



# Mayor's Commission on Aging

## Commissioner Bios

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### **Sylvia Stadmire, Chairperson**

The Patch blog calls Sylvia a “Volunteer Extra-Ordinaire” and she says she does it to benefit others. Sylvia counsels seniors in nursing homes as an Ombudsman, and she has been commended for her work to improve paratransit.

### **Bryan Ricks, Vice-Chairperson**

Bryan Ricks is currently the Area Developer for an in-home care company. Community service has always been part of his passion, primarily focused working with youth organizations to assist underprivileged children and teens. He currently serves on the education board of the Diablo Black Men's Group with a focus on building scholarships for African-American males entering college/university. He pivots to senior advocacy with knowledge of impending population shifts over the next few years and the community needs that will arise. His areas of focus are on health and aging-in-place. Bryan is married with three daughters.

### **Michael Coleman**

Michael was born in Kentucky, lived in Seattle, Washington and Montgomery, Alabama before moving to Oakland in 1947. That was a brief stay, and the family worked its way to San Francisco, Menlo Park and ultimately to San Jose. From there, he came to Berkeley for college and marriage, then after graduation with a Bachelors in Architecture, went to London and Stockholm for early work in architecture. Finally, in 1965, he and his wife and two sons came back to the Bay Area, and then moved to Oakland (again!), where they've stayed for 50 years.

Always willing to try new things and be pioneers, the Colemans lived in the Acorn housing development in West Oakland for three years, then in the Trestle Glen neighborhood for 28 years, and finally helped develop and then moved into a cohousing condominium in the old Swan's Market in the center of town.

Michael has been the President of the local American Institute of Architects (AIA) chapter, and has been involved in civic projects for many years. He was on the Oakland Planning Commission for three years, is currently involved in the Committee on Aging with the AIA, a participant in the “At Home With Growing Older” organization (An Interdisciplinary Inquiry On Aging), and is involved in the North Oakland Village, an organization to help seniors stay in their own homes as they age.

### **Mickey Hall**

Michelle "Mickey" Hall spent her early childhood in Queens, New York before the family left for Cape Cod. She began working in the Food & Beverage and then into Entertainment. She began temping and learned the company's software and office operations that she landed with top companies or organizations, DuPont, Forbes Magazine and The YWCA. After the children were born, Mickey moved the family from Boston and settled in Oakland. Since then she has expanded her passion for being a voice for the LGBT community, and breast cancer, which she is a warrior of. She has been the main stage manager for Oakland Pride, a block captain for SF Pride, a 10-year volunteer for the Mult-Ethnic Sports Hall of Fame and she seats on the board of Friends of Faith. She loves her sports Basketball, Football, especially her sister sports and living on Lake Merritt. Her children, twins, are completing their second year of college.

### **Sandra J. Johnson Simon**

After 25 years of Government service I retired on June 1, 1998 as Deputy Personnel Director for Department of the Navy, Military Sealift Command, Pacific in Oakland, California. I supervised over 100 men and women who worked as Merchant Seamen, Merchant Sea Women and others in Employee Relations, Employee Development, Staffing, and Labor Relations. Also I was President of the Employee Activity Association, where I supervised that Board and planned fun events and activities throughout the year for all of the employees.

Once I retired, I was able to devote additional time to my volunteer community activities and became a Community Activist. I serve on numerous Non Profit Boards and Alameda County Commissions. Below are some of them.

West Oakland Senior Center Advisory Council Past Chairperson and current  
Parliamentarian

Correspondence Secretary for the Oakland Downtown Senior Center

CEO/Board President for Fannie Wall Children's Center

United Senior of Oakland and Alameda County Board Past President and  
Current Treasurer

John George Democratic Club Co-Chairperson

Alameda County Commission on Aging – Vice Chairperson

Alameda County and City of Oakland Community Action Partnership Board  
Secretary

Treasurer for Public Authority for In Home Support Services in Alameda  
County Board Secretary

100 Black Women Oakland Bay Area Chapter - Financial Secretary and  
Chaplain

My Work Accomplishments include being the first woman Deputy  
Personnel Director for the Department of the Navy, Military Sealift  
Command, Pacific, in Oakland California.

My Volunteer Accomplishments include writing my first grant for Santa Fe  
Elementary School in Oakland, California. The City of Oakland approved  
the grant. I was able to provide 25 bicycles and bicycle helmets to the  
students that entered an art contest and won. My most treasured volunteer  
accomplishment was negotiating the rent increase from the City of Oakland  
for Fannie Wall Children's Home Pre School. We are now self-sufficient  
where we no longer have to fundraise. We give scholarships to high school  
graduates and college students at least \$10, 000 annually at our scholarship  
brunch.

I am married, have two adult children, two adult grandchildren and two great  
children.

I love the life I live and I live the life I love!!

### **Jacqueline Phillips**

Jacqueline was born and raised in Oakland California. A retired Oakland  
Elementary and Middle School Principle after 40 years of service.

Jacqueline has served on various boards and committees and is looking  
forward to being a contributing member on the Commission on Aging.

## **Blake Spears**

After being born and raised in Virginia, Blake has lived in the SF area for over 40 years. His professional experience includes 30 years as a market research consultant to the pharmaceutical and medical device industries for his own firm, InSight Healthcare Consulting. His career also includes working for the US Environmental Protection Agency. He brings over 25 years of non-profit board experience with a variety of non-profits. He currently serves on the boards of the National AIDS Memorial Grove, The Second Opinion (free cancer second opinions), Maitri Compassionate Care (hospice) and the advisory board of Piedmont Gardens retirement community. His background includes degrees in chemical engineering and an MBA from the Stanford Graduate School of Business. In 2013, he married his partner of 41 years.

## **Johnnie M. Wiley**

Johnnie has been a Community Advocate for the past 25 years in the West Oakland area. Johnnie has provided advice to her community in areas such as housing, education, community development, recreation and health areas. Johnnie is currently serving on the board of the West Oakland Senior Center. She is the Chairperson of membership. Johnnie has lived in the West Oakland area for the past 60 years.