

Fred Meurer, Nolan M. Kennedy named to Community Foundation for Monterey County board

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Monterey >> Former Monterey City Manager Fred Meurer and veteran Peninsula attorney Nolan M. Kennedy have been named to the Community Foundation for Monterey County's board of directors.

Meurer, a retired Army colonel, retired as Monterey's top administrator in 2013 after 27 years with the city and 22 as city manager. He currently serves as principal of Meurer Municipal Consulting LLC, which provides services to the Panetta Institute, Booz Allen Hamilton, and EDF Energy.

During his time with the city, Meurer is credited with working to diversify the city's economy and establishing working relationships between the city's business and residential districts and city government. He oversaw redevelopment efforts, neighborhood policing, waterfront acquisition, the Main Street program, tourism development, historic preservation programs and the development of educational and research economic clusters.

"I've always been impressed with the foundation's ability to mobilize what is good in our community to address local needs," Meurer said in a statement. "I hope to contribute to that effort."

Kennedy is a founding partner of Kennedy, Archer & Giffen and has been practicing law on the Peninsula for more than 44 years, specializing in the areas of business, nonprofit, real estate and health care law. In 2015, he was honored by the Monterey County Bar Association with the Gibson Award, given to recognize legal achievement and distinguished community service.

He served for six years on the Monterey Peninsula College Foundation, as past chair of Monterey County United Way, and as a former board member of the Carmel Bach Festival, the Peninsula Chamber of Commerce and Volunteers in Action.

"I am proud to be a part of an organization which does such great work in inspiring giving and building our community," Kennedy said in a statement.

Foundation president and CEO Dan Baldwin said in a statement that the two new board members "bring a combination of commitment, experience and vision to the (foundation) board. We look forward to working with them to help strengthen our communities through philanthropy."