

Community Reception

Dr. Emmett Carson, the new CEO and President of the Silicon Valley Community Foundation, met with East Palo Alto residents and nonprofit leaders at a two hour reception that was held in his honor. Those attending the reception heard presentations from local officials and various community presenters.



Dr. Emmett Carson

During the two hour meeting, Dr. Carson addressed the group in an informal presentation and fielded questions from the audience. “I come to you as a newcomer,” Dr. Carson said. “Sometimes friends have to tell you painful things. Friends can talk to friends. While I’m new to you, I come to you as a friend.”

He advised his listeners, many of whom were associated with local non profits, to expect some changes in the way the foundation would be awarding grants. “Many of the solutions to problems aren’t solved by people writing checks,” he said. “We are going to fund ideas. Somebody in this room who is getting a grant now, will not be, and someone who has not been getting a grant, will be.” More details to come in the next issue of East Palo Alto Today.