

21st Century Task Force

Kaitlin Drisko – Chair

Architect and Principal of Drisko Studio, a design firm focusing on conservation practices, and former Board member of the Santa Monica Conservancy.

Tom Cleys - President of the Board of the Santa Monica Conservancy

Founding President of the Conservancy. Member of the Santa Monica Urban Forest Task Force and former Board member of Friends of Sunset Park. Retired Vice President of Asset Management at Mesa West Capital.

Allison Sampson – Facilitator

Experienced leader in the fields of strategic planning, executive leadership, organizational development, and project management. Currently Vice President and Executive Director for Emerson College in Los Angeles.

Margaret Bach

Documentary filmmaker, historic preservationist, writer, and interior designer. First President of the Los Angeles Conservancy and served multiple terms on the Santa Monica Landmarks Commission.

Julia Bogany

Elder of the Gabrielino Tongva tribe, Tribal Council member and Cultural Consultant. President of Residential Motivators, a nonprofit consulting firm.

Jamie Cruz

Lifelong resident of Santa Monica's Pico Neighborhood, a community leader and a History and Chicana/o Studies scholar and professor in the History Department of Santa Monica College.

Carolyne Edwards

Retired school teacher in the SMMUSD, volunteer for the Conservancy, and Director of the Quinn Research Center, an educational resource promoting the study and research of Black Family History and Culture in the Santa Monica Bay Area.

Michael Feinstein

Former Santa Monica Mayor, City Councilmember and member of various governmental task forces and committees at the regional, state, and national levels.

Karen Ginsberg

Former Director of the City of Santa Monica Community & Cultural Services department who has worked also has provided strategic direction for capital improvement investments at parks and recreational facilities and worked in community.

Jim Jacobsen

Founding partner at Industry Partners which specializes in the development and leasing of quality creative office space in Los Angeles. Formerly Co-President and Partner of Lee & Associates/West L.A.

Louise Jaffe

Founder of the Santa Monica Lifelong Learning Community Project. Member and former Chair of the Santa Monica College Board of Trustees, past Chair of the Community College League of California and past President of the California Community College Trustees. Member of the Santa Monica Cradle-to-Career Design Team and the Santa Monica Early Education Task Force.

Robbie Jones

Community activist/advocate including founder of SMMUSD African American Student Staff Support Group, steering committee member for the Committee for Racial Justice and Coalition for Police reform, advocate spearheading The Santa Monica Black Agenda and member of the new Public Safety Reform Advisory Committee. Owner of Black Santa Monica Tours and Concierge.

Dean Kubani

Retired Chief Sustainability Officer for the City of Santa. Principal of Kubani & Associates, LLC which consults on sustainability strategies and policy for local governments, NGOs and businesses, and lecturer in sustainability at Cal Poly Pomona.

Sherrill Kushner

Part-time immigration attorney, community activist, former Conservancy Board member who continues to focus on education, development and communications. Former member of the Library Board and the Friends of the Library Board.

Stephen MacNeil

Project manager with Boston Properties in Santa Monica and member of Preservation Next, the Santa Monica Conservancy's group for younger members.

Greg Morena, Member-at-large

Former City Council member, member of the Chamber of Commerce and other civic organizations, and owner of The Albright, a restaurant on Santa Monica Pier.

Shannon Ryan

Senior City Planner in the department's Office of Historic Resources, formerly with the Los Angeles Conservancy and Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti's Office of Economic Development, and docent with the Santa Monica Conservancy's Preservation Resource Center.

Amanda Seward

Attorney in private practice with a background in media and entertainment law, preservationist who was instrumental in the saving Lincoln Place, a 791-unit garden apartment complex in Venice. Former member of the Mar Vista Community Council Board of Directors and Venice Neighborhood Council, and Santa Monica Conservancy Board member.

Antonio Shelton

Educational leader, current principal of Santa Monica High School, and former principal and assistant principal in Ohio area high schools and a history teacher.