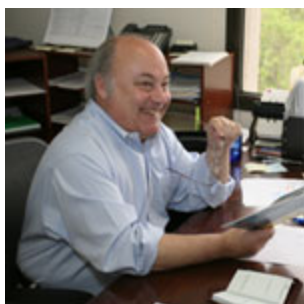




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As the first decade of the new millennium comes to a close, Arts Council Silicon Valley would like to publicly acknowledge those “behind the scenes” partnerships that have enabled us to continue our funding and services to the arts community of Santa Clara County. A BIG thank you to...

- ***The County of Santa Clara and the County Board of Supervisors*** for maintaining their “official” arts partnership with us. A special congratulations to this year’s Board President, Supervisor Liz Kniss, for spearheading the creation of the County’s Poet Laureate program and for providing leadership to the County during this tough year. Also, thanks to Supervisors Kniss, Ken Yeager, George Shirakawa and Dave Cortese for supporting Arts Council funding again this year making our work in the arts possible.
- ***First 5 Santa Clara County*** and its Executive Director, Jolene Smith, as well as her great staff, for making our preschool arts education programs possible. With your support our wonderful Teaching Artists have been given the opportunity to share their gifts and talents with so many children and their families.
- ***The County Office of Education*** for partnering with us for 20 years in providing Teaching Artists to the alternative schools, including the high school in Juvenile Hall, and other sites throughout the County. These students who are mandated by the courts to attend schools outside of the “mainstream” are often forgotten and left behind; together we are providing them with life-changing and affirming experiences. Special thanks to Superintendent Charles Weis and Paula Mitchell for making this partnership possible.
- ***Applied Materials*** for once again partnering with us on the Excellence in the Arts grants program. Special thanks to Mark Walker and Siobhan Kenney for making this work possible.
- ***The Adobe Foundation***, especially Michelle Mann, Sara Davis, and Margaret Tamisiea, for continuing to support our work in providing funding and software to the arts groups in the region.

- And finally, thanks to the ***California Arts Council***, our state arts agency, and the ***National Endowment for the Arts***, our federal arts agency, for their ongoing support of the Arts Council and our programs.

Without a doubt, these partnerships have helped the Arts Council through the many successes - and challenges - we have experienced in the new millennium. We look forward to working together to make a difference in the year ahead! Happy Holidays to all and thanks for your continued support of the Arts Council!

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