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Juan Arambula represents the Central San Joaquin Valley's 31st Assembly District in the California State Legislature. Juan was recently named "Legislator of the Year" by the California Small Business Association. During his 20 years of public service, he has been a stabilizing influence, whose calm leadership helped guide Fresno

County and Fresno schools through difficult times. Juan lives in Fresno with Amy, his wife of 30 years. They have four adult children.



Alan Autry has served as the mayor of Fresno with a vision of inclusion and action to ensure that Fresno will take its place as the nation's leader in innovation, resourcefulness and creativity. He grew up in the farming community of Riverdale, California. After his professional football career with the Green Bay Packers, Alan spent 22 years in

the film and television industry. He is married to Kimberlee and they have three children.



Jane Bedrosian has been serving the communities of Fowler and Fresno for 35 years in various capacities of leadership. She is a native of New York and attended UCLA where she received a B.A. in music and English as well as her secondary teaching credential. Jane is a past recipient of the Marjorie Mason Fresno Business

Professional Women of the Year award and was a Fowler Citizen of the Year. She resides in Fowler with Kenneth, her husband of 37 years, and their three children.



Jim Costa was sworn into office in January 2005 and welcomed the opportunity to continue serving the Valley as a member of the U.S. House of Representatives. He has spent the majority of his life working to improve the lives of the people of the San Joaquin Valley on the local, state and national level. To Jim, the Central Valley means

home in the truest sense of the word. Jim is a third-generation family farmer, tracing his immediate roots back to his grandparents who emigrated from Portugal's Azore Islands and settled in the Valley over 90 years ago.



Pamela Freeman Fobbs is an attorney and former public and information deputy for the Fresno County District Attorney's Office. She received a bachelor of arts degree from the University of Houston and a doctor of jurisprudence degree from Texas Southern University, Houston, Texas. Most recently, Pamela was named chairperson of

the California Institute of Regenerative Medicine's Diversity Advisory Council in May 2005. She is married to Denard M. Fobbs, M.D. The couple has two adult children.



Coke Hallowell is active in many community organizations, most notably as a founding member and board president of the San Joaquin River Parkway and Conservation Trust. She was elected to the SCCC Board of Trustees in 1975 and served two terms. Coke also served on the SCCC Foundation Board and is now a member of the

Honored Board. In June 2005, Coke received the Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis Award for Public Service. She is married to James Hallowell and they have two daughters and two grandsons.



James Hallowell owned and operated Hallowell Chevrolet for 45 years, retiring in 2000. The family business was founded in 1944 by his father Denny. James is a proud community partner and an active philanthropist. He currently serves on the Fresno Regional Foundation Board, CSU, Fresno Board of Governors, Friends of the Fresno County

Library and the Fresno Citizens for Good Government. He and his wife Coke have two daughters and two grandsons.



Dale Ikeda was appointed judge to the Fresno County Superior Court February 1, 2001. Prior to his appointment he practiced law for more than two decades, the last three years with Dowling, Aaron and Keeler. Among Dale's numerous achievements, he was recently made chair of the Pinedale Assembly Center Memorial Project

Committee to establish a memorial at the Pinedale site in Fresno, where Japanese Americans were interned during WWII. He and his wife Deborah have been married 22 years and have two daughters.



Richard Johanson founded Johanson Transportation Service in 1971 and served as the president for 20 years. He is now the chairman of the Board. He received his A.A. degree in business administration from Reedley College, followed by a bachelor's degree in business administration from the Armstrong School of Business in Berkeley. Richard has been involved at the board level in numerous civic and service organizations, including Rotary International and Greater Fresno Area Chamber of Commerce. He is married to Althea and has two children and three grandchildren.



Odell Johnson, Jr. served a distinguished career as president of Laney College in Oakland for 16 years, retiring in 1995. He is a graduate of Edison High School, Fresno City College and CSU, Fresno where he earned his teaching credential. Johnson was honored by FCC's Associated Students as a Distinguished Alumnus in October 1990. He resides in Oakland with his wife Virginia. They have two children and five grandchildren.



Jill Moffat is executive director of the Fresno City and County Historical Society. The Historical Society began advocating some 30 years ago for the preservation of the Old Administration Building. Jill has a rich background in education, including having taught first grade, studying reading instruction and curriculum at the master's and doctoral level, conducting research at the Center for the Study of Reading at the University of Illinois and teacher training at two universities. She is married to John, an accountant.



Clement Renzi is an eminent American sculptor. His work has been collected worldwide and can be enjoyed throughout the Central Valley. One most archetypical piece is "The Visit," which can be seen on Fresno's Fulton Mall. Other pieces may be seen locally in front of the Fresno County Library and the CSU, Fresno Music Building. He is married to

Dorothy Renzi and they have one daughter and two grandchildren.



Dorothy Renzi is a renowned opera singer and pianist and has performed throughout the United States. She was born in Fresno and studied at CSU, Fresno, Mills College and in New York City. Renzi was a faculty member at CSU, Fresno for many years. She is married to Clement Renzi and they have one daughter and two grandchildren.



Sarah Reyes is currently the president/CEO for Community Food Bank. From 1998 to 2004 Sarah served with distinction in the California State Legislature representing the 31st Assembly District. Prior to being elected to the Legislature, she served as the assistant to the chancellor for the State Center Community College District. She is a graduate of Fresno City College and CSU, Fresno. Sarah comes from a large family of seven children and has twenty-one nieces and nephews.



John Valentino is president of Truxell and Valentino Landscape Development, Inc., Sierra Madre Nursery and John and Bob's Corporation. He attended UC, Berkeley where he received a B.A. in Landscape Architecture. John is most noted for his work as co-founder and board member of Tree Fresno. He is married to Donna Jean and they have one daughter.



Mike Villines was elected to the California State Legislature in 2004 to represent the 29th Assembly District. As the minority leader, he provides vision and direction as the Republican Caucus forms its legislative agenda every year. Working with his leadership team, Mike plans legislative strategy to ensure Republican measures are passed and signed into law. He and his wife Christina live in Clovis with their three children.



Blong Xiong is the newly elected Fresno City Councilmember for District 1. He is the first Asian-American city councilmember in Fresno and the first Hmong in California to win a city council seat. Blong earned his B.S. in business administration from Marian College of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin and his MBA from National University. He and his wife Maila have lived in Fresno for more than 15 years.



Kurt Zumwalt is a builder and president of Zumwalt Construction, Inc., which he co-owns with his wife Teri. He and his wife are lifelong residents of Fresno. They have been married for 31 years and have two children.



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