

DIANNE McKENNA

Dianne McKenna has served on the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors since 1984. Currently, she is chairperson of the Board of Supervisors, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, and the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority.

Dianne is leader in transportation. She led the successful merger of the Congestion Management Agency and the Transit District Board. At the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), she guides the regional efforts for planning and allocating funding for transportation projects. She is a founding member of the Peninsula Commute Service Joint Powers Board, which operates the commuter rail service from Gilroy to San Francisco.

Dianne is an advocate for children and youth. She is a member of the New Children's Shelter Board of Trustees, a public-private effort that built a new Children's Shelter for abused and neglected children in Santa Clara County. Dianne is a founding member of Kids in Common, a collaborative effort to improve conditions for children. In addition, Dianne chairs the Children and Youth Services Joint Conference Committee which develops policies and programs for children and families.

Dianne is also known for her work on environmental and conservation issues. She led the General Plan Review Advisory Committee which completed its work of reviewing and updating land use plans and policies in 1994. As Chair of the Solid Waste Commission of Santa Clara County, Dianne initiated efforts for countywide recycling of materials by households and businesses.

Dianne proposed a comprehensive Code of Ethics for the Board of Supervisors -- covering campaign contribution limits, conflict of interest, and "revolving door" issues. Prior to her election to the Board, Dianne served seven years on the Sunnyvale City Council, including two terms as Mayor. She holds a Master of Urban and Regional Planning degree from San Jose State University. Dianne lives in Sunnyvale with her husband, Regis. They have three children Sean, Meghan, and Gaelan, and five grandchildren, Madeline, Conor, Brendan, Molly & Bridget.