

COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD



MEMBER BIOGRAPHIES

DISTRICT 1

Steven Medeiros was born and raised in the Bay Area and was the first in his family to attend and graduate from college. He is a passionate advocate and uses his skills to promote positive social change in a myriad of areas, including but not limited to housing, immigration reform, education equity, and community-police relations. Mr. Medeiros knows first-hand the challenges resulting from drug addiction and incarceration; close members of his immediate family have spent significant time in jail and/or prison as a result, in part, of their addictions.

Note: There are two open vacancies for District 1

DISTRICT 2

Claudia P. Del Rio is a first generation born Latina who, at a relatively early age, took on the care and discipline of her siblings and mother. Her professional history has focused on providing and/or advocating for services for at-risk populations. She is currently the Director of Community Services for La Familia Counseling Service. Ms. Del Rio inspires and continues to be a role model for those who don't have positive adult role models in their lives.

Kamarlo Spooner, a native Oaklander, has spent over 39 months incarcerated. Following his release in 2007, Mr. Spooner returned to Peralta Colleges to obtain four different associate degrees. Currently he is a garbage truck driver and an advocate for at risk individuals. Mr. Spooner is a motivational and transformational speaker who volunteers his time by returning to the same prison, Sierra Conservation Center, which he was released from to inspire and motivate inmates. Mr. Spooner also volunteers his time by speaking to the participants of the Oakland Midnight Basketball League encouraging them to stay clear of anti-social pursuits.

Note: There is one open vacancy for District 2

DISTRICT 3

Wanda Sabir serves as board member for the [California Coalition for Women Prisoners](#), where she participates on legal visiting teams. She is a Depth Psychologist, college professor, journalist and scholar. Her interests are violence prevention, trauma and trauma healing. She is a trained facilitator for [Alternatives to Violence](#) (AVP) and Restorative Justice practices as well as Healing from Ancestral and Historic Traumas. She is also trained in theatre for social justice, such as Boal Theatre. She believes in the transformative power of art in all its forms and looks for the fissures within/without the standing structures where truth can escape.

Note: There are two open vacancies for District 3

DISTRICT 4

Darlene Brooks has participated in many activities supporting the reentry population. She is the Co-Chair of the Economic Development Committee, which is part of the "Empowerment Movement," spearheaded by an Oakland Councilmember, and the "No More Tears" program at San Quentin. She is also a Board Member of the Community Development Block Grant Board for District 6 and serves as a Board Member on the City of Oakland's Community Action Partnership Board. Ms. Brooks has a Master's in Public Administration and works for the Social Services Agency's Human Resources Department as a Departmental Personnel Officer.

Douglas Butler is the Program Manager at Cypress Mandela Training Center and works daily with the reentry population. Butler also works with a group of Lifer Prisoners in San Quentin State Prison and is a Senior Facilitator for Breaking Barriers and Inmates Putting away Childish Things (IMPACT). He also mentors a young man with mental challenges. Mr. Butler was at one time a police officer and also served a lengthy sentence in state prison, being released from prison onto parole during a time when few persons were granted release. Mr. Butler serves as a role model for the reentry population and understands the challenges they face to a successful reentry.

Keith Gums grew up in Oakland and is a retired sergeant with 23 years of service from the Alameda County Sheriff's Office. Much of his patrol experience was as a community policing and problem-solving officer and he is currently active in his neighborhood crime prevention council and action team. Mr. Gums currently volunteers as a mentor with the Men of Iron program, a program designed to teach young men discipline and life skills

DISTRICT 5

Anthony Landers – Bio not available at this time.

Raymond Banks was born and raised in West Philadelphia, and has been in the Bay Area since 1990. A previously incarcerated, homeless, Navy veteran, he graduated in 2008 with an undergraduate degree in Philosophy from UC Berkeley. He assisted with the pilot of Cal's first cross-enrollment program with dedicated academic support for veteran and formerly incarcerated community college students in spring 2015. The program, designed to "Demystify Cal By Experiencing Cal," has now become the Malcolm Next Scholars Program, organized by Urban Scholars at Berkeley, a student-initiated service group sponsored by the Associated Students of University of California (ASUC), in which he serves as President Emeritus. Currently, Mr. Banks tutors Cal athletes in Philosophy and chairs the Veterans Committee for the Oakland Branch of the NAACP. He envisages a seamless continuum of services for the re-entry population which begins prior to release and continues until graduation from a four-year institution, or until one has become gainfully employed.

Steve Jackson was born and raised in New York City and is a Vietnam era veteran serving four years in the United States Marine Corps. Since January 1998, to date, he has served in a number of capacities with Division of Rehabilitative Programs providing in-prison rehabilitative programs for the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR). Mr. Jackson is currently the director of criminal justice programs for Center Point, Inc. and oversees a number of in-prison programs, including the Specialized Treatment for Optimized Program (STOP) in Area II (comprising nine bay area counties) and Area IV in Riverside and San Bernardino counties. Additionally, he supervises the Oakland Day Reporting Center (O/DRC) for parolees returning from State prison. Mr. Jackson serves as an advocate for the long-term offender population and parolees that require treatment and re-entry services.