the University of San Francisco and received his Juris Doctorate in 1987. After passing the bar exam, Judge Gottlieb worked for a short time in the Bay Area before moving to Fresno where for fifteen years he practiced criminal defense law handling cases ranging from DUIs to death penalty cases throughout the Central Valley. In 2003, Judge Gottlieb was selected by the Superior Court to serve as a Court Commissioner and shortly thereafter in 2005 Judge Gottlieb was appointed to the bench by Governor Schwarzenegger. Judge Gottlieb is currently the Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Delinquency Court for Fresno County. Previous to serving as Presiding Judge, Judge Gottlieb presided over a Criminal Direct Calendar and a Domestic Violence Specialty Court. Judge Gottlieb has been involved with innovative programs at the Juvenile Court including FBHC (Family Behavioral Health Court) which provides specialized collaborative service for delinquent juveniles, CJC (Community Justice Conference) a unique predisposition restorative justice program and actively participates in the Juvenile Justice Commission and Fresno County Interagency. He also actively participates in other collaborative projects.

Chief Ron Davis

Ronald Davis was appointed East Palo Alto Police Chief on May 31, 2005. Prior to his appointment, Chief Davis spent 19 years with the Oakland Police Department where he rose to the rank of Captain.

In East Palo Alto, Chief Davis has led an organizational reform and community policing effort that has increased public trust and confidence and achieved dramatic crime and violence reductions in a city once dubbed the murder capital of the United States. Since 2006, homicides have been reduced by over 50% and overall crime is down over 20%.

Chief Davis partnered with the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) to implement a model parole-reentry program that has reduced parole recidivism rates. The East Palo Alto police department is the only police agency in the state to operate a CDCR-funded reentry program.

Chief Davis is the author of the article “Bias-Based Policing” and the co-author of the U.S. Department of Justice publication, “How to Correctly Collect and Analyze Racial Profiling Data: Your Reputation Depends on It”. Chief Davis is a member of Fight Crime: Invest in Kids and the prestigious Harvard University Executive Sessions on Policing and Public Safety.

Chief Davis possesses a Bachelors of Science degree from Southern Illinois University (SIU) and has completed the Senior Executives in State and Local Government Program at Harvard University’s, John F. Kennedy School of Government.

Strategic Solutions & Strategies – Employment and Wealth

Linda Collins

Linda Collins is the Executive Director of the Career Ladders Project (CLP), a non-profit organization working to foster educational and career advancement for Californians through research, policy and direct support to community colleges and their workforce partners. CLP has a particular focus on addressing the needs and achievement of students from communities which have historically been underrepresented in post-secondary education and in high wage careers. CLP operates under the fiscal sponsorship of the Foundation for California Community Colleges.

Linda is frequently asked to consult on state and national policy efforts. Linda has extensive experience with educational and workforce development policy, having worked closely with the Board of Governors for the California Community Colleges (CCC) to develop the statewide Ladders of Opportunity policy initiative and the large-scale Career Advancement Academy (CAA) demonstration project designed to connect young adults to high wage career pathways. While a faculty member at Los Medanos College, Linda served two terms as President of the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges.

Linda is a founding member of the California EDGE Campaign, a non-partisan coalition—including business, labor, community colleges, workforce boards and social justice organizations—focused on policy change and systems alignment to improve the state’s workforce development system. Linda is also a founding director of LearningWorks, a new center for linking knowledge, policy and practice in order to improve student achievement in the California Community Colleges.

Linda Harris

Ms. Harris is the Director of Youth Policy at the Center for Law and Social Policy (CLASP). She has more than 25 years of experience in youth and workforce development policy, research and

administration at the local, state and national levels. Her expertise is in the areas of disconnected and disadvantaged youth in high poverty communities and workforce development policy. She co-chairs the Campaign for Youth, an alliance of national organizations that focuses policy attention on the disconnected youth challenge in this nation. She also played a lead role in establishing Communities Collaborating to Reconnect Youth (CCRY) Network, a vehicle for peer-to-peer exchange among communities that are engaged in cross-system programming for high-risk youth. CLASP has partnered with the 2025 Campaign for Black Men and Boys to elevate the crisis confronting young men of color. Ms. Harris' publications include *Creating Postsecondary Pathways to Good Jobs for Young High School Dropouts*, *Learning from the Youth Opportunity Experience: Building Delivery Capacity in Distressed Communities*, *What's a Youngster to Do: The Education and Labor Market Plight of Youth in High Poverty Communities*, *Community-wide systems that Promote High School Completion*, *Building a Comprehensive Youth Employment Delivery System: Examples of Effective Practice*, *Building Pathways to Postsecondary Success for Low Income Young Men of Color*, and *Making the Workforce - Justice Connection for Re-entering Youth Offenders*. With her CLASP team she has authored numerous policy and legislative briefs.

Prior to CLASP, she served for many years as Director of the Baltimore City Mayor's Office of Employment Development and as Administrator for the Baltimore City Private Industry Council. Ms. Harris provided consulting and technical support to several communities across the country on design and implementation of workforce programs for youth and adults. Working with colleagues she established the Maryland Institute for Employment and Training Professionals and has served on numerous state and national boards, including: the Governor's Employment and Training Council and the Governor's Advisory Council on Family Preservation in Maryland; the Board of Trustees of the Conference of Mayors' Workforce Development Council; the National Association of Workforce Development Professionals' Board; Maryland Workforce Development Association Board, and the Baltimore Empowerment Zone Board. She holds a Bachelor of Science in mathematics from Morgan State University and a Master of Science in Urban and Public Affairs from Carnegie-Mellon University

Strategic Solutions & Strategies – Health

Dr. Michael Rodriguez

Dr. Michael A. Rodríguez is Professor and Vice Chair for Research in the Department of Family Medicine at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, Director of the Network for Multicultural Health & Healthcare Research and Associate Director of the UCLA Primary Care Research Fellowship. His research activities focus on ethnic/racial health care disparities including violence prevention, and patient-provider communication of sensitive issues. He is a leading researcher and policy expert in the areas of intimate partner violence, quality of healthcare for multiethnic populations across the age spectrum and workforce diversity. He has published widely and lectured internationally on the topics of intimate partner violence, medical education, and cross-cultural medicine. He has consulted for the World Health Organization, UNICEF, the Pan American Health Organization, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Institute of Medicine. He is a Board Member for the Latino Coalition for a Healthy California and an Advisor for the Latino Medical Student Association. Dr. Rodriguez mentors and teaches UCLA faculty and trainees in a wide range of schools while volunteering at a community health center serving uninsured patients in Los Angeles.

Dr. Rodríguez completed his undergraduate training at the University of California, Berkeley; received his medical degree from the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA; completed his residency from the UC San Francisco's Family Medicine Residency Program; received his Master of Public Health degree at the John Hopkins University School of Hygiene and Public Health; and was a Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholar at Stanford University.

Ignacio Ferrey

Ignacio is a father, educator and advocate committed to community involvement and eliminating health disparities as they impact communities of color, specifically among Latino families, men and youth. Ignacio works at La Clínica de La Raza, Inc. headquartered in Oakland, California. La Clínica provides comprehensive health services in Alameda, Contra Costa and Solano Counties. He has over 12 years of experience working with youth and young adults in various settings and capacities, including education, county health department, juvenile justice and community based organizations in Los Angeles and the San Francisco Bay Area. For over five years, Ignacio has worked at La Clinica in the capacity of program development, strategic and program planning as well as leading agency initiatives, including the Latino Male Health Project and School Based Health Center expansion efforts. The Latino Male Health Project is a multidisciplinary group of La Clínica practitioners and managers charged with recommending appropriate strategies and priorities to improve the health outcomes of (Latino) males. He is dedicated to improving the health and well-being of low-income, marginalized communities through health, education and organizational development.

Ignacio is an alumnus of the Clinic Leadership Institute, a program of the Blue Shield of California. He has also served as a parent member on the Board of Directors for Growth and Learning Opportunities – an afterschool enrichment program in San Francisco, CA. He has taught at City College of San Francisco in the Health Education & Community Health Department, and is also a graduate and past Adjunct Trainer of the Coro Center for Civic Leadership's Community Leadership Program. Ignacio received his Bachelor's of Arts degree in Sociology from San Jose State University and Master's of Public Health (MPH) in Community Health Sciences and Master's of Arts (MA) in Latin American Studies from the University of California, Los Angeles.