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Agenda

11:30 AM	Check-in Opens, Light Lunch and Networking
Noon	Welcome L. Brooks Patterson, <i>Oakland County Executive</i>
12:05 PM	Women's Leadership in Government <i>Oakland County Executive Women's Leadership Discussion and Q&A</i> Moderator—Laurie Van Pelt, <i>Director, Management & Budget</i> Irene Spanos, <i>Director, Economic Development & Community Affairs</i> Jordie Kramer, <i>Director, Human Resources</i> Kathy Forzley, <i>Director, Health and Human Services</i>
12:50 PM	Break
1:00 PM	Keynote Speaker and Q&A Irene Hirano Inouye, <i>President, U.S.-Japan Council, Washington D.C.</i>
1:30 PM	What Doesn't Break You Makes You Stronger Mary Kamidoi, <i>Treasurer, Japanese American Citizens League, Detroit Chapter</i>
2:00 PM	Diverse Paths to Leadership <i>Japanese American Women Leadership Discussion and Q&A</i> Moderator—Laurie Van Pelt Yuki Sakai, <i>Deputy Consul General of Japan in Detroit</i> Izumi Suzuki, <i>President, Suzuki, Myers & Associates, Ltd., Novi</i> Prof. Motoko Tabuse, <i>Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti</i> Yuka Sato, <i>Coach, U.S. Women's Figure Skating, Bloomfield Hills</i>
3:00 PM	You Say Goodbye, and I Say Hello: The Art of Communicating <i>Leadership Training Workshop</i> Phil Bertolini, <i>Deputy County Executive and CIO, Oakland County</i>
3:30 PM	Closing Remarks and Networking
4:00 PM	Close

Speaker Biographies

Phil Bertolini, *deputy county executive and CIO, Oakland County, Waterford*



In 2005, Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson appointed Bertolini as deputy county executive and CIO. Previously, he served the county as director of Information Technology.

Bertolini is an accomplished public speaker having presented across the U.S. and worldwide, including Australia and Dubai. Most recently, he and his team presented at the 2017 ESRI User Conference Plenary Session to some 18,000 attendees and provided the keynote address at the 2018 Laserfiche Empower

Conference. Public speaking is his passion, along with providing quality government services to the county's citizens.

He has been one of California Society of Municipal Finance Officers' featured speakers for the past five years on topics ranging from the role of finance in IT to being successful when implementing enterprise resource planning; a class instructor on public speaking and assessing officers in the state of Michigan based on a course he wrote; and has traveled extensively to speak about eGovernment best practices. He has authored a growing collection of resources to help other organizations modernize IT within today's rapidly changing technology landscape.

Bertolini's leadership awards include Oakland County placing first in the 2017 and 2018 County Government Experience Awards, a national award presented by the Center for Digital Government; 2017 Public Official of the Year by *Governing* magazine; member of the 2017 CIO Hall of Fame by CIO magazine; 2016 IT Leader of the Year at the Michigan Digital Government Summit, hosted by *Government Technology* magazine; Oakland County placed first in the 2008 and 2014 Best of the Web County Portal rankings by the Center for Digital Government; *Crain's Detroit Business* as CIO of the Year for 2013; honored by President Obama as a Champion of Change for 2012; 2010 Outstanding Alumni for the College of Communications, Arts and Sciences at Michigan State University; past president of the Communications, Arts and Sciences Alumni Board at Michigan State University; co-author and co-editor of the book "IT Budgeting and Decision Making: Maximizing Your Government's Technology Investments" (published 2009); Oakland County placed first in the 2009 Digital County rankings, a nationwide survey conducted by the Center for Digital Government; named among the 2007 "Top 25, Doers, Dreamers and Drivers" by *Government Technology* magazine, along with Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson; and 2004 CIO of the Year by Automation Alley.

Bertolini received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Telecommunications from Michigan State University. He resides in Oakland County with his wife and two children.

Kathy Forzley, *director, Department of Health and Human Services, Oakland County, Pontiac*



In 2017, Forzley was appointed by Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson as the director of the county's Department of Health and Human Services. She provides oversight, strategic direction and management expertise to the Health, Children's Village and Homeland Security divisions. With an outcome-driven approach and increased collaboration with all stakeholders, she is dedicated to improving the health and quality of life for anyone who lives, works and plays in Oakland County.

As a recognized public health expert, Forzley's leadership focused on population health improvement through numerous collaborative efforts that comprehensively align community partners and resources around complex health issues. Under her oversight, numerous award-winning community initiatives—such as Healthy Pontiac, We Can!, Homeless Healthcare Collaboration and a county-wide health improvement initiative known as Energizing Connections for Healthier Oakland (ECHO)—have been created and sustained.

She also has a lead role advocating for health initiatives on a regional and statewide level through participation on the Michigan Public Health Advisory Commission, Michigan Local Public Health Accreditation Commission, Southeastern Michigan Health Association, Michigan Association of Local Public Health, Oakland County Human Trafficking Task Force and the Michigan Governor's Public Health Advisory Council.

Prior to becoming director, Forzley served as the health officer and administrator of environmental health services in Oakland County's Health Division and worked as a registered environmental health sanitarian. She has worked in the field of public health for 25 years and offers a broad perspective in community-based, disease prevention and health promotion initiatives.

Forzley has a Master of Public Administration and a dual Bachelor of Arts in Biology and Bachelor of Science in Environmental Health from Oakland University, Rochester.



Irene Hirano Inouye, president and founder, U.S.-Japan Council, Washington, D.C.

In addition to president and founder in 2008 of the American U.S.-Japan Council headquartered in Washington D.C., Inouye serves as president of the Japan-based U.S.-Japan Council headquartered in Tokyo which was established in 2012. Both organizations are non-profits and they administer the TOMODACHI Initiative—a public-private partnership with the U.S. Embassy in Tokyo and the government of Japan—investing in the next generation of Japanese and American leaders

through educational and cultural exchanges and leadership programs.

She is the former president and founding CEO of the Japanese American National Museum in Los Angeles, a position she held for 20 years. Inouye has extensive experience in nonprofit administration, community education and public affairs with culturally diverse communities nationwide. Her current professional and community activities include serving as chair, Smithsonian Institution Asian Pacific American Center; trustee, The Washington Center; fellow, American Academy of Arts and Sciences; advisory board member, University of Southern California, Price School of Public Policy, Center on Philanthropy and Public Policy; advisory board chair, University of California at Los Angeles, Terasaki Center for Japanese Studies; councilor, Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology School Corporation.

Inouye's previous positions include serving as trustee and chair, Ford Foundation; trustee and chair, Kresge Foundation; board of directors chair, the American Alliance of Museums; board member, National Trust for Historic Preservation; trustee, Independent Sector; national board member, Smithsonian Institution; advisory board member, Smithsonian National Museum of American History; diversity advisory board member, Toyota Corporation; business advisory board, Sodexo Corporation; appointed to President's Committee on the Arts and Humanities; and chair, California Commission on the Status of Women.

She has received numerous awards, including from the Anti-Defamation League, the League of Women Voters, the National Education Association, the Japan Foundation, the University of Southern California Alumni Association, the University of Southern California Price School of Public Policy, the Liberty Hill Foundation, the Japanese American National Museum, the Arab American National Museum, the Asian American Federation, the Asian Justice Center and the Leadership Education for Asian Pacifics.

She was married to the late U.S. Senator Daniel K. Inouye of Hawaii and has bachelor's and master's degrees in public administration from the University of Southern California, and an honorary doctorate degree from SMU.

Speaker Biographies *(Continued)*



Mary Kamidoi, *treasurer, Japanese American Citizens League, Detroit Chapter*

Beginning in 1951, Kamidoi worked for the Ford Motor Co. for 37 years. She has been a board member and active member with the Japanese American Citizens League of Detroit since 1951; active member of her church; and board member of American Citizens for Justice—an organization formed in 1982 following the beating death of Vincent Chin, who was Chinese but mistaken for Japanese during the American automotive slump.

She was 11 years old and living in Stockton, CA, during the December 7, 1941, bombing of Pearl Harbor, marking the start of U.S. involvement in World War II. By April 1942, due to Executive Order #9066 issued by President Roosevelt, the mass removal began of all Japanese in U.S. into temporary and permanent camps. Her family was sent to an internment camp in Rohwer, Arkansas. When the camp closed and with their California home gone, her family was relocated to Painton, MO. When her brothers were discharged from the Army, the family moved to Michigan.

Kamidoi speaks to high schools, universities and churches about her life experiences and volunteers regularly to help others in her community.



Jordie Kramer, *director, Human Resources, Oakland County, Waterford*

In 2015, Kramer was appointed by Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson as the director of the county's Human Resources Department. She oversees employee benefits, compensation and classification, recognition and wellness, labor relations, recruitment and workforce planning, retirement, employee records and human resource information systems and training and development.

She is a member of the county executive's Budget Task Force which ensures the county stays within its balanced three-year budget and is the representative to the Board of Commissioner's Human Resources Committee.

Kramer has over 23 years of progressive, professional human resources experience. She began her employment with the county as a student co-op in the Prosecutor's Office in 1986. After college in 1997, she returned to the county as a human resources analyst and spent 17 years in labor relations. She has a Bachelor of Science degree from Central Michigan University.



Yuki Sakai, *Deputy Consul General of Japan, Detroit*

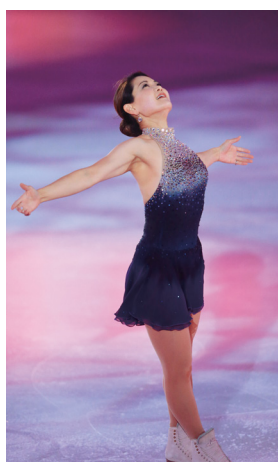
In 2017, Sakai began her current post as Deputy Consul General at the Consulate General of Japan in Detroit, covering Michigan and Ohio. She entered Japan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA), Tokyo, in 1988.

Her diplomatic career began with language training in Kingston, Ontario at Queen's University. Then, her first overseas assignment began in 1991 when she served as third secretary to the Embassy of Japan in Ottawa for three years.

Sakai's other posts include official, First North America Division, North America Bureau, MOFA (1994-1998); official, Japan-U.S. Security Treaty Division, North America Bureau, MOFA (1998-2001); second then first secretary, Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations, New York (2001-2004); first secretary, Embassy of Japan, India (2004-2006); deputy director, International Nuclear Energy Cooperation Division, Disarmament, Non-Proliferation and Science Department, MOFA (2006-2011); deputy director, First North

America Division, North America Bureau, MOFA (2011-2014); first secretary, Mission of Japan to the European Union, Brussels (2014-2016); deputy director, Non-Governmental Organizations Cooperation Division, International Cooperation Bureau, MOFA (2016-2017).

She has a B.A, Anglo-American Studies, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies; and an M.A., political science, Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario.



Yuka Sato, coach and choreographer, Detroit Skating Club, Bloomfield Hills

Born in Tokyo, Sato is a world champion and professional ice skater, choreographer, commentator and coach. You could say she has skating in her blood. Her parents are former Japanese champions who both represented Japan at the Olympic Games. Yuka started skating at the age of four after watching an ice skating show and started competing at age six. She enjoys the hard work and dedication the sport requires.

Her amateur skating career was highlighted at the 1994 World Championships where she won the world title in her home country. Japan was extremely proud of their newly crowned champion, and she has helped to further the popularity of figure skating in Japan.

After the 1994 World Championships, she made the decision to turn professional and has competed and won almost every major televised professional competition in the U.S., Japan and France. One of the finest skaters today, Sato's ability to combine technical difficulty with breathtaking artistic presentation has contributed to her outstanding success.

In the 2002 Hallmark Skaters Championship, she entered the two-day event in both singles and pairs. The singles event featured an impressive field including Sarah Hughes, the newly crowned Olympic champion, and Irina Slutskaya, the reigning world champion. Sato gave an emotional and technically difficult performance to win the title.

She was a featured performer for many years in the Stars on Ice tour.

Her competitive highlights include 2002 Hallmark Skaters Championships, first place; 2001 World Professional Championships, first place; 2000 World Professional Championships, first place; 2000 Grand Slam of Skating, first place; 1998 World Challenge of Champions, first place; 1998 World Professional Championships, second place; 1998 Japan Open, second place; 1996 Professional Ladies Series, first place; 1996 World Professional Championships, second place; 1996 Great Skate Debate, first place; 1995 Riders Ladies Championships, first place; 1995 World Professional Championships, first place; 1995 World Challenge of Champions, first place; and 1995 Canadian Pro Championships, first place.

Sato's amateur record includes 1994 World Championships, first place; 1994 Winter Olympics, fifth place; 1994 All Japan Championships, first place; 1993 World Championships, fourth place; 1993 All Japan Championships, first place; 1992 Winter Olympics, seventh place; 1992 Skate America, first place; and 1989 Junior World Championships, first place.

Speaker Biographies *(Continued)*



Irene Spanos, director, Department of Economic Development & Community Affairs, Oakland County, Waterford

In 2011, Spanos was appointed by Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson as the director of the Department of Economic Development & Community Affairs. She oversees economic and community development for the county, including business attraction and expansion; workforce and talent development; small business services and loans; marketing and communications; and city, village and township programs and services. Major programs include Main Street Oakland

County to develop the commercial and preserve the historic aspects of the county's downtowns; Tech248 to serve the 2,000 company IT/Tech cluster in the county; and Manufacturing Day to introduce high school students to the great jobs available in advanced manufacturing.

Before her appointment, she worked for seven years in business development, managing European business accounts; retaining and expanding county businesses; and launching Patterson's initiatives such as the regional Medical Main Street program, serving the county's 4,300 life science company cluster and the Emerging Sectors initiative to diversify the industries in the county for long-term development and sustainability.

Spanos has executive and advisory board positions for several organizations, including various American chambers of commerce (e.g., Swedish, German, British and French); Oakland University's business incubator, OU INC; Lawrence Tech's Collaboratory; the U.S. Department of Commerce's National Economic Development Board, focused on foreign direct investment; and GlobalTies Detroit, a service provider to the U.S. Department of State. In 2016, the U.S. Secretary of Commerce asked her to join the department's newly formed Investment Advisory Council, composed of only 19 economic development professionals from across the U.S. Spanos was recently appointed to the Board of Trustees for McLaren Oakland.

She is also active in the Michigan Economic Developers Association and the International Economic Development Council Research Group.



Izumi Suzuki, president, Suzuki, Myers & Associates, Ltd., Novi

Suzuki is not only president of her own company but also a court-certified and conference interpreter. After being trained in simultaneous interpretation in Japan, she established Suzuki-Myers, Ltd. with her late husband, Steve D. Myers, in 1984, and began providing bilingual services.

Suzuki is a certified interpreter in "both directions" (English-to-Japanese and Japanese-to-English) in translation by the American Translators Association (ATA), where she has served as a board member, as administrator of the Japanese Language Division, and as accreditation language chair. She is a member of the ATA Certification Committee and the Interpreting Policy Advisory Committee and secretary of the Japan America Society of Michigan and Southwest Ontario.

Suzuki is a California state-certified Japanese-to-English and English-to-Japanese court interpreter, one of only a dozen in the U.S. She is a founding member and former president of the Michigan Translators / Interpreters Network, an ATA Chapter, where she currently serves as board advisor. She also serves as a member of the Interpreting Committee / SIG of the Japan Association of Translators and the U.S. National Association of Judiciary Interpreters and Translators.

As an official interpreter, Suzuki accompanied Michigan Governor Jennifer Granholm to Japan (2008) and Detroit Mayor Michael Duggan during the 55th anniversary celebration of the Detroit-Toyota sister city relationship (2015).



Motoko Tabuse, Ph.D., professor of Japanese, Department of World Languages, Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti

In addition to being a professor, Tabuse is director of the School of Japanese (summer intensive program) at Middlebury College Language School in Vermont and World Languages professional development consultant for the college board and external program reviewer for higher education institutions.

She was president, American Association of Teachers of Japanese; chief reader of the AP Japanese Language and Culture Examination; and American member of the Japanese Language Education Committee of the U.S.-Japan Conference on Cultural & Educational Interchange. She actively conducts workshops and leadership training for world languages. She has published many articles and is a frequent speaker at conferences.

Laurie Van Pelt, director, Department of Management & Budget, Oakland County, Waterford



In 2002, Van Pelt was appointed by Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson as the director of the Department of Management and Budget. This position functions as the chief fiscal officer for Oakland County.

She is the recipient of the 2010 *Crain's Detroit Business* CFO of the Year Award in the Government Sector category. She assists other governments by providing advice and guidance as a subject matter expert and has presented at national and state government finance association conferences and seminars.

Van Pelt traveled to Japan in March as part of the U.S.-Japan Council Japanese American Leaders Delegation (JALD), where she met with high-ranking leaders in government and business, including Prime Minister Abe and Foreign Minister Taro Kono. She is one of only two people from Michigan who have been selected to participate in JALD since its inception in 2000.

Van Pelt has worked for Oakland County for 40 years. She has a bachelor's degree in Accounting from Oakland University, a master's degree in Finance from Walsh College, and is a Certified Public Finance Officer.

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