

MARY J. CLAYPOOL

Background

Born in Franklin, Ky. The oldest of nine children. Lived with my grandparents until the age of eight. Lived with my mom and stepfather on a dairy farm as sharecroppers. Graduated from an all black K-12 school. Upon graduation worked in a factory, only jobs available for young black people in my hometown. After two years moved to Seaside, Ca. with my fiancé. Attended Kramer Business School in Carmel, Ca.. Upon graduation was hired by the Seaside Redevelopment Agency for a two week temporary job that lasted for twenty years.

Career Accomplishments

Worked for the City of Seaside for twenty years, (1969 – 1989) in finance, redevelopment, community development and economic development. Worked for the County of Monterey as the Program Manager for Economic Development for 17 years, (September 1989 – October 2005). Was responsible for coordinating the economic development activities and the development of business outreach and assistance programs for businesses in the County of Monterey, securing approximately \$20M in EDA grants. Retired from the County of Monterey in October 2005.

While at the County of Monterey, in 2003 developed the very successful Monterey County Competitive Clusters Project, bringing together over 300 business and community leaders across agriculture, tourism, education building and technology. The program is still active and continues today to provide cross pollination of industries, job creation and workforce development programs.

In January 2006, became the Director of Economic Development for the Monterey County Business Council and on June 1, 2007, was appointed Executive Director of the Monterey County Business Council. Duties included working with private sector businesses, chambers, non-profits, universities, as well as the federal, state and local government, day to day operations of the Council and to oversee administration of the Monterey County Competitive Clusters Project, a public-private partnership between the County and Business Council. Generated over \$500,000 for the organization. Retired in February 2012.

Volunteer History (*Denotes Current Board membership)

*Monterey County Board of Education, Trustee Area 6; President/Vice President/Board Trustee

*Monterey County Branch NAACP; President/1st Vice President/Executive Committee

*Monterey County Civil Rights Commission; Board Member

*Community Human Services; Board Member

*Monterey County School Boards Association; Board Member

Central Coast Visiting Nurses' Association; President/Vice President/Board Member

Seaside Planning Commission, Chair/Member

City of Seaside C-Jobs Task Force

California Association for Local Economic Development Officials (CALED)

Monterey Peninsula Chamber of Commerce,

Salinas Valley Chamber

California Rural Coastal Development Center

Council for Urban Economic Development (CUED)

United Way of Monterey County

County Liaison for numerous non-profit boards and financial boards.

Graduated from Leadership Monterey Peninsula in 1989.

In 1994 received a Senate Rules Committee Resolution and Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition for outstanding and invaluable service to the community.

Received the Woman of Achievement Award in 1994 from the Seaside Business and Professional Women's Club

Recognized by the U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration for Outstanding Service at their annual conference in 1999.

Received the 2014 Monterey County Woman of the Year Award

Received the 2014 Visiting Nurses' Association & Hospice Woman of the Year Award

AA - Business Administration, Monterey Peninsula College / BA/Masters - Business Administration, LaSalle University