

PLANNER EMERITUS NETWORK BOARD BIOGRAPHIES

Hanson Hom, AICP, ASLA - President



Hanson has over 40 years of planning experience, including as Community Development Director for the cities of Sunnyvale and San Leandro. Previous employment includes the East Bay Regional Park District, Port of Oakland, and the cities of Vallejo, Hayward and Alameda. Since retiring as an Assistant City Manager in Sunnyvale, he has served as Interim Community Development Director for Half Moon Bay and East Palo Alto, and Senior Associate in the Milpitas City Manager's Office.

Hanson has led the adoption of ambitious general plans, specific plans, housing elements, and urban design manuals that incorporate robust community engagement. Several of these plans received state and regional excellence awards from APA California. He has been active for many years in APA California, most recently serving as Vice-President of Conferences. Previous positions include Section Director and Ethics Review Director for APA California Northern Section. As a member of the California Planning Roundtable and Planner Emeritus Network (PEN), Hanson has served on both Executive Boards and is currently the PEN President. Additionally, he is a member of the City of Alameda Planning Board.

Hanson holds master's degrees in Urban and Regional Planning from San José State University and Public Administration from Cal State University East Bay, and a B.A. in Landscape Architecture from University of California, Berkeley. He is also a licensed landscape architect and certified economic development professional.