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Speaker Biographies

Leann S. Taagepera is an environmental planner, who works as an independent contractor. She earned a B.A. in Environmental Studies, emphasis in Planning, from UC Santa Barbara in 1989 and a Master of Urban and Regional Planning, from UC Irvine in 1994. She provides project management and coordination; California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), National Environmental Quality Act (NEPA), and Department of Transportation (DOT) Act Section 4(f) document preparation, and National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) Section 106 reviews for various types of projects, and third-party review of environmental documents. She and Donnell Rubay are co-founders of Friends of Old Town Benicia, a historic preservation advocacy group in the city. Both are members of the Benicia Historical Society and the Benicia Main Street Design Review Committee.

Donnell Rubay is a former corporate attorney and current author. She earned her undergraduate degree from UC Berkeley and J.D. from UCLA and was a practicing attorney with Pillsbury, Madison and Sutro, now Pillsbury, Winthrop. Her law-related work is currently limited to unpaid local-level activism. She is a member of the City’s Open Government committee, was a representative on the City’s new police station selection committee, is currently active in shaping the City’s application for Certified Local Government status, as well candidate for Mayor of Benicia. She and Leann work together to assist the City of Benicia with its compliance with CEQA in its processing of projects affecting historic resources.