

Susan Magnone Ph.D.

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Susan is retired as the Associate Superintendent of the Contra Costa County Office of Education and has lived in Novato for 27 years. Five years ago, she decided to check out “that little red building on Delong Ave” and for the first time saw the Novato History Museum. She became a volunteer and started learning the many jobs of running a museum. She is enjoying her volunteer career as manager of the museum and working with the City of Novato.

Robert M. Brown

Bob Brown has been a Community Development Director or Planning Manager for nearly 40 years in Bay Area communities including the cities of Palo Alto, San Mateo, Berkeley, Milpitas and San Rafael. He has been Director in Novato for the past five years, coming out of retirement to update their General Plan, which he insists will be his last.

Bob also was the Sustainability Coordinator for the City of San Rafael where he authored San Rafael’s Climate Change Action Plan and the BERST model green building ordinance, one of the most stringent in the nation. Bob was an adjunct faculty member at Dominican University for several years, teaching in the Sustainable Practices Certificate Program.

He holds a BS in Environmental Biology from the University of Santa Clara and a Masters in Urban and Regional Planning from San Jose State University.



Regan M. Candelario

Regan Candelario is a long time Bay Area person who grew up in the East Bay city of Hayward. Regan is the seventh in his family with siblings, cousins, nieces and nephews living all over the Bay Area. His parents were both born in West Oakland and attended Oakland schools before moving to become some of the first families to live in Hayward. Regan went to school at St. Bedes for eight years and graduated from Moreau High School, both in Hayward. After a few years working his way through Chabot College in Hayward, Regan completed his undergraduate studies with a Bachelor in Arts from the California State University at Long Beach.



Regan then began a career in local government through an internship program with the Orange County City of Santa Ana. The internship set the stage for an upwardly mobile career with the City of Santa Ana including the completion of a Masters in Public Administration along the way from the Graduate Center for Public Policy and Analysis, also at California State University at Long Beach. Santa Ana assignments included Redevelopment, Downtown Development, Community Outreach, Housing Development, Program Implementation, and Project Management.

After 17 years in Santa Ana, Regan and his family relocated to the Central Coast and made their home in San Luis Obispo working in the private sector for a Redevelopment and Real Estate firm and subsequently the City of Guadalupe. The most recent four years Regan served as the City Manager for the City of Fortuna up in the “NoNoCal” county of Humboldt. Regan started as the seventh City Manager for the City of Novato on October 24, 2016.