

SACJJD Membership

BOARD OF STATE AND COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS (BSCC) STATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION (SACJJD) MEMBER PROFILES

Carol Biondi, Acting Chair, of Los Angeles was appointed to the SACJJD on November 28, 2005. Ms. Biondi has served as a Commissioner on the Los Angeles County Commission for Children and Families since 1999. She also serves as a Board Member for the National Children's Defense Fund, United Friends of the Children, Homeboy Industries, and New Visions Foundations.

James Anderson of Los Angeles was appointed to the SACJJD on July 7, 2014. Mr. Anderson has been Program Administrator at the Anti-Recidivism Coalition since 2013 and was Executive Assistant at the Jesuit Restorative Justice Initiative from 2008 to 2013. Mr. Anderson has presented at the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Youth Summit and has facilitated training with the International Association of Police Chiefs (IACP), the Department of Justice (DOJ) and the Coalition for Juvenile Justice (CJJ).

The Honorable Brian Back of Camarillo was appointed to the SACJJD on December 18, 2012. Judge Back has been a Ventura County Superior Court judge since 1998. He was an attorney with Arnold Back Mathews Wojkowski and Zirbel LLP from 1990 to 1997, Arnold and Back from 1989 to 1990, and Nordman Cormany Hair and Compton LLP from 1977 to 1989. He earned a Master of Arts degree in government from Claremont Graduate School and a Juris Doctorate degree from the Santa Clara University School of Law.

Probation Chief Michelle Scray Brown of Hesperia was appointed to the SACJJD on May 21, 2015. Chief Brown has served as Chief Probation Officer at the San Bernardino County Probation Department since 2009, where she has held several positions since 1985, including Assistant Chief Probation Officer and Deputy Chief Probation Officer. She earned a Master of Arts degree in criminal justice from California State University, San Bernardino.

Dr. B.J. Davis of Elk Grove was appointed to the SACJJD on November 9, 2016. Dr. Davis has been an Adjunct Professor at Alliant International University, California School of Professional Psychology since 2008 and Executive Director and Clinical Director at Strategies For Change since 2006. He was a part-time Clinical Consultant and Therapist at AIDS Housing Alliance from 2009 to 2011 and owner at Davis Counseling from 2005 to 2012. Dr. Davis held several positions at the Sierra Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence from 1999 to 2010, including Clinical Supervisor and Counselor. He earned a Doctor of Psychology degree in clinical psychology from Alliant International University, California School of Professional Psychology.

Dr. Carly Bailey Dierkhising of Santa Monica was appointed to the SACJJD on May 11, 2016. Dr. Dierkhising has been an Assistant Professor at the California State University, Los Angeles School of Criminal Justice and Criminalistics since 2014. She was a graduate student researcher at the University of California, Riverside from 2009 to 2014 and held several positions at the National Center for Child Traumatic Stress from 2008 to 2013, including Special Program Manager for Juvenile Justice and Service Systems Program Coordinator. Dr. Dierkhising was an Adjunct Professor at the California Lutheran University from 2008 to 2009 and a Clinical Intern at the Los Angeles County Probation Department from 2007 to 2008. She earned a Doctor of Philosophy degree in developmental psychology from the University of California, Riverside.

Miguel Garcia of Moreno Valley was appointed to the SACJJDP on November 9, 2016. Mr. Garcia has been a student at the University of California, Riverside and a Legal Assistant at Daniel H. Cargnelutti, Esq. since 2016. He was a Host at Applebee's in 2016, a Customer Service Associate at Walgreens in 2016 and a Student Services Tech at Riverside City College from 2014 to 2016. Garcia was a Student Intern in the Office of California State Assemblymember Jose Medina from 2013 to 2014.

Juan Gomez was appointed to the SACJJDP on November 9, 2016. Mr. Gomez has been Co-founder and Director of Programs and Innovation at Motivating Individual Leadership for Public Advancement since 2013 and Senior Policy and Strategy Advisor at the National Compadres Network since 2012. He was a Coordinator at the Sierra Health Foundation's Positive Youth Justice Initiative in 2015, Senior Consultant at Frontline Solutions from 2012 to 2013, and a fellow at the California Endowment from 2011 to 2012. Gomez was a program coordinator at Santa Cruz Barrios Unidos from 2007 to 2011, a Youth Advocate at Friday Night Live from 2004 to 2007 and a Case Manager at the Community Restoration Project from 2004 to 2007.

Susan Harbert of Pacific Palisades was appointed to the SACJJDP on January 19, 2007. Ms. Harbert has served as Special Legislative Counsel to the Center for Juvenile Law and Policy at Loyola Law School since 2006. She previously was Executive Vice President of Series Development for MGM Television from 1989 to 1992 and worked for ABC Entertainment as a Director and Executive Producer from 1986 to 1989.

Gordon Jackson of Woodland was appointed to the SACJJDP on January 21, 2009. Mr. Jackson has worked at the California Department of Education as an Assistant Superintendent since 2007 and served as an Administrator from 1999 to 2007. He served as the first Principal for Natomas High School, a position he held from 1993 to 1999. Mr. Jackson previously worked at Woodland High School where he served as Vice Principal from 1990 to 1993 and was a Teacher from 1985 to 1990.

Sharon King of Tustin was appointed to the SACJJDP on November 9, 2016. Ms. King has been a Regional Compliance Manager at Walmart since 2015. She was a Compliance and Vendor Manager at Hyundai Capital America Inc. from 2011 to 2015, a Hospital Compliance and Privacy Officer at Tenet Healthcare in 2010 and a Regulatory Compliance Analyst at Experian Consumer Direct from 2007 to 2010. King was a Law Clerk at 21st Century Insurance from 2005 to 2007 and Director of Compliance, Corporate Auditor and Six Sigma Black Belt at General Electric from 1999 to 2002. She was a Survey Technology Specialist at the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations from 1998 to 1999 and Quality Management Specialist and Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselor at Interventions from 1995 to 1998. Ms. King earned a Juris Doctor degree from the Western State College of Law at Argosy University and a Master of Science degree in rehabilitation administration and services from Southern Illinois University.

Ramon Leija of Indio was appointed to the SACJJDP on November 9, 2016. Mr. Leija has been a Volunteer Reserve Firefighter and Emergency Medical Technician at the Riverside County Fire Department since 2016 and Volunteer Youth Mentor at the Regional Access Project Foundation's Coachella Valley Youth Leadership Mentoring Project since 2014. He has been a Juvenile Justice Reform Advocate at the Anti-Recidivism Coalition since 2010. Leija was Coordinator for Raices Cultura at the Eastern Coachella Valley Boys and Men of Color from 2013 to 2014.

Police Chief Susan Manheimer of Pacifica was appointed to the SACJJDP on January 21, 2009. Chief Manheimer has served as the Chief of Police for the city of San Mateo since 2000. Previously, she worked for the San Francisco Police Department from 1984 to 2000, where she served in a variety of positions including Captain from 1997 to 2000. From 1983 to 1984, she was a Broadcast Journalist for KCBS radio.

Kent Mendoza of Los Angeles was appointed to the SACJJDP on November 9, 2016. Mr. Mendoza has been a Community and Member Relations Coordinator at the Anti-Recidivism Coalition since 2016. He held several positions at the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce from 2014 to 2016, including Senior Administrative Assistant, Assistant and intern.

District Attorney Nancy O'Malley of Alameda was appointed to the SACJJDP on October 21, 2011. Ms. O'Malley has served as Alameda County District Attorney since 2009, after working as an Attorney in the Alameda County District Attorney's Office since 1984. She received a Juris Doctorate from Golden Gate University School of Law.

Winston Peters of Los Angeles was appointed to the SACJJDP on November 28, 2006. He is Assistant Public Defender in the Los Angeles County Public Defender's Office. Mr. Peters is a member of Governor Brown's Juvenile Justice Workgroup and chairs the State Commission on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

Rachel Rios of Sacramento was appointed to the SACJJDP on November 9, 2016. Ms. Rios has been Executive Director at La Familia Counseling Center Inc. since 2012. She served in several positions at the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation from 1984 to 2012, including Chief Deputy Secretary of the Division of Juvenile Justice, Director of Juvenile Parole Operations, Case Services Administrator, Youth Authority Administrator, Assistant Superintendent at the Northern Youth Correctional Reception Center and Clinic, Supervising Parole Agent and Juvenile Parole Agent. Ms. Rios was a Case Manager at Diogenes Youth Services Inc. from 1981 to 1984 and at Consejos Inc. from 1979 to 1981.

Dr. Mimi Silbert of San Francisco was appointed to the SACJJDP on April 19, 2005. Ms. Silbert has served as Chief Executive Officer and President of the Delancey Street Foundation since 1974. She was the Director for the Center for Institutional Change at San Francisco State University from 1973 to 1975. Ms. Silbert earned her Doctorate in Criminology from the University of California, Berkeley.

Dante Williams of Sacramento was appointed to the SACJJDP on November 9, 2016. Mr. Williams has been a youth advocate Manager at Stanford Youth Solutions since 2016, where he was a Lead Youth Advocate from 2011 to 2016. He has been a Volunteer Juvenile Justice Chaplain at the Sacramento County Probation Department since 2010. Mr. Williams is Co-chair of the Sacramento County Mental Health Services Act Steering Committee.