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Santa Clara County, home of the San Francisco 49ers, incorporated in February 1850. The 2020 estimated population is 1,936,259. **Dr. Jeffrey V. Smith, M.D., J.D.** is the Santa Clara County Executive Officer. Santa Clara County has fifteen incorporated cities. This is the second in a three-part series covering those cities. The third five cities include Palo Alto, San Jose, Santa Clara, Saratoga and Sunnyvale. Santa Clara County has a population of 1,928,000 in an area of 1,291 square miles. The median home price in the county is \$1,397,00.

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In 1855, what is Palo Alto today was known as the town of Mayfield. The city was founded in 1894 by **Leland Stanford** when he was developing Stanford University in memory of his son, **Leland Stanford Jr.** Palo Alto in a charter city named for a variety of the coastal redwood trees known as El Palo Alto. The city incorporated in April 1894. **Ed Shikada** is the City Manager and **Kiely Nosé** is the Assistant City Manager. **Chantal Gaines** is the Deputy City Manager and **Meghan Horrigan-Taylor** is the Chief Communications Officer. **Jonathan Lait** is the Director of Planning and Development Services. The Palo Alto City Clerk is **Lesley Milton**. **Kristen O'Kane** is the Director of Community Services. **Andrew Binder** is the Chief of Police and **Geoffrey Blackshire** is the Fire Chief.

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City Manager **Ed Shikada** of Palo Alto began his public service career as Project Manager for a transportation planning and engineering consultant in Santa Monica (1985-1991). From 1991 to 1995, Ed worked as a Congestion Management Program Manager

for the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority. He worked as the Director of Public Works for the City of Long Beach starting in 1995. In 2003 Ed took a Deputy City Manager position in San José and moved up to Chief Deputy City Manager and Assistant City Manager during the next 10-years. Ed was appointed to the San José City Manager position in December 2013. He left San José in January 2015 and became the Assistant City Manager and General Manager of Utilities in Palo Alto in April 2015. When City Manager **James Keene** retired in 2018 Ed was selected to be the new City Manager in December 2018. Ed earned a BS from the University of Hawaii, Manoa and a Master's degree in architecture and urban planning from the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA). Ed also completed special certificate programs as Harvard University Kennedy School and at Stanford University.



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James Keene Jr. began his public management career in 1980 as an Intern in Montgomery County, Maryland. In 1981 Jim was retained by Rockville, Maryland as a Budget Analyst and in 1983 he was promoted to a position in the Office of Management & Budget. Jim left Rockville in 1985 when he joined the Loudoun County, Virginia staff as Assistant County Administrator. In 1987 he became the Deputy County Administrator and in 1991 Jim left Loudoun County to move west. He took the County Manager post in Coconino County, Arizona. After about 5-years, Jim moved to California when he was selected to serve as the City Manager of Berkeley in 1996. In 2000 he returned to Arizona when he was appointed City Manager Tucson. Jim was the Tucson City Manager until 2005. That year he was appointed Executive Director of the California State Association of Counties (CSAC). In 2007 he took the job of Director of Strategic Issues and ICMA West, where he worked with Cal-ICMA. Jim was appointed City Manager in Palo Alto in 2008. He retired in 2018. Jim earned a BA and an MA from the University of Maryland. Jim served as an ICMA Legacy Leader between 2007 and 2011. He is a past Board Member of the Arizona City/County Management Association.

Frank Benest is an ICMA Credential Manager. He served as the Palo Alto City Manager from April 2000 to August 2008. Frank previously served as City Manager in Colton (1986-1989) and Brea (1989-2000). Frank was the Director of Human Services in the City of Gardena (1974-1986). Since retiring, Frank has worked as a public management consultant and as an ICMA Senior Advisor for the Next Generation Initiatives. Frank earned a BA from Yale University, an MA in public administration from California State University, Long Beach, and an Ed.D. degree from Brigham Young University.

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San José is the largest city in Northern California in population and area. Founded in November 1777 the City of San José incorporated in March 1850 on the same day as San Diego and

Benicia. San José has a 2020 population of 1,013,240 and an area of 181.36 square miles. The area has a rich history with the Spanish Crown and Mexican government and the building of the Missions. The City Manager is **Jennifer Maguire** and **Toni Taber** is the City Clerk.



Jennifer Maguire, after working as Acting City Manager, was appointed City Manager in 2021. She has worked for the City of San José for more than 30-years in various positions. She started in 1991 as a Budget Analyst. Jennifer focused on employee and labor relations

issues in 1998 as Assistant City Manager. She became Assistant Budget Director in 2000 and in 2008 she was appointed Budget Director. In 2012 Jennifer was named among the San Jose/Silicon Valley Business Journal's 100 Women of Influence and the YMCA presented her with a Tribute to Women Award. Jennifer earned a BS in psychology and an MBA from Santa Clara University. Jennifer has been a San José resident for more than 24-years and she has lived in Santa Clara County most of her life.



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Lee Wilcox is the Assistant City Manager for the City of San José. Lee was a Legislative Assistant in the California State Assembly (March 2002-May 2003) and a Legislative & Grassroots Mobilization Coordinator with a private firm (May 2003-December 2004). In January 2005 to October 2008 Lee worked as Chief of Staff with the San José City Council. He became Assistant to the City Manager & Downtown Manager in November 2008 and in January 2015 he started working as the Budget Director. In November 2017 Lee became Chief of Staff as a member of the City Manager's Executive Management Team. He was made Deputy City Manager in February 2021 and Assistant City Manager in September 2021. Lee earned a BA from Sonoma State University and an MPA from the University of Colorado, Denver. He also completed special leadership programs at Harvard University.

San Jose City Managers

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Jennifer Maguire July 2021–present

Historical List of San José City Manager

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Santa Clara was first visited by Europeans when **José Francisco Ortega** came in 1769. The Spanish colonized California with 21 missions. The Mission Santa Clara de Asis was established in

1777. Santa Clara is in the center of Silicon Valley, and is the home of Santa Clara University, the oldest university in California established in 1851. Levi's Stadium, where the San Francisco 49ers play NFL football, is also located in Santa Clara. The city incorporated in July 1852. The 2020 population is 127,647. **Rajeev Batra** has served as the Interim City Manager since last April. San Bruno City Manager **Jovan D. Grogan** is the new City Manager starting May 1. **Hosam Haggag** is the City Clerk. **James F. Teixeira** is the Santa Clara Director of Parks & Recreation and **Aracely Azevedo** is the Director of Human Resources. **Cynthia Bojorquez**, **Ruth Shikada** and **Nadine Nader** are the Assistant City Manager and **Andrew Crabtree** is the Director of Community Development. **Kenn Lee** is the Director of Finance and the Public Works Director is **Craig Mobeck**.

Santa Clara City Manager **Rajeev Batra** was appointed as Interim City Manager following the firing of City Manager **Deanna Santana** at the end of February 2022. Rajeev previously served as Santa Clara Interim City Manager from April 2016 to March 2017. He was the City's Public Works Director for about 13-years before that leaving that position in March 2016. He retired in March 2017. Before joining the Santa Clara city staff Rajeev worked for the City of San José starting in 1983 and leaving for Santa Clara while serving as Acting Director of Public Works in June 2002. He was educated at Panjab Engineering College.

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Andrew Crabtree, Santa Clara Director of Community Development since August 2016, started his working career in the private sector in 1990 with the Shimizu Corporation of Tokyo, Japan. He worked for an architectural firm in Corvallis, Oregon (1994-1995), and he teacher and research assistant at MIT in Massachusetts (1995-1997). He was a Planning Intern in Oakland (1997-1998). Andrew was hired as a planner in San José 1998. In 2006 Andrew worked in the Campbell Office of the City Manager in a talent exchange program. He worked more than 15-years for San José and worked his way up to become the Environmental Review and Sustainability Division Manager starting in November 2011. In September 2013 Andrew went to work for the City of Morgan Hill as Community Development Director, before coming to work for the City of Santa Clara. Andrew has an impressive higher education record. He attended Oregon State University and earned a BSAD in architecture from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He completed the Harvard University intensive Japanese language program, and earned an ME in urban design from The University of Tokyo. He continued Japanese language training and earned a MCP in city planning from MIT.



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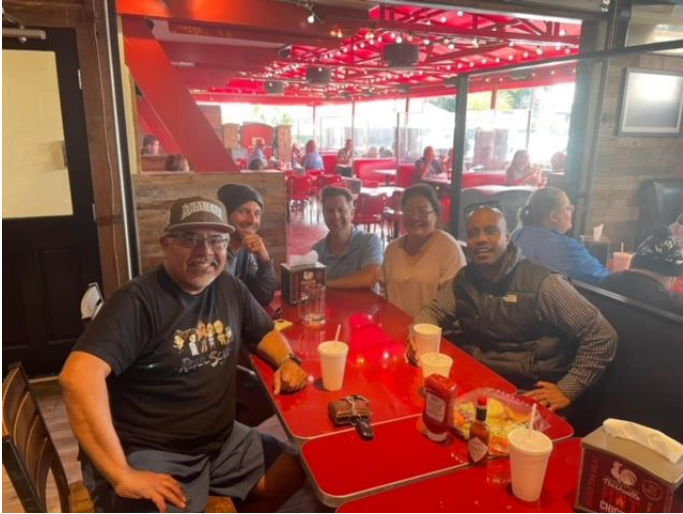
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Saratoga is an affluent residential community. In 1851 **Martin McCarthy** founded Saratoga as "McCarthyville." The first post office established in 1867 had the McCarthyville name. In 1863 the community was renamed Bank Mills. In 1865 the town was dubbed its final name Saratoga for Saratoga Springs, New York. Saratoga incorporated in October 1956. Its 2020 population is set at 31,051. **James Lindsay** is the City Manager and **Britt Avrit** is the Saratoga City Clerk. **Crystal Bothelio** is the Assistant City Manager and **Lauren Blom** is the Public Information Officer.

City Manager **James Lindsay** was a Permit Center Manager in Milpitas starting in 2000. He was Planning Manager starting in 2003. After a couple of private sector jobs (2005-2007), he returned to Milpitas as the Planning & Neighborhood Services Director (2007-2011). He joined Saratoga as Community Development Director in 2011 and he became City Manager in July 2014. James earned a BA from San Jose State University.



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Saratoga Assistant City Manager **Crystal Bothelio** began her public service career as a City Council Aide in the City of San José in 2005, and she was a Policy Analyst for a City Council Member in 2007. In November 2007 she was hired in Saratoga as an Administrative Analyst. She moved up to Assistant to the City Manager and City Clerk in 2011. Crystal was name Deputy City Manager in 2017 and Assistant City Manager in July 2019. She has been with Saratoga for more than 15-years. Crystal earned a BA from San Jose State University and an MPA from the University of San Francisco.



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The city incorporated in December

1912. Its 2020 population is estimated at 155,805.

Kent Steffens is the City Manager, and the Assistant City Manager is **Teri Silva**. The two Deputy City Manager are **Jaqui Guzmán** and **Connie Verceles**.

Trudi Ryan is the Community Development Director, and **Ramana Chinnakotla** is the Environmental Services Director. **Tim Kirby** is the Finance Director, the Human Resources Director is **Tina Murphy** and **Michelle Perera** is the Library & Recreation Services Director. **Chip Taylor** is the Public Works Director and the Public Safety Director is Chief **Phan S. Ngo**.

Sunnyvale City Manager **Kent Steffens** served as Interim City Manager from October 2017 after City Manager **Deanna Santana** left the city to become the Santa Clara City Manager. He was appointed City Manager in December 2017 after a national recruitment effort. Kent joined the Sunnyvale city staff in 2011 as Director of Public Works. He became Assistant City Manager in September 2014. Kent previously worked for the cities of Menlo Park, Palo Alto and Foster City. Prior to his city service he worked as a senior engineer for a Bay Area utility district and as a construction manager for the U.S. Navy.

Michelle Perera worked for the City of Rancho Cucamonga for more than 22-years starting in 1994. She was the Library Director when she left to become the Director of Library & Information Services in Pasadena starting in 2016. She joined the Sunnyvale staff as Director of Library and Recreation Services in 2022. She earned a BA from the University of California, Riverside, and an MLIS from San Jose State University.



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Picking Up the Pieces: Claremont

Assistant City Manager **Jamie Earl** joined the city staff in Claremont in August 2010 as a Senior Recreation Leader. She has risen through the ranks first as a Program Coordinator in Special Events starting in September 2012; Management Analyst, August 2014; Assistant to the City Manager, August 2016; and

Assistant City Manager starting in November 2020. Jamie earned a BS in health science from California State University, Fullerton. Morro Bay City Manager **Scott Collins** is leaving his position with the city for a position with the Housing Authority of San Luis Obispo (HASLO). Scott has served as the Morro Bay City Manager since November 2017. Prior to coming to Morro Bay, Scott was the Deputy City Manager for the City of Santa Cruz (206-2017) and Assistant to the City Manager before that (2011-2016). He worked in Colorado previous to his Santa Cruz positions. Scott was a Council Aide in Santa Cruz for 8-months in 2001, and then as a Constituent Intern with a U. S. Congress Member. He spent a year as a Research Assistant with ICMA in 2005-2006. Scott earned a BA in U.S. history from the University of California, Santa Cruz and an MPA from The George Washington University. **Mark Linder**, 76, is the new Interim City Manager for the City of Sonoma. Mark has a long public management record reaching back to 1987 when he served as Assistant General Manager of the Santa Cruz Metro Transit District. In 1991 he took the Assistant Town Manager position in Los Gatos, and in 1995 he became a Deputy City Manager in San Jose. From 1997 to 2002 Mark served as the San Jose Director of Parks, Recreation & Neighborhood Services. After serving as San Jose Assistant City Manager (2002-2006) and Deputy City Manager (2006-2008), Mark took the Director of Parks and Recreation position in Cupertino (2008-2013). He was City Manager in Campbell (2013-2016) before founding a private consultant firm in Santa Cruz. Since August 2022 Mark has worked part-time with Baker Tilly US in San Jose. Carpinteria City Manager **Dave Durlinger** has announced his retirement after 24-years with the city. He has served as City Manager since July 2001. Dave began his public service career with the City of Cathedral City as a planner starting in July 1988. Dave was promoted to Senior Planner in August 1995, and he became City Planner in Cathedral City in June 1998. Dave joined the City of Carpinteria city staff in January 1999 as Community Development Director. He earned an AA from Glendale College and a BA from the University of California, Riverside. In 2018 Dave received a 30-year ICMA Service Award. No timeline has been set for hiring a new City Manager.



Mark A. Waronek and his wife **Kristine Waronek** at the Hilton Santa Barbara Beachfront Resort during the 2023 Independent Cities Association (ICA) Winter Seminar. Mark is President and CEO of a consulting group. Mark is a Member of the Lomita City Council and a former Mayor. Mark is a past President of the California Contract Cities Association.



San Mateo City Manager **Drew Corbett** plans to retire June 30 this summer 2023. Drew has served as City Manager since 2018, and he was Assistant City Manager (2016-2018) after joining the San Mateo city staff in August 2015 as the Finance Director. Drew joined the City of Sunnyvale staff as a Budget Analyst in July 2005. He was promoted to Assistant Director of Finance and Budget Manager in August 2010. Drew left Sunnyvale to become the Finance Director in Menlo Park in August 2013. He earned a BA from The University of the South and an MBA from the University of Wisconsin School of Business in Madison. Montebello City Manager **Rene Bobadilla** is on a voluntary leave following action that diminishes the manager's authority, including his responsibilities to hire and fire. Rene has an admirable reputation as a municipal manager professional. He began his career as a civil engineer with the San Gabriel County Water District and with the County of Los Angeles. In 2008 he went to work in public works for the City of El Monte. From 2010 to 2012 he served as the El Monte City Manager. He was the Huntington Park City Manager (2012-2014) and then he was City Manager in Pico Rivera starting in June 2014. Rene was appointed to the Montebello City Manager position in July 2020. Rene earned a BS from California State Polytechnic University, Pomona.



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More Picking Up the Pieces: Jennifer Ott returned to the city staff in Alameda as City Manager in January. She left Alameda in 2018 to become the Assistant City Manager and Development Services Director in the City of Hayward. She previously served Alameda as Redevelopment Manager, Chief Operating Office of Alameda Point, Base Reuse and Transportation Planning Director, as well as, Acting Assistant City Manager. Jennifer earned a BA in history and Spanish from the University of California, Davis and an MPP from the University of California, Berkeley. Central Basin Municipal Water District General Manager **Alejandro "Alex" Rojas**—who was hired to rehabilitate the District Administration—faces charges of money laundering, soliciting a bribe and grand theft embezzlement. The charges, filed in August, stem from Alex's service as Superintendent of the Bassett Unified School District in La Puente from 2014-17, and not from his work at the District.



A Monarch in the Coachella Valley

City of Petaluma City Manager **Peggy Flynn** worked with the San Jose Redevelopment Agency starting in 1998. She was the Agency's Communication and Government Affairs Manager as well as serving as a Special Projects Manager. In 2004 Peggy took the Communications & Community Relations Manager position with the Santa Clara Valley Water District. After working as the Executive Director of the Downtown Bloomington Association in Illinois (2006-2008) and working a year as a self-employed consultant, she became the Community and Government Relations Manager for the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District in 2009. In 2012, Peggy joined the city staff in Novato as Assistant to the City Manager, and she was promoted to Assistant City Manager in 2017. Peggy was appointed City Manager for Petaluma in 2019. Benicia City Manager **Erik Upson** will retire effective February 28. Erik took the position when City Manager **Lorie Tinfow** stepped down in September 2020. He is the former Benicia Chief of Police. Erik said that he may do some volunteer police work with the Benicia department following his retirement. He had a 23-year career in law enforcement. Erik earned a BA from the University of California, Berkeley and an MPP from California State University, Long Beach. He served eight years in the Army and Army National Guard. Erik is an adjunct professor at Napa Valley College.



"A bad mood is never an excuse to use cruel words. Moods pass, but cruel words are like toothpaste and wound the soul."
—Anonymous

**Still More Pieces Picked Up:** Canyon Lake

City Manager **Chris Mann** resigned to take the Yucaipa City Manager position on March 1. Lake Elsinore Deputy City Manager **Nicole Dailey** is the new Canyon Lake City Manager. Nicole started as a Public Information Intern with the Rancho California Water District in July 2004. After working for a private public relations firm (2005-2009) she worked as a Communications Officer for the San Bernardino County Employees' Retirement Association (2009-2013). In May 2013 Nicole was appointed Deputy City Manager for the City of Lake Elsinore (May 2013-May 2022). Nicole earned a BA in communications from San Diego State University and an MBA from Pepperdine University Graziadio Business School.



SHORTS: ***Mohideen Faisal Buharie**, an engineer from Arcadia is replacing Ogdensburg, New York City Manager **Setephen P. Jellie**, who is the new Fire Chief in Jackson Hole, Wyoming. ***Corona** Assistant City Manager **Roger Bradley**, who previously worked for Kings County and Claremont, is the new Downey City Manager. *Former Bellflower Mayor and Council Member **Clyde Marvin Wilson**, 89, passed away January 21, 2023 in Winter Haven, Florida following a short hospital stay. ***David Gassaway** is the new City Manager in the City of Fairfield after serving as Interim City Manager for 11-months. ***Melissa Stevenson Diaz**, who earned a BA from Mills College and an MA from San Jose State University, worked in Morgan Hill, Fremont and Mountain View prior to being hired as the City Manager in Redwood City in October 2015. ***Kelly McAdoo Morariu**, Hayward City Manager, served as Assistant to the City Manager in the City of Palo Alto. *One of the largest single revenue awards from the current federal administration is a \$400 million seismic upgrade of the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco. ***Skylar Segura** is the Human Services Supervisor for Youth Programs in the City of Claremont since 2010. *Past ICMA President (2018-2019) **Karen Pinkos** who has worked in the City of El Cerrito for more than 21-years, worked for the City of Oak Park, Michigan in 1997-2001 before coming to California. *Retired Fairfield City Manager **Kevin O'Rourke**, a ICMA Credentialed Manager, is a former City Manager in Stanton and Buena Park and Interim City Manager in Stockton, Woodland and Santa Ana, and served as the President of the City Managers' Department of the League of California Cities in 1997-1998. ***Trish Raver** is the new Human Resources Director in Walnut Creek.



Lilo, the Wonder Dog,
at home in Rancho Mirage.



*Newark, California Finance Director **Krysten Lee** worked as an Accountant in Fremont (2004-2011) and Los Gatos (2011-2015) before joining the Newark city staff in December 2015. *Former staff member of the Bellflower city manager's office and Willdan executive **Marlene Tomlin Towns** has relocated to the Nashville area of Tennessee. ***Roberta Greathouse**, an executive recruiter with Peckham & McKenney, worked with the City of Seaside for 16 and a half years, the last 6-years as Human Resources Director and Risk Manager (2006-2023), earned an AA from Monterey Peninsula College and a BA from Colorado State University. *Former Winters City Manager (2001-2020) and former Auburn City Manager **John Donlevy**, who began his career as an Intern in Pico Rivera in 1984, currently describes himself as "Former City Manager Trying to Decide what I am going to do" beginning in December 2022. *Laguna Beach resident **Sanford M. Groves**, who started his public service career in La Mirada in 1967, became the Assistant City Manager in the City of Paramount in January 1981. *Shafter City Manager **Gabriel Gonzalez** was the Finance Director in the City of Arvin in 1995 and worked in five other cities before Shafter and served as the City Administrator in Gilroy for a little more than 4-years. ***Mark Scott**, who earned an MBA from Stanford University, and who started his working career in marketing with American Airlines in Dallas, Texas, began his storied city government career in Beverly Hills in 1983, served as City Manager in 9-different cities, including the City of Downey where he is currently the Interim City Manager. ***Joe Raffa** of Carlsbad, an independent law enforcement professional, worked as a Los Angeles County Deputy Sheriff for nearly 28-year and earned a BA from California State University, Fullerton. ***Vanessa Muñoz**, President and CEO of Willdan Engineering, earned a BS in civil engineering from California State Polytechnic University, Pomona and has expertise in design of traffic and transportation infrastructure, traffic studies, municipal engineering and operational analyses. *In December 2021, then-Huntington Beach City Manager **Oliver C. Chi**, who previously held positions in Monrovia, Barstow, Rosemead, Claremont and Arcadia, began his tenure as the City Manager in the City of Irvine.***