

Anna Fricke Bio

Anna Fricke is the daughter of two English professors. She grew up in the small town of Hancock, ME. Because of the lack of quality schools in the area, Anna's mother sent her for high school to Milton Academy, in Milton, MA where Anna's father still teaches. As a result, Anna has always been keenly aware of the importance of providing quality public school education. She is passionate about building schools in a way that allows children to truly feel that they are part of their community.

Anna graduated from Swarthmore College as an English/Theater major and moved to Los Angeles in 1998. She has written for shows such as "Dawson's Creek" and "Everwood" and currently serves as the co-creator/executive producer of SyFy's "Being Human." She lives with her husband, television writer Jeremy Carver and their three young children in Silver Lake.

Caprice Young Bio

Caprice Young is the Vice President for Education at the Laura and John Arnold Foundation. A nationally respected education innovator, Dr. Young is known for working skillfully across major sectors, having held top leadership positions in technology, education, government and business. She has served as the Assistant Deputy Mayor of the City of Los Angeles; a Manager in IBM's eBusiness consulting practice; founding CEO/President of the California Charter Schools Association; CEO/President of KC Distance learning, an instructional technology company serving over 170,000 students; and, most recently, as CEO of the Inner City Education Foundation Public Schools; and, CEO/President of EnCorps, a non-profit organization recruiting and training new STEM teachers.

Dr. Young has served on numerous boards, including the Board of Education of the Los Angeles Unified School District, on which she served as president, as well as the Governor's Advisory Committee on Education Excellence (California), the Fordham Foundation, and the National Alliance for Public Charter Schools, and Apple Academy Charter Public Schools, among others. She is a recipient of the Coro Foundation Crystal Eagle Award for Achievement in Public Service. She earned her bachelor's degree from Yale University, a Master of Public Administration from the University of Southern California, and her Doctorate of Education from the University of California, Los Angeles (where she currently teaches education leadership in the doctoral program).

Mark Dierking Bio/Resume

Principal Dierking Consulting

November 2010 – Present (2 years 3 months) Greater Los Angeles Area
Provide project management, land-use consulting and public affairs services for public and private clients. Services include preparation and review of entitlement applications and submittals; communicating and coordination with City/County staff; facilitating community outreach; and representation at public hearings and Commission meetings. Current projects include senior housing, affordable housing, tract maps/single family homes, and public outreach for highway planning at Metro.

Knowledge Learning Corporation

Director, Real Estate Planning

September 2009 – October 2010 (1 year 2 months)
Leads the real estate strategic planning process. Responsible for facilitating analysis, systems and processes that maximize real estate investment and divestiture strategies to yield an optimum return on investment across the organization. Provide leadership and support to multiple functional areas and senior management in designing and developing their business expansion strategies. Knowledge Learning Corporation owns and operates over 1,800 early childhood education centers across the country under the KinderCare, Knowledge Beginnings and Children's Creative Learning Centers brands.

MWH Development/Snowball Investments

Director of Planning/Project Manager

February 2007 – September 2009 (2 years 8 months)
Manage planning and land-use issues for a Los Angeles based homebuilder. Responsible for pre-development process. Represent homebuilder at public meetings and hearings.

City of Los Angeles

Senior Planning and Legislative Deputy/Council President Alex Padilla

November 1997 – January 2007 (9 years 3 months)
Managed planning and land-use issues for the 7th Council District while also covering departments of Planning, Housing, Transportation, Building and Safety, Libraries, Recreation and Parks, Water and Power and Cultural Affairs. Responsible for drafting legislation, analyzing budgets and policy matters, testifying at Council Committee and Commission meetings, working with community groups on planning matters, and formulating strategies for the completion of projects and the passage of legislation.

Children's Museum

Executive Director

January 2005 – November 2006 (1 year 11 months)
Supervised a staff of nine and a team of consultants with an annual budget of 1.2 million dollars. Secured financing, entitlements, environmental clearances and building permits with Army Corp of Engineers, City of Los Angeles, State of California and County of Los Angeles. Raised over \$15 million from individuals, corporations, foundations and government agencies.

SCAQMD

Boardmember Assistant

November 1997 – July 1998 (9 months)

Served as the liaison and assistant for an AQMD Boardmember who represented the City of Los Angeles and western Los Angeles County Cities for an agency that covers five counties in Southern California. Analyzed air quality policy matters and briefed Board Member on pending Rule changes, drafted legislation, and developed and pursued an environmental justice policy agenda for the Boardmember.

Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority

Manager, Government and Public Affairs

1992 – 1997 (5 years)

* Orchestrated and led outreach among various community groups and cities in the San Fernando Valley, Conejo Valley, Santa Clarita Valley, San Gabriel and Antelope Valleys to inform residents of transportation developments.

* Organized Public Hearings and outreach for the San Fernando Valley East/West Rail Project (Heavy Rail/Monorail) - EIS/EIR/MIS and the Glendale/Burbank/Los Angeles Light Rail Project - EIR and SEIR.

Worked on ground breaking events, tenant relocation meetings, and local merchant outreach for the construction of the Universal City and North Hollywood Subway Stations.

* Led over 70 public meetings for the San Fernando Valley Bus Restructuring Study while managing press relations and outreach to elected officials. Study improved service and saved \$10 million in operating revenues.

* Developed a crisis response strategy and secured \$2 million in funding for safety improvements along the Southern Pacific rail corridor after pedestrian deaths due to the initial opening of Metrolink.

* Team member responsible for assembling agency and departmental budget.

The Trust for Public Land

Project Director/Asst. Campaign Manager

January 1996 – August 1996 (8 months)

* Organized outreach efforts for all 88 cities in Los Angeles County and established an application process for the submission of park and recreation projects for inclusion in the ballot measure.

* Organized grassroots efforts to secure a majority vote from the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisor's authorizing the placement the measure on the ballot. Secured endorsements from more than 500 organizations and obtained supporting resolutions from 67 cities. Worked with local Councilmembers, City Managers, Park and Recreation Directors, and City Clerks.