

# Community Conversation on Student Housing Panelist Biographies

## CITY OF FLAGSTAFF PANELISTS

### **Kevin Burke**

Kevin is serving his sixth year as City Manager for the City of Flagstaff. As City Manager, Burke is responsible for the daily operations of the municipal organization. He is directly responsible for 942 employees (full and part time) and accountable for the annual operating and capital budget of \$244 million. Burke was appointed City Manager in January 2008 by the Flagstaff City Council. Prior to his appointment as Flagstaff City Manager, Burke served as the Deputy City Manager for Boulder, Colorado, Administrative Services Director for Littleton, Colorado, Town Administrator for Wellington, Colorado and the City Administrator for West Tawakoni, Texas.

Kevin Burke is a member of ICMA and serves as a Director on the Arizona City/County Management Association (ACMA) Board. Burke is the Chair of Northern Arizona Council of Governments Economic Development Executive Committee. He is also an alumni member of the Flagstaff Leadership Program. Burke serves on the Executive Committee for Flagstaff's STEM Initiative and the Board of Directors for Boys and Girls Club of Flagstaff. Burke was recently appointed as the local government representative to the Western Regional Strategy Committee, a sub-committee of the Wildland Fire Executive Council.

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### **Dan Folke**

Dan is the Planning Director for the City of Flagstaff, joining the organization in December 2013. Prior to coming to Arizona, Dan was the Planning Director for the City of Manitou Springs, Colorado; Community Development Director for the Town of Fort Myers Beach, Florida; and Director of Planning for Morris-Depew and Associates, a Planning and Engineering firm in Fort Myers. Dan received his Master's Degree in Urban Studies from Georgia State University and brings 17 years of planning and public sector experience to Flagstaff.

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### **Mark Sawyers**

Mark is the Current Planning Manager for the City of Flagstaff. He moved to Flagstaff in 1990 to work in the Planning Department. In 1987 he graduated with a Bachelors of Science degree in City and Regional Planning from New Mexico State University. Mark obtained his Professional Planning Certification from the America Institute of Certified Planners (AICP) in 1996 and was also certified by the Form Based Codes Institute in 2006. He began his professional in New Mexico as Economic Development Planner for the Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District and as Planner for the City of Roswell New Mexico where he started up a new alternative fuel (CNG) bus transit system. He has held several positions in the Community Development Department over the last 24 years.

## **Rick Barrett**

Rick is the City Engineer for the City of Flagstaff. He moved to Flagstaff in 1981 to attend NAU. In 1986 he graduated, cum laude, with a Bachelors of Science degree in Civil Engineering Technology and obtained his Professional Engineer (Civil) registration from the Arizona State Board of Technical Registration in 1991. His engineering career began in Illinois in 1979 as a draftsman and began working for the City of Flagstaff in 1982 as an intern. He has held several positions in the City's Engineering Group over the last 32 years.

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## **Michelle D'Andrea**

Michelle is the City Attorney for the City of Flagstaff. She moved to Flagstaff seven years ago, after spending nine years in the Valley. Her legal career is focused on representation of local government, primarily in the areas of community development, transportation, tax, eminent domain, and real estate. She graduated, cum laude, from Hamline University Law School in 1998.

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## **Kevin Treadway**

Kevin has been a member of the Flagstaff Police Department for 28years. During his tenure with the Department, Kevin has worked as a field patrol officer, a DARE instructor, a Detective, and a supervisor in both criminal investigations and the patrol divisions. Kevin has also served as a hostage negotiator, and technical collision investigator for the department. He has promoted through the ranks on the Department, and has served as Chief for the past 2 years. Kevin has instituted improved services to the mentally ill through the creation of the crisis intervention teams on the department, initiatives to better address issues of violence against women, and has assisted in the development of Compstat and intelligence led policing initiatives during his tenure. He is committed to community policing, and has been involved in nearly every major block watch program in the City during the course of his career.

Kevin possesses a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration, as well as a Master's degree in Educational Leadership, both from Northern Arizona University. He is a graduate of the FBI National Academy (class 217) and served as the President of the Arizona Chapter of the National Academy Associates in 2010. Kevin has also completed the IACP Leadership in Police Organizations training course, as well as the FBI Law Enforcement Executive Development Seminar. He occasionally teaches Situational Leadership to other officers around the state. He is also a Flagstaff Leadership Program alumni.

Kevin has been married to his wife Jackie, a first grade school teacher, for 25 years. They have a daughter, Taryn, who attends college at Northern Arizona University.

## **NORHTERN ARIZONA UNIVERSITY PANELISTS**

### **Rick Brandel**

Rick is in his 34th year of service to Northern Arizona University, during which time he has served as the Dean of Students since 1994. From 1987 to 1994 he served as NAU's Director of Residence Life. Rick completed a Bachelor's of Arts in Communication from Boise State University, a Masters of Education

from Colorado State University, and an Educational Doctorate in Educational Leadership from Northern Arizona University. He has periodically taught both undergraduate and graduate courses.

Rick chairs the Good Neighbor Coalition. He has served two terms on the City of Flagstaff's Recreation Commission. He has also coached Little League Baseball and Recreational Soccer in Flagstaff. He is an active supporter of NAU Athletics, having served as the public address announcer for NAU women's basketball for the past 32 seasons, and for Lumberjack football for the past 25 seasons. Rick also serves as the public address announcer for Football, Volleyball, and Boys and Girls Basketball teams at Flagstaff High School where his wife Jeannine serves as the Athletics and Activities Coordinator.

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### **Jane Kuhn**

Jane is the Associate Vice President of Enrollment Management and Student Affairs for Northern Arizona University located in Flagstaff, Arizona. She has worked for NAU, holding various management positions, for 22 years. In 2006 NAU partnered with the City of Flagstaff in the development of a conference center on campus. Jane was asked to participate on the planning committee for the conference center as a result of her involvement with the dining contract and her management of a successful summer conference program. In May of 2007 NAU awarded the contract to Sodexo for both conferencing and campus dining.

From 2008 to 2011, Jane stepped in as the university's chief facilities officer. She was already serving as the associate vice president for Enrollment Management and Student Affairs, where her time was focused on managing several auxiliary enterprises, the division's budget, and its human resources operations. As CFO she was instrumental in the planning and completion of 16 projects on campus.

In October, 2011 Jane assumed responsibility of Enrollment Services, Undergraduate Admissions and Orientation and Financial Aid as Associate Vice President. To date enrollment at the NAU Flagstaff campus has been on a steady rise. In January of 2014 the Strategic Enrollment Management Committee was established with Jane as co-chair. This committee's role is to achieve the institution's desired enrollment state.

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### **Jennus L. Burton**

Jennus is currently the Vice President for Finance and Administration for Northern Arizona University. He held the position of Vice President for System Operations for the Arkansas State University System from December 2007 until June 2010, and prior to that was the Vice President for Finance and Administration for Arkansas State University from October 1997 until December 2007. The functions responsible to him at NAU are as follows:

- Financial Services to include financial statement preparation and accounting, financial controls, student and departments account services, purchasing and property services, and postal services;
- Human Resources;
- Capital Assets to include facilities planning and construction, and facilities maintenance;
- Internal Audit;

- NAU Police Department;
- Economic Development and Sustainability;
- Bookstore;
- Skydome;
- Space Management; and
- Internal Audit

Jennus serves on several NAU Committees including the President’s Council, Information Technology Council for the Arizona Board of Regents (ABOR), Finance Council for ABOR, Indirect Cost Task Force, Strategic Budget and Planning Council, Financial Software Replacement Steering Committee, and numerous capital construction project committees. While in Arkansas, he chaired a state-wide Administrative Efficiency and Effectiveness Committee designed to improve state policies and procedures to make state government more efficient. He has served on several Arkansas community committees such as the Craighead County Public Facilities Board, the Chamber’s Aviation Committee, the ASU Committee Paint the Town Red Project, the Board of Directors, and the Executive Committee of the Chamber of Commerce. Finally, he is an active member of the Rocky Mountain Business Officers group.

Prior to his position in Arkansas, Jennus spent 22 years at Arizona State University in a variety of positions. He received his Bachelor’s in Accounting and Master’s in Business Administration from Arizona State University.

Jennus is married to Rosanne. They have two sons.

## **Rich Payne**

Dr. Rich Payne has over 35 years of experience in university housing and has served as the Executive Director of Housing and Residence Life at Northern Arizona University since 1994. He is widely recognized as a leader and consultant within college and university student housing. Additionally, he oversees Parking and Shuttle Services on the NAU campus. He has responsibility for over 700 employees (full and part time) and an annual budget of \$40 million. He has worked with Flagstaff’s Affordable Housing Coalition, Both Hands and currently serves as the Chair of the Board of Directors for the Northern Arizona Intergovernmental Public Transit Authority.

## **FLAGSTAFF NEIGHBORHOOD PANELISTS**

### **Jesse Dominguez**

Jesse is a lifelong resident of Flagstaff. He is married to his wife Irene of 44 years. They have three grown children and eight grandchildren. Flagstaff has always been home to the Dominguez family. Jesse has worked for the Flagstaff Housing Authority for over 40 years.

He has been active in both civil and social affairs. He is the current president of La Plaza Vieja Neighborhood Association, Vice president of The League of Neighborhoods and past member of Bothands. He is also a member of the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials on both the national and state level. He is also a member of the Affordable Housing Management Association. Jesse and his family love Flagstaff.

## **Deborah Ann Harris**

In 1993, Deborah and her son Lawrence moved from Eau Claire, Wisconsin to Flagstaff, Arizona. In the community, Deborah served as the chair of Success by 6, a United Way initiative, the United Way Board of Directors of Northern Arizona, Coconino County African American Advisory Council, Flagstaff Unified School District governing board (serving as president of board for 2 years) and the Governor's African-American Advisory Council. Deb currently serves as the board president for the Southside Community Association. She has also been involved in the Big Brothers/Big Sisters NAU Pipeline Mentoring Program where she mentored a student from the 7th grade through high school graduation.

Deborah's full-time position is as Associate Dean of Students at Northern Arizona University. She is responsible for coordinating the Parent/Family Services Program, NAU Student Child Care Voucher Program and works with student retention activities.

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## **Duffie Westheimer**

Since coming to Flagstaff in 1981 to study ceramics at NAU my Flagstaff homes have all, but for a few months, been in the historic core. I have lived in one of Flagstaff's oldest homes on S. Agassiz, part of a home on Terrace and since 1988 my husband and I have owned a home constructed of Navajo Army Depot ammunition boxes on W. Aspen in the Townsite neighborhood. I live in the historic areas because that is where the heart and soul of a community are found.

I have a BA in Geography and Studio Art and a MA in Applied Cultural Anthropology and Museum Studies. I worked at the Museum of Northern Arizona for a number of seasons of the Craftsman Exhibitions and in Anthropology Collections. For more than 20 years I have worked in various capacities at the Public Library. Currently I am collecting oral histories from residents of Townsite neighborhood.

## **OUTSIDE COMMUNITIES PANELISTS**

### **Bob Segar**

Bob is the Assistant Vice Chancellor of Campus Planning and Community Resources at UC Davis. He has over 20 years of experience guiding the largest campus in the UC System, boasting over 5,300 acres, through a dramatic physical transformation. In the last 10 years alone, the campus has realized over \$1.5 billion of capital investment spanning every possible campus activity—libraries, student unions, arts centers, major athletic facilities, lab buildings, office buildings, student housing, dining centers, gathering spaces, roadways and pathways. He is responsible for long rangeland use planning, site planning, and community planning coordination with local jurisdictions. Since 1989, Bob has led several important campus initiatives, including serving as the Chancellor's coordinator for the Mondavi Center, directing the celebration of the UC Davis Centennial in 2008-09 and leading the planning for the UC Davis West Village community. UC Davis West Village hosts the first community college environment on a UC campus. UC Davis West Village aspires to create a zero net energy community for faculty, students and staff. Prior to his work at UC Davis, Bob worked in the Stanford University Planning Office and in private practice. He is a graduate of Stanford University and the University of Michigan.

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## **Beth Sowder**

Beth is the Neighborhood Services Manager for the City of Fort Collins, Colorado. Almost 20 years ago, in 1995, she was hired as a Code Compliance Inspector enforcing nuisance codes within the City. In 2005, she was chosen to be the Neighborhood Services Manager when the City decided to merge the Code Compliance and Neighborhood Resources Departments. Neighborhood Services provides a variety of services including Code Compliance, Community Mediation and Restorative Justice services, Development Review liaison work, Colorado State University/City of Fort Collins Community Liaison providing education and programming to students moving into neighborhoods, Neighborhood Administration, and oversight of Animal Control and Animal Sheltering through the Humane Society.

Beth received her bachelor's degree in International Trade & Relations from the University of Northern Colorado. She is married, has two daughters, and one crazy dog. She enjoys the Colorado climate and fun, outdoor recreational activities that are abundant in Colorado.