



June 2023 Newsletter

Here is what you need to know for June 2023

NEWS, INFORMATION, AND RESOURCES

Sacramento Valley Section

Help steer award winning programs

Are you thinking about how you can give back, shape, grow, or lead in the planning profession? Two of Sac Valley's award-winning programs are welcoming leadership to join their team:

Join the PLAN Steering Committee: The PLAN mentorship program for young and emerging planners is going strong after 12 years. If you're a graduate of the program or a former mentor and want to find more ways to give back, consider joining the leadership team. *To find out more or how to get involved contact Julia Lave Johnston at julialavejohnston@gmail.com or Celia Yniguez at celia_yniguez@sbcglobal.net.*

Join the Young and Emerging Planners Subcommittee: If you're a young or emerging professional and want to build your network, develop your leadership, and learn more about planning in the Sacramento region, consider joining the YEP leadership team to build programming for the Sacramento Valley's young and emerging professionals. *To find out more or how to get involved contact Taylor Carnevale at taylor.carnevale@ibank.ca.gov.*

Step into leadership, build your network, and have fun!

Sac Valley APA is currently recruiting for the following board positions:

Legislative Director
North Valley Division Director

Check out the [Sac Valley APA By-laws](#) for a description of positions, or contact Sac Valley Section Director, Kacey Lizon, at klizon@gmail.com

Proposed Amendment to Section Bylaws to add New Board Position

The Sacramento Valley Section Board of Directors is proposing to amend the Sacramento Valley Section Bylaws to add a new position to the Board of Directors of Public Relation Director. Per the Bylaws, the proposed amendment needs to be posted to the [website](#) for at least 50 days before the Board votes on the amendment. If any member has questions or concerns about the proposed amendment, please contact Section Director, Kacey Lizon (klizon@gmail.com). The proposed amendment can be found in a track change version of the Bylaws starting on page 9, linked [here](#).

APA California

2023 APA California & California Planning Foundation Board Elections

APA California and the California Planning Foundation (CPF) invite you to join their boards in 2024!

APA California and the California Planning Foundation are seeking engaged and committed members to serve in key leadership positions that impact our profession and support fellow planners in an ever changing field. These Board positions all support intentional work to engage a broader range of members and future members, while leveraging and building your professional networks and skills.

Positions Open

- President-Elect (serves as President-Elect in 2024, President 2025-2026, and Past President in 2027)
- Vice President for Administration (2024-2025)
- Vice President for Diversity & Equity (2024-2025)
- Vice President for Marketing & Membership (2024-2025)
- Vice President for Professional Development (2024-2025)
- California Planning Foundation Board Member (two seats, 2024-2027)

[Descriptions of the eligibility criteria and duties for each position are available here.](#) For questions about these positions, email Past President Ashley Atkinson, AICP, at pastpresident@apacalifornia.org.

APA California's Vision & Values

Service on our board is grounded in our core values of leadership, inclusion, integrity, community, and commitment to public service. APA California is leading, innovating, and advocating for a future in which all people, in California and beyond, have an equitable opportunity to participate in, contribute to, and share in their communities' environmental, social, and economic well-being.

Opportunity to Serve on the CPF Board

The mission of the [California Planning Foundation \(CPF\)](#) is to award scholarships to planning students who excel in their studies and to further the professional practice of planning in California. Do you have a desire to contribute to the success of planning students and professionals? Then CPF is looking for you! Two seats are available for four-year terms.

How to Apply

Interested candidates for all positions are invited to submit an Interest & Eligibility Form, Resume, and Position Statement by 5 PM on July 14. Qualifications will be reviewed by a nominating committee before candidates are slated for the election.

[For more information, visit apacalifornia.org.](http://apacalifornia.org)

EVENTS

Sacramento Valley Section

SAVE THE DATE! Our 2023 Speaker Series will be kicking off on Friday, July 28 at the West Sacramento Community Center

All sessions will take place from 8:30-10:30 a.m. and will have a live streaming option. Here are the dates and session hosts:

- Friday, July 28 hosted by APA
- Friday, August 25 hosted by ULI
- Friday, September 29 hosted by AEP & OPR
- Friday, October 27 hosted by Caltrans
- Friday, November 17 hosted by SACOG

More details and registration information will be available at the end of June.

APA SAC VALLEY

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee's

Summer Coffee & Tea Social

SATURDAY, JUNE 24, 2023

9:30-10:30 AM

MILKA COFFEE ROASTERS

1501 G Street

COME OUT SOCIALIZE!



RSVP to Celia Yniguez
cyniguez@alumni.ucla.edu

***Join the SVS APA Diversity Equity and Inclusion Committee for a coffee or tea!
Meet others from the Sacramento Valley Section.***

When: Saturday June 24th – 9:30-10:30

Where: Milka Coffee Roasters, 1501 G Street.

RSVP to Celia Yniguez cyniguez@alumni.ucla.edu.

DEI Committee Meeting

Please join the Diversity Equity and Inclusion Committee meeting to discuss 2023 Activities.

When: Monday, July 17, 5:30-6:30 (virtual).

RSVP to Celia Yniguez, cyniguez@alumni.ucla.edu to get meeting information.

DEI Committee Book Discussion

Looking for a book to read this summer? Well, Richard Rothstein is at it again! He just published "**Just Action: How to Challenge Segregation Enacted Under the Color of Law**". A follow up to his book, The Color of Law, Richard Rothstein is joined by co-author Leah Rothstein to describe how we can begin to undo segregation. The DEI Committee will host a discussion on this book in August or September. Want to learn more? Here is a link to the book's website: [Just Action](#). If you would like to join us for the discussion, RSVP to Celia Yniguez, cyniguez@alumni.ucla.edu.

What people are saying about the book:

The Color of Law won an extraordinary readership by exploding myths about racial segregation. It was the product of policy decisions at every level of government. Now, Richard Rothstein has teamed up with Leah Rothstein to show how governments and individuals can undo the harm. Just Action is visionary, practical, and essential.”

— E. J. Dionne Jr., co-author of 100% Democracy

APA California

Save the Date for the APA California 2023 Conference!



Where: Fresno Convention & Entertainment Center.

When: September 16-September 19, 2023

Register [HERE](#)

MORE FROM SVS

Legislative News

Governor Newsom released the [May Revision](#) to his proposed 2023-2024 State Budget, which now totals \$306.5 billion. After two years of historic budget surpluses, the May-Revise anticipates a \$31.5 billion deficit.

May Revise Highlight: Housing & Homelessness

- Continues to include \$3.7 billion in funding for homelessness programs, as committed in previous budgets, including \$1 billion for the Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program (HHAP).
 - The Administration is continuing to engage the Legislature in discussions about enhancing local accountability around homeless services and enhancing regional coordination on homelessness strategies. It is expected that such accountability measures will be tied to this new HHAP funding.
 - The Governor has not endorsed a particular bill related to accountability. Instead, he will be watching to see which bills continue to move and will engage with the Legislature.
- \$17.5 million in General Fund reductions and \$345 million in deferrals related to housing programs.

Other Legislative News:

New Infrastructure Permit Streamlining Proposal: The Governor will be releasing a permitting reform proposal for clean energy and other infrastructure projects. When asked if this would also include much discussed CEQA reform, the Governor said more information will be available next week. That said, it doesn't sound like this streamlining will be focused on CEQA or local permitting.

SB 375 Streamlining: AB 6 and AB 7

Among legislation introduced in the current session, [AB 6](#) and [AB 7](#) (Laura Friedman). The bills are part of a continuing effort to realize the promise of [SB 375](#) by then-Senator Darrell Steinberg in 2008 and to align state and local transportation investments with state climate goals. AB 6 will be significantly amended in an effort to address the concerns of a number of stakeholders while still making worthwhile progress toward the ultimate goal.

What we're watching, reading, and listening to

[American Planning Association Podcast](#)

Planning to Ensure Longevity For Small Minority-Owned Businesses

Bobby Boone, founder and chief strategist of [&Access](#), discusses economic development strategies for combatting displacement of small minority-owned businesses. Boone shares how planners can work with small businesses, what to look out for, and how to engage owners.

Embracing Heritage: How Culture Influences Your Planning Work

Daniel Besinaiz, senior comprehensive planner at the City of Colorado Springs, shares his somewhat unexpected and personal journey on learning to celebrate and embrace his Latino heritage. Hear how Daniel re-connected with his roots and applies inspiration from his heritage into his current planning work. Finally, hear how being a part of the [Latinos and Planning Division](#) has helped with his journey.

[Latino Rebels Radio: Ignoring Latino History](#)

In this podcast episode, Latino Rebels Radio host Julio Ricardo Varela welcome professors Lilia Fernandez and Ana Patricia Rodriguez to discuss why so much U.S. Latino History is missing in textbooks and how it eventually extends to issues of imperialism.

1000% Me: Growing Up Mixed

In this documentary, with humor and sensitivity, filmmaker and comedian W. Kamau Bell tackles the joys and challenges of growing up mixed-race through conversations with kids and families in the San Francisco Bay Area, including his own. Bell explores how these young people navigate issues of identity in a world that can ask them to pick a side, and thoughtful exchanges with families reveal the many joys and complexities of what it means to raise multiracial children. This film informs the demographic questions we ask as planners and how we shouldn't allow someone to only "check one race/ethnicity" or pick the "2 or more races/ethnicities". Check out the trailer on YouTube: [1000% Me: Growing Up Mixed](#). The full film is available on Max.

"Spotlight On" Sacramento Valley Section Planners

Want to share your experience? Is there a friend, colleague, or employee you would like to give a shout out to? Spotlight your stories in the next SVS newsletter! SVS would like to highlight our members. Please send your stories, pictures, etc. to SVS News and Information Director, Laura Tuller at LTuller@cityofsacramento.org.

Job Postings

Job postings can be found on the SVS APA Job Openings Webpage [HERE](#).

The Sacramento Valley Section provides listings for planning and planning-related jobs. If you are interested in listing a job announcement or promotion within the Section, please contact our Webmaster Rick Rust, AICP, GISP at planresilience@gmail.com.

Contribute to the SVS APA Newsletter

We want to hear from you! If you have an item you'd like to share in our newsletter, please email it to ltuller@cityofsacramento.org no later than the 7th of each month.

Contact Info:

If you would like to get more information on the Sacramento Valley Section or to volunteer, please contact Kacey Lizon, Section Director, at klizon@gmail.com or Juliana Lucchesi, Board Secretary, at lucchesij8@gmail.com.

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