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Dr. Shon F. Barnes

Dr. Shon F. Barnes is a Director of Training and Professional Development in Chicago Illinois. Barnes is the former Deputy Chief of Police in Salisbury (NC). Dr. Barnes was selected as the 2015 National Institute of Justice L.E.A.D.S Scholar (Law Enforcement Advancement through Data and Science) for using science and evidence-based policing practices to improve policing, and community relations. Throughout his career he has worked hard to implement Neighborhood Oriented Policing which focuses on smaller police beat response, and foot patrols. He has implemented the Stratified Model of Policing which encompasses Problem Solving, Crime Analysis, and Accountability at all levels within the organization

Rev. Jeffrey Brown

Rev. Jeffrey Brown was one of the key architects behind the “Boston Miracle,” which saw the violent crime rate among youth plummet by 79% over a decade. Today, he works with faith groups, cities, government, and police to stop gang violence as the president of RECAP and co-founder of My City at Peace. He speaks on “collaborative leadership,” community building, and what it takes to institute real change in organizations of all stripes.

“Reverend Brown’s groundbreaking work provides concrete evidence of what can be achieved when committed individuals work together to bridge divides. His work shows us the way to a world in which social justice is an active practice, not an abstract concept.”—
Ron Liebowitz, Brandeis University President

Rev. Jeffrey Brown’s TED keynote garnered a standing ovation—and has since been viewed over 1 million times. He is currently the president of RECAP: Rebuilding Every Community Around Peace. He is also a co-founder of the Boston Ten Point Coalition, a faith-based group that was an integral part of the famous “Boston Miracle,” during which the city experienced a 79% decline in violent crime among youth over ten years, including 29 consecutive months of zero juvenile homicides. These efforts also spawned countless urban collaborative efforts in subsequent years and were widely covered in the press.

Rev. Brown is also the host of the podcast *The Courage to Listen*, available on iTunes, Google Play, and Feedburner. Each episode offers stories and insight from the people—clergy and politicians, former gang members and street workers—striving to reduce violence. And each episode discusses timely issues such as community-police relations, the Black Lives Matter movement, gang-based mindsets, urban unrest and protest, and more.

Rev. Brown consults municipalities and police departments (and policing initiatives) nationwide on issues around youth violence and community mobilization. He helps rebuild



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trust between neighborhoods and police departments, speaking with officers to strengthen their ties to the communities they serve. He has worked with the US State Department on Countering Violent Extremism (CVE) initiatives, based on his nationally recognized success with developing robust violence prevention and intervention strategies. As part of the Society for Organizational Learning North America, Rev. Brown also assists the World Bank, IMF, and IFC with senior leadership development and learning, teaching cutting-edge models for leadership, problem solving, flexibility, and adaptability.

As co-founder of My City at Peace—a community-based, collaborative organization that builds alliances between conflicting constituencies to find peace and end violence—Rev. Brown has also been working with housing authorities to rebuild communities in distressed areas and avoid the more damaging effects of gentrification. In order to attract buyers, while still retaining low-income residents, Brown argues for a combination of market-rate, affordable, and Section 8 housing. For his service, Rev. Brown was named a Brandeis University Richman Distinguished Fellow in Public Life.

Rod K. Brunson

Mr. Rod K. Brunson’s research informs criminal justice policy and crime control practices. Professor Brunson’s scholarship appears in the *British Journal of Criminology*, *Criminology*, *Criminology & Public Policy*, *City & Community*, *Evaluation Review*, *Urban Affairs Review*, and the *Journal of Research, Crime and Delinquency*. He is the Thomas P. O’Neill Jr. Chair of Public Life; Professor of Criminology and Criminal Justice and Political Science; Director of Graduate Mentoring and Diversity Initiatives, College of Social Sciences and Humanities at Northeastern University since 2019. Additionally, he is a Fellow of the American Society of Criminology.

Ralph A. Clark

Mr. Ralph Clark is a company CEO who is equally committed to shareholder value and making a meaningful societal impact. Mr. Clark has led ShotSpotter since 2010 and is dedicated to helping law enforcement agencies provide equal protection for at-risk, underserved neighborhoods, reducing gun violence, and restoring police as trusted guardians of the community. ShotSpotter is a leader in precision policing solutions including gunshot detection and patrol management that help law enforcement prevent, respond to, and reduce crime. Mr. Clark led the successful transformation of the company to a SaaS-based business model ultimately taking the company public in 2017.

With more than 30 years of corporate, financial and organizational leadership, Clark was previously CEO of GuardianEdge Technologies Inc. where he drove its acquisition by Symantec. Earlier in his career he worked for IBM, Goldman Sachs and Merrill Lynch. Clark received the 2019 EY Entrepreneur of The Year® Award for Northern California. He is a



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former board member and chair of Pacific Community Ventures, former board member and chair of the Oakland Boys and Girls Club, former trustee and Vice-Chair of the Oakland Museum of California, is a member of Harvard Business School's California Advisory Board and is a trustee of the American Conservatory Theater. He holds a B.S. in economics from the University of the Pacific and an M.B.A. from Harvard Business School.

Jerry L. Clayton

Jerry L. Clayton is a 30-year Public Safety Services professional, currently serving his third term as the Sheriff of Washtenaw County. Sheriff Clayton leads an organization of approximately 420 staff, serving a population of over 358,000, covering a 720-square mile geographical area.

During his career with the Sheriff's Office, Jerry served as a front-line Corrections Officer, Deputy Sheriff and command officer. He was also appointed to the following executive positions; Corrections Commander, Police Services Commander and SWAT Team Commander).

Jerry has been a certified criminal justice trainer and instructor for more than twenty-five years. He has provided training, and consulting services to a variety of private and public-sector clients, including the United States Department of Justice, the National Sheriff's Association, and the American Civil Liberties Union.

Sheriff Clayton serves on the boards of numerous local organizations. These include the Washtenaw Area Council for Children, the local Chapter of NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness), the Washtenaw County Mental Health Treatment Court Advisory Board, Washtenaw County Continuum of Care Board (ending homelessness) and the SafeHouse Center.

Jerry has received international recognition for his expertise and work in the Criminal Justice profession. In 2016, he was invited as a representative of U.S. law enforcement Barcelona, Spain. In 2017, at the invitation of the United Nations High Commission on Human Rights, Sheriff Clayton was the representative from the United States and a presenter at an international conference on law enforcement and bias-based policing in Geneva, Switzerland. In February of 2018, Sheriff Clayton participated in a US-UK exchange in London, England, focusing on Building Leadership for Fair and Effective Policing.

Sheriff Clayton attended Eastern Michigan University, majoring in Public Safety Administration. He also graduated from the EMU School of Staff and Command and numerous other Leadership programs. Jerry is married to his wife of 30 years, Sybil, and has 3 sons.



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Congresswoman Val Butler Demings

Congresswoman Val Butler Demings represents Florida's 10th Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Born in a two-room, wooden framed home in Jacksonville, Rep. Demings was the youngest of seven children. Her parents, Elouise, a maid, and James, a janitor, instilled in her the value of hard work. She took her first job at age 14 and became the first in her family to graduate from college, receiving a B.S. in Criminology from Florida State University. She later received a master's degree in Public Administration from Webster University.

After college, she became a social worker in Jacksonville, working with foster children. Despite seeing few women in the ranks of law enforcement in the early 1980's, she was inspired to move to Orlando to join the police force, graduating from the police academy as class president and receiving the Board of Trustees' Award for Overall Excellence.

Rep. Demings spent the next 27 years raising a family and serving with the Orlando Police Department. She served in virtually every department, including as Commander of Special Operations, where she was responsible for some of Orlando's highest profile tasks, including special events and dignitary protection. She was also a graduate of the 226th Session of the FBI National Academy and the FBI National Academy Institute.

In 2007, Rep. Demings made history when she was appointed to serve as Orlando's first female Chief of Police. She was widely praised for her dynamic leadership and for overseeing a significant drop in crime. She shepherded the department through the financial crisis, and despite budgetary constraints kept the same number of officers on the streets. Remarkably, the Orlando Police Department reduced violent crime by more than 40 percent while she was chief.

As chief, she also created innovative programs, including Operation Positive Direction, a mentoring program that empowers at-risk students through tutoring, community service, and positive incentives. She also launched Operation Free Palms, a project focusing on rejuvenating one of Orlando's most crime-ridden housing complexes, the Palms Apartments. Collaborating with city officials and faith leaders, this initiative included access to childcare, playground construction, a GED program, and job skills training to improve the quality of life in one of Orlando's most distressed communities.

Rep. Demings is married to Orange County Mayor Jerry Demings, is a proud mother to three sons, and proud grandmother to five.

She holds an honorary doctorate of laws from Bethune-Cookman University, is an active member of St. Mark A.M.E., Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Orlando Chapter of the Links,



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Inc., NAACP Silver Life Member, Florida Bar Citizens Advisory Committee, Florida Police Chiefs, National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives, National Association of Women Law Enforcement Executives, National Congress of Black Women, and numerous other affiliations.

She enjoys spending her very limited free time riding her Harley-Davidson Road King Classic motorcycle. She has completed the O.U.C. half marathon as well as the Walt Disney marathon.

In the U.S. House of Representatives, Rep. Demings sits on the Committee on the Judiciary, the Committee on Homeland Security, and House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence.

Warrick Dunn

If ever there was a comeback kid story, Warrick Dunn is one of them. Raised in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Warrick Dunn was the oldest of six to his single mother, Betty Smothers. Betty worked tirelessly as a police officer until January 7th, 1993, when she was ambushed and killed while escorting a businesswoman to make a night deposit. Warrick was only 18 years old. Thrust into the role of head of the household, Warrick used his mother's life insurance to purchase a home for his younger siblings. In the midst of the tragedy, Warrick was also being heavily recruited as a senior out of Catholic High School to play football. He would ultimately choose to fulfill his mother's dream and play at Florida State University.

Dunn, with the help of his grandmother, managed to both parent and be a brother to his siblings from afar, while becoming one of the best backs the Seminoles have ever seen. At FSU, Warrick was a three-time first-team All-ACC performer where he became the first back in the school's history to record three 1,000-yard rushing seasons. He finished as the Seminoles' career leader in rushing yards, gaining 3,959 to surpass Greg Allen's 3,769 (1981-84), and he graduated on time in 1997 with a degree in Information Studies.

Continuing to defy the odds, Warrick Dunn was drafted in the first round (12th pick overall) of the 1997 NFL Draft by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. In 1997 he was named NFL Rookie of the Year by Football News, Pro Football Weekly and Sports Illustrated, and designated Offensive Rookie of the Year by the Associated Press, Football Digest and College and Pro Football Newsweekly. Warrick would go on to play five seasons with the Buccaneers, six seasons with the Falcons, and then one final year with the Buccaneers. He retired from the NFL 14th all-time in all-purpose yards with 15,306 and 19th in rushing yards with 10,967.

During his tenure as a Falcon's running back, Warrick's curiosity and interests off the field helped him develop a close relationship with Falcon's owner Arthur Blank. In December 2009, that relationship helped Dunn realize a long-time goal of expanding his knowledge



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and experience in the area of NFL team management, branding, and operations by being unanimously approved by NFL owners to become a limited partner of the Atlanta Falcons. The purchase of his minority ownership position in the club was completed in March 2010.

In addition to his impressive on-field accomplishments and resume, Warrick is perhaps best known for his involvement in philanthropy. As a rookie for Tampa Bay, Warrick founded our Homes for the Holidays program to fulfill his mother's dream of home ownership for single parent families. The program partners with local organizations to turn houses into homes for single parent families through home furnishings and down-payment assistance. Since its inception, Homes for the Holidays has furnished 169 homes, provided over \$800,000 in down-payment assistance, and served over 457 single parents and children. The impact of Homes for the Holidays inspired Warrick to expand into three additional programs: Count on Your Future, Sculpt, and Hearts for Community Service Scholarships, all housed today under the Warrick Dunn Charities umbrella. Together, the four programs are dedicated to strengthening and transforming communities by combating poverty, hunger, and improving the quality of lives for families academically, socially, and economically.

Dr. Robin S. Engel

Robin S. Engel, Ph.D. is Professor of Criminal Justice at the University of Cincinnati, and Director of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) / UC Center for Police Research and Policy. She previously served as UC's Vice President for Safety and Reform. Throughout her career, Dr. Engel has engaged in research in the field of criminal justice, and worked directly with practitioners to implement evidence-based strategies and evaluate best practices. Her work includes establishing academic-practitioner partnerships in policing, with expertise in empirical assessments of police behavior, police use of force, police-minority relations, police supervision and management, criminal justice policies, criminal gangs, and crime reduction strategies. She has served as the Principal Investigator for over 80 contracts and grants, and has provided statistical and policy consulting for international, state, and municipal law enforcement agencies. Dr. Engel has consistently been ranked among the top academics based on peer-reviewed publications in the field of criminal justice/criminology and has received numerous awards for her work. She serves as a Governor appointee on the *Ohio Collaborative Community-Police Advisory Board* and also the co-chair of IACP's *Research Advisory Committee*.

James Forman Jr.

James Forman Jr. is J. Skelly Wright Professor of Law at Yale Law School. He attended public schools in Detroit and New York City before graduating from the Atlanta Public Schools. After attending Brown University and Yale Law School, he worked as a law clerk for Judge William Norris of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and Justice Sandra Day O'Connor of the U.S. Supreme Court.



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After clerking, he joined the Public Defender Service in Washington, D.C., where for six years he represented both juveniles and adults charged with crimes. During his time as a public defender, Professor Forman became frustrated with the lack of education and job training opportunities for his clients. So in 1997, along with David Domenici, he started the Maya Angelou Public Charter School, an alternative school for school dropouts and youth who had previously been arrested. A decade later, in 2007, Maya Angelou School expanded and agreed to run the school inside D.C.'s juvenile prison. That school, which had long been an abysmal failure, has been transformed under the leadership of the Maya Angelou staff; the court monitor overseeing D.C.'s juvenile system called the turnaround "extraordinary." Forman taught at Georgetown Law from 2003 to 2011, when he joined the Yale faculty. At Yale, he teaches Criminal Law and a seminar called Inside Out: Issues in Criminal Justice, in which Yale law students study alongside men and women incarcerated in state and federal prisons.

Professor Forman teaches and writes in the areas of criminal procedure and criminal law policy, constitutional law, juvenile justice, and education law and policy. His particular interests are schools, prisons, and police, and those institutions' race and class dimensions. Professor Forman's first book, [Locking Up Our Own: Crime and Punishment in Black America](#), was on many top 10 lists, including the *New York Times*' 10 Best Books of 2017, and was awarded the 2018 Pulitzer Prize for General Nonfiction.

Lynda Garcia

Ms. Lynda Garcia is the policing program director at the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights. The policing program works to promote 21st century best practices in policing through collaborative reform. Before joining The Leadership Conference, Lynda served as a trial attorney in the Special Litigation Section in the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice, where she conducted pattern-or-practice investigations of law enforcement agencies and the enforcement of consent decrees to ensure constitutional, bias-free policing. She began working on policing reform at the ACLU national office and the ACLU of New Jersey, where her work focused on challenging discriminatory police practices in communities of color. She is the primary author of the Leadership Conference's 2019 report, *New Era of Public Safety: A Guide to Fair, Safe, and Effective Community Policing*, and co-author of the ACLU's 2013 study, *The War on Marijuana in Black and White*, documenting racial disparities in marijuana possession arrests nationally.

Michael S. Harrison

Michael S. Harrison was sworn in as the Baltimore Police Department's 41st Commissioner on March 12, 2019. Before coming to Baltimore, Commissioner Harrison served the New Orleans Police Department for nearly three decades. He joined the NOPD in 1991 and ascended steadily through the ranks. He served in supervisory assignments as an Assistant Commander and Commander of a patrol District and the Specialized Investigations Division



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of the Public Integrity Bureau. He was appointed to Superintendent in 2014 and led the Department for over four years.

Commissioner Harrison has been instrumental in the development, implementation and assessment of community policing programs that have led to demonstrably increased partnership and collaboration. Moreover, he is skilled at moving progressive law enforcement bills forward through legislature and effectuating evidence-based crime fighting strategies, many of which assisted in tangible crime reductions.

Commissioner Harrison was appointed to the Police Executive Research Forum Board of Directors in 2019, where he now serves as the Vice President. He is a member of the Major City Chiefs Association and serves as the Eastern Region Representative. Additionally, he is a member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives and the Law Enforcement Immigration Task Force.

He received a Bachelor's degree in criminal justice from the University of Phoenix and a Masters of Criminal Justice from Loyola University New Orleans. He is also a graduate of the Senior Management Institute for Police, as well as Northwestern University's School of Police Staff and Command. He is a graduate of the F.B.I.'s National Executive Institute.

He has considerable experience in navigating a policing agency through the rigors of operating under a federal consent decree, having led two large police departments under such oversight.

A firm believer in civic duty, he honorably served eight years with the Louisiana Air National Guard. In 2010, Commissioner Harrison was ordained as a minister at City of Love Church in New Orleans.

Commissioner Harrison has been married to his high school sweetheart since 1992, and they are the loving parents of two adult children. Commissioner Harrison and his wife have made Baltimore home and have become proud residents.

Maurice A. Jones

Mr. Maurice A. Jones was appointed CEO and President of the Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) in September of 2016. LISC is one of the country's largest organizations supporting projects to revitalize communities and catalyze economic opportunity for residents. Prior to joining LISC, Maurice was the Secretary of Commerce and Trade for the Commonwealth of Virginia where his primary job was to utilize Virginia's assets to solidify its position as the preeminent place to live, work and conduct business.



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Maurice previously served as Deputy Secretary for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) from April 2012 through January 2014. As the second most senior official at HUD, Maurice managed the Department's day-to-day operations, the annual operating budget of \$40 billion and the agency's 8,900 employees.

Before his appointment at HUD, Maurice was President of Pilot Media, the largest print and digital organization in Hampton Roads, Virginia. He joined Landmark Media Enterprises, owner of Pilot Media, in 2005, serving as Vice President of the Landmark Publishing Group. In 2006, he became the Vice President and General Manager of Pilot Media, and in 2008 he became President and Publisher of The Virginian-Pilot.

Maurice also served as the Commissioner of the Virginia Department of Social Services and Deputy Chief of Staff to then-Virginia Governor Mark R. Warner. Other positions include: Special Assistant to the General Counsel at the U.S. Treasury Department, Legal Counsel to the Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) Fund and Director of the Fund during the Clinton Administration, Associate Attorney at Hunton & Williams in Richmond, Virginia, and Partner at Venture Philanthropy Partners.

Maurice received a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Hampden-Sydney College and attended Oxford University in England on a Rhodes Scholarship, where he received a Master of Philosophy in International Relations. He later received a Juris Doctor from the University of Virginia.

Deputy Police Chief Tarrick McGuire

Deputy Police Chief Tarrick McGuire currently serves at the Arlington TX Police Department. As a public speaker and published author, Deputy Chief McGuire has been at the forefront of developing innovative strategies and programming, leading national change in community police relations. As a police executive, Deputy Chief McGuire served as a Law Enforcement Fellow with the International Association of Chiefs of Police contributing to public safety research and police reform on 21st Century Policing in Washington D.C. Under IACP, he worked on national efforts with the Department of Justice C.O.P.S Office and White House Administration to improve policing practices, policies, and relationships between law enforcement and communities of color throughout the United States.

Mary Beth O'Connor

Ms. Mary Beth O'Connor is a founding member and managing partner of Lucky VIII, an independent film, television, and theatre production company. In 2015, O'Connor joined RKO Pictures under its chairman and CEO Ted Hartley.



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The RKO Pictures appointment coincides with the company's re-emergence as a leader in 21st Century media. RKO Pictures includes the company's legendary library, as well as new film, TV, stage and new media projects.

O'Connor, along with partner Robert Cole, launched LUCKYGODOT in September 2015, to develop a slate of projects for Broadway. Previously, on Broadway O'Connor's producing credits include *That Championship Season*, starring Kiefer Sutherland, Jason Patric, Chris Noth, Brian Cox and James Gaffigan; *Lyle Kessler's Orphans* (2013), starring Alec Baldwin, Ben Foster and Tom Sturridge, helmed by Tony Award winning director Daniel Sullivan (two Tony nominations); *Big Fish* (2013), directed by Susan Stroman, based on the Tim Burton film; and *The Glass Menagerie* (2013/2014). Tennessee Williams' poetic masterpiece, starring Cherry Jones and Zachary Quinto and directed by John Tiffany. The production received Drama Desk and Outer Critics Awards as well as a Tony nomination, and currently *The Girl From the North Country*(2020), Conor McPherson's critically new work featuring the music of Bob Dylan.

In London's West End, O'Connor's credits include the debut of Joanna Murray Smith's, *The Female of The Species*, directed by Roger Michell and starring Danie Eileen Atkins in the London production and subsequently, *Annette Bening* at the Geffen Theatre in Los Angeles, and *Strangers On a Train* written by Craig Warner and directed by Robert Allan Ackerman based on the 1950 Alfred Hitchcock film.

Feature Films include *The Other Man*, directed by Richard Eyre and starring Liam Neeson, Antonio Banderas, and Laura Linney. Currently in release *FosterBoy* with partners Shaquille O'Neal and Michael Parris, which is also in development for television series.

Also with partners Shaquille O'Neal and Michael Parris, *Lucky VIII* is leveraging the economic revitalization that continues to grow in Newark, New Jersey by cultivating a continuing pipeline of viable productions and positions in financial services to advance the economic vitality of this urban community, including *Bergen Capital Advisors*, a fully minority owned broker dealer in downtown Newark.

O'Connor was an early investor and is currently a managing member of *Ironbound Film and Television Studios (IFTS)*, located in the Ironbound District of Newark, IFTS is a 37,800 square foot state-of-the-art production studio facility offering short -term residential accommodations. *Ironbound* was financed in partnership with *Prudential Insurance Social Investments*, as well as private investors. *Ironbound* currently services *MTV Networks' SPIKE TV's Inkmasters*, who have continued through multiple seasons *Season* in Newark.

Acting credits include roles on *Law and Order* and *Law and Order: Special Victims Unit*, and a featured role in the pilot of *AM C's TV series Rubicon*, directed by Allen Coulter. O'Connor



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has also been the voice of scores of commercials from toothpaste and women's hair products to sports cars and trucks.

She was a member of the NY /NJ 2014 Super Bowl Host Committee and served as a trustee for Newark Boys and Girls Club, New Jersey Performing Art Center (NJPAC) and on the board of LifeCamp. O'Connor is past president of The Women's Association of NJPAC and is also a member of the Broadway League, the President's Circle and the Performing Arts Council of the University of Notre Dame, and a trustee emeritus of Kent Place School and board of Regents for Portsmouth Abbey School.

Mary Beth O'Connor is a graduate of Fordham University where she majored in English and Theatre. She and her husband David and their family of six children reside in New York.

Connie Rice

Connie Rice is renowned for her unconventional approaches to tackling problems of inequity and exclusion. For example, she has teamed up with conservatives on education issues and the Los Angeles Police Department to support the Watts gang truce. Rice has received more than 50 major awards for her leadership of diverse coalitions, and her non-traditional approaches to litigating major cases involving police misconduct, employment discrimination and fair public resource allocation. She received the 2001 Peace Prize from the California Wellness Foundation and this year (2002) will receive the John Anson Ford Humanitarian Award from Los Angeles County. She successfully co-litigated class-action, civil rights cases winning more than \$1.6 billion in policy changes and remedies during her nine-year tenure in the Los Angeles office of the NAACP Legal Defense & Educational Fund, Inc. (LDF).

Rice is a graduate of Harvard College and the New York University School of Law. In 1998, the Los Angeles Times designated her one of 24 leaders considered the "most experienced, civic-minded and thoughtful people on the subject of Los Angeles." In 1999, California Law Business named her one of California's top 10 most influential lawyers. She serves on the boards of the Public Policy Institute of California and public radio station KPCC.

Robert Gary Sarver

Robert Gary Sarver is the founder of Southwest Value Partners Enterprise LLC, Torrey Pines Bank (California) and National Bank of Arizona, Robert Gary Sarver is an entrepreneur and businessperson who has been the head of 7 different companies and currently occupies the position of Executive Chairman of Western Alliance Bancorporation, Chairman at Western Alliance Bank (Phoenix, Arizona) (a subsidiary of Western Alliance Bancorporation) and Executive Director at Southwest Value Partners Enterprise LLC.

He is also on the board of Real Club Deportivo Mallorca SAd, Sarver Heart Center and The



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Weil Foundation and Managing Partner at Phoenix Suns and Managing Partner at NBA Media Ventures LLC. In his past career he held the position of Chairman & Chief Executive Officer for Alliance Bancorp, Inc. (Arkansas), Chairman & Chief Executive Officer of California Bank & Trust, Inc., Chief Executive Officer of GB Bancorp, Chief Executive Officer for BankWest of Nevada, President of National Bank of Arizona, Director & Executive Vice President at Zions Bancorporation and Member of Japanese American National Museum. He received an undergraduate degree from the University of Arizona.

Bill Taylor

Mr. Bill Taylor began his career in the insurance industry in 1975. Prior to forming Miravast in 2012, Mr. Taylor was the SVP, Chief Underwriting Officer for the AIG division responsible for investing in life insurance policies. He was the principal founder of its life settlements operation and managed the largest life settlement portfolio in the market, featuring over \$5 billion invested in approximately 7,000 policies with a total face amount of more than \$20 billion. His responsibilities included the development of the group's mortality table and all aspects of the pricing of life settlements. Mr. Taylor has a B.S. in Applied Mathematics from Brown University and is a Fellow of the Society of Actuaries, as well as a member of the American Academy of Actuaries.

Mayor Michael D. Tubbs

On November 8, 2016, Michael Tubbs was elected to serve as the mayor of his hometown - Stockton, California. Upon taking office in January 2017, Mayor Tubbs became Stockton's first African American Mayor and the youngest mayor of any major city in America. Mayor Tubbs' leadership paired with an ambitious progressive agenda has received national recognition. He has been recognized as one of Politico's Top 50, Fortune's 2018 Top "40 under 40," Forbes' 2018 list of the "30 Under 30" and received the John F. Kennedy New Frontier Award in 2019. In his first year, Mayor Tubbs secured \$20 million to launch Stockton Scholars, a place-based scholarship that aims to dramatically increase the number of Stockton students entering and graduating from college. Mayor Tubbs also brought Advance Peace to Stockton, a data-driven program that works to reduce gun violence in communities. With an innovative public-private partnership supported by a \$1 million grant, Tubbs launched the nation's first-ever mayor-led guaranteed income pilot known as Stockton Economic Empowerment Demonstration (SEED). Based on the success of SEED, Tubbs' latest initiative is Mayors for a Guaranteed Income (MGI). MGI is a coalition of mayors advocating for a guaranteed income to ensure that all Americans have an income floor. Under his leadership Stockton has been named an All-America City three times, in 2018 was named the second most fiscally healthy city in the country, and homicides have been reduced by 40%.

Before becoming mayor, Michael Tubbs earned a B.A. in Comparative Studies in Race & Ethnicity and an M.A. in Policy, Leadership & Organization studies from Stanford University



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with honors. He started his political career at age 22 when he was elected to serve as Stockton's District 6 City Councilmember in 2012. While holding this position he founded the Reinvent South Stockton Coalition, a private-public-non-profit that aims to empower South Stockton residents to help eradicate cycles of intergenerational poverty. He was also a part of the council that led the city out of bankruptcy as Chair of the Audit and Legislative Committee. As a result of his dedication to innovative solutions to real problems, Tubbs has been a Fellow Hasso Plattner Institute of Design, known as the d.school, at Stanford, the Emerson Collective and MIT Media Lab. Mayor Tubbs is married to his Partner Anna Nti-Asare-Tubbs and is a proud new father as of 2019.

Ronald Weitzer

Dr. Ronald Weitzer received his PhD in sociology from the University of California, Berkeley in 1985 and is currently professor emeritus at George Washington University. He is a criminologist, and much of his research has investigated police-minority relations and police accountability in the United States and in other nations. He is co-author of *Race and Policing in America: Conflict and Reform* and author of *Policing Under Fire: Ethnic Conflict and Police-Community Relations in Northern Ireland*. For additional information, go to Ronald Weitzer's [Wikipedia page](#).