

# Schedule of Events

## Friday, April 19

Time	Event	Location
4:00pm – 6:00pm	Registration	Alexander Valley Foyer
6:00pm – 9:00pm	Welcome Reception and Dinner	Knights Valley Garden

## Saturday, April 20

Time	Event	Location
7:30am – 8:30am	Registration	Alexander Valley Foyer
7:45am – 9:30am	Opening General Session and Breakfast	Alexander Valley Ballroom
9:40am – 10:30am	Session 1 (Breakouts A – D)	See session descriptions on the next pages
10:30am – 11:20am	Session 2 (Breakouts A – D)	
11:20am – 11:30am	Mid-morning Break	Alexander Valley Foyer
11:30am – 12:20pm	Session 3 (Breakouts A – D)	See session descriptions on the next pages
12:20pm – 1:10pm	Session 4 (Breakouts A – D)	
1:10pm – 2:45pm	Luncheon General Session	Alexander Valley Ballroom
2:45pm – 6:00pm	Unscheduled Time – Networking	
6:00pm – 7:00pm	Reception	Sonoma Valley Courtyard
7:00pm – 8:30pm	Soiree and Dinner	Alexander Valley Ballroom

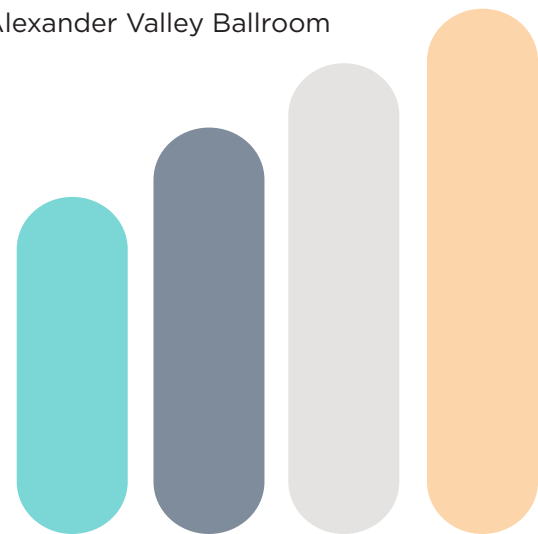
## Sunday, April 21

Time	Event	Location
8:30am – 11:00am	Closing General Session and Breakfast	Alexander Valley Ballroom

### Throughout the Progress Seminar

Visit the Frontier Energy Food Service Technology Center, which will demystify induction cooktops with a demonstration designed to explain induction cooking and highlight the benefits of this efficient electric technology.

Location: Russian River Valley I



# Session Descriptions

## Opening General Session

### State of Philanthropy in Silicon Valley: A Conversation with Nicole Taylor, President & CEO, Silicon Valley Community Foundation

Location: Alexander Valley Ballroom

#### Moderators

- Rosanne Foust, President & CEO, SAMCEDA and Progress Seminar Co-Chair
- Dr. Jamillah Moore, Vice President of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, San Francisco State University and Progress Seminar Co-Chair

## Breakout Session A

### Strengthening Democracy: Country and Community

Location: Alexander Valley Ballroom III

According to the Center for Revitalizing American Institutions at Stanford's Hoover Institution, the heart of representative government is the role of individuals in their relationships with democratic institutions and practices at all levels of government. As such, one component of this theme will be work on public opinion and behavior, including on electoral accountability – both for candidates and voters alike. Additionally, it will be concerned with the development of individuals' commitments to constitutional democracy, their understanding of the rights and responsibilities of American citizenship, and preparing individuals for informed, active, and ethical participation in democratic processes.

In this session, participants will examine the challenges facing our democracy, its institutions, processes and practices, and will explore strategies to mitigate and reverse negative trends that threaten the longevity of our democratic values at local and national levels.

#### Panelists

- Rafael Avendaño, Executive Director, Redwood City Together
- Thomas J. Schnaubelt, Assistant Director, Hoover Institution Center for Revitalizing American Institutions Stanford University
- Mark Simon, Columnist, San Mateo Daily Journal
- Catherine Lew, Esq, Principal, The Lew Edwards Group

#### Moderators

- Mitchell Bailey, Owner & Principal Consultant, MBailey Advisors, LLC (Sessions 1 & 2)
- Lennies Gutierrez, Chair of the Board, Chamber San Mateo County, and Director of Government Affairs, Comcast (Sessions 3 & 4)

## Breakout Session B

### Everyone Works from Home...Why We Still Need Strong Transit Systems

Location: Alexander Valley Ballroom IV

The COVID-19 pandemic changed how Bay Area residents live, work, and travel. It hit public transit systems hard, decimating transit ridership and the transit fare revenue we rely on to keep trains running.

We are in an unprecedented moment, with the survival of public transit at risk. While many workers, students, and neighbors who depend on public transit continue to ride, including many from underrepresented communities with less economic and political capital, others have returned to transit more slowly and less frequently. The Bay Area has the highest work-from-home rates in the nation, and the slowest downtown recovery, resulting in fewer commute trips.

Public transit agencies are now running services using one-time federal emergency funds that will run out in 2025/2026. Even with belt-tightening, we can't cut our way out of the crisis. That is because transit has high fixed costs to maintain our infrastructure and low marginal costs driven by changes in service.

In this session, participants will examine the challenges facing public transit systems, the equity imperative for ensuring a vibrant and sustainable public transit option for residents, and the fiscal realities that we must confront as a region to not only strengthen but grow our public transit networks.

#### Panelists

- Kristine A. Zortman, Executive Director, Port of Redwood City
- Casey Fromson, Chief of Staff, Caltrain
- Jessica Epstein, Director, Government and Community Affairs, San Mateo County Transit District

#### Moderators

- Don Cecil, Principal, MC2 Bay Area Public & Government Affairs Consulting (Sessions 1 & 2)
- Gina Papan, Councilmember, City of Millbrae and Metropolitan Transportation Commission (Sessions 3 & 4)

# Session Descriptions (Continued)

## Breakout Session C

### Why is Artificial Intelligence (AI) a Positive?

Location: Dry Creek Valley Ballroom I

Marc Benioff, CEO of Salesforce, recently praised the Bay Area (San Francisco) as the world's "Number One A.I. city," highlighting its growing AI scene and the presence of innovative startups. This sentiment is echoed by other tech leaders and entrepreneurs who are drawn to the San Francisco Bay Area's unique intellectual community and the advantages it offers for startup success. The city's reputation as a prime location for AI innovation continues to attract attention and investment from the tech industry.

In this session, participants will discuss the evolving potential of AI with the realities of its use, governance and threats, and how the continued realities of an AI-influenced world could be cradled in the San Francisco Bay Area.

#### Panelists

- Ray Mueller, Supervisor, San Mateo County
- Annie Tsai, Chief Operating Officer, Interact and Columnist, San Mateo Daily Journal
- Vishal Verma, Edgewood Ventures LLC

#### Moderators

- Jim Hartnett, CEO, HJSR Solutions LLC (Sessions 1 & 2)
- Rosanne Foust, President & CEO, SAMCEDA and Progress Seminar Co-Chair (Sessions 3 & 4)

## Breakout Session D

### Follow the Federal Dollars – Funding our Local Future

Location: Dry Creek Valley Ballroom II

Over the last few years, President Biden has proposed, and the U.S. Congress has passed, several significant pieces of legislation that invest in America's people, its cities, infrastructure and natural environment, through the American Rescue Plan (2021), the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (2021) and the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022. This portfolio of legislation positions America to be more competitive globally, and enhances the health, welfare and prosperity of American families while rebuilding our aging infrastructure and combatting climate change. Each community in America stands to benefit from the funding, projects and initiatives in these bills, and for the Bay Area, these federal dollars are going to be critical to securing our future, protecting our residents and creating an environment for workers and families to thrive.

In this session, participants will explore ways in which San Mateo County and the Bay Area have established successful models of regional entities intended to tackle major infrastructure, sustainability, climate, and other policy challenges. For example, the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority, One Shoreline, Peninsula Clean Energy, transit infrastructure, efforts related to workforce development and expanding apprenticeships programs, and many more examples. Yet these worthy efforts have often lacked adequate funding. San Mateo County is now poised to benefit from these large federal funding programs if we work regionally and cooperatively to get our fair share.

#### Panelists

- Dave Pine, Supervisor, San Mateo County
- Emily Douglas, Regional Director, Engie
- Van Ton Quinlivan, CEO, Futuro Health

#### Moderators

- Marlena Sessions, Executive Director, NOVAworks (Sessions 1 & 2)
- Shawn Marshall, CEO, Peninsula Clean Energy (Sessions 3 & 4)



# Session Descriptions (Continued)

## Luncheon General Session

### Understanding Healthcare San Mateo County: Connecting, Collaborating and Caring

#### Panelists

- Dr. Kismet Baldwin-Santana, Health Officer, San Mateo County Health
- Dr. Edward Kao, Physician in Chief, Kaiser Permanente
- Dr. Lisa Chamberlain, MPH, Professor of Pediatrics, Stanford School of Medicine

#### Moderators

- Mike Callagy, County Executive Officer, San Mateo County
- Diane Papan, Assemblymember, California Assembly

## Closing General Session

### Candidate Forums for California 16th Congressional District and San Mateo County 4th Supervisorial District

#### California 16th Congressional District Candidates\*

- Sam Liccardo, former Mayor of San Jose
- Joe Simitian, Supervisor, Santa Clara County
- Evan Low, Assemblymember, California Assembly

#### San Mateo County 4th Supervisorial District

- Lisa Gauthier, Councilmember, City of East Palo Alto
- Antonio Lopez, Mayor, City of East Palo Alto

#### Moderators

- Rosanne Foust, President & CEO, SAMCEDA and Progress Seminar Co-Chair
- Julie Lind, Executive Officer/Executive Secretary-Treasurer, San Mateo County Central Labor Council and Progress Seminar Co-Chair

\*As of the time of printing of this program, there are three candidate who have qualified for the general election ballot for this race. All three candidates have been invited to participate in this candidate forum. Should circumstances change regarding the general election qualifications, adjustments will be made accordingly.

