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THE DURFEE FOUNDATION OF SANTA MONICA HAS ANNOUNCED COMMISSIONER ADAM MURRAY AS ONE OF THE RECIPIENTS OF ITS STANTON FELLOWSHIP TO LOS ANGELES NON-PROFIT LEADERS.

On Friday, November 8, 2013, The Durfee Foundation of Santa Monica, California announced the 2014/2015 recipients of its Stanton Fellowships to Los Angeles nonprofit leaders.

The Durfee Foundation stated that they are thrilled to announce the new class of Stanton Fellows. They are among L.A.'s most innovative thinkers, and each is pursuing a project vital to the well-being of people in Los Angeles.

President Carrie Avery of the Durfee Foundation stated that the Stanton Fellowship Program provides the six fellows with \$75,000 each over a two-year period to think deeply about the intractable problems in their sector, and to tease out solutions. She stated that funds can be used for travel, research, salaries, consultants' fees or other expenses related to the Fellowship inquiry. She stated that the "The Stanton Fellowships buy leaders time to leverage their deep knowledge and extensive contacts." She also stated that the Stanton Fellowships were created to allow leaders to work on "big picture" issues in their field whether it is in the arts, health, environment, economic justice or affordable housing. Ms. Avery stated that the fellowship encourages cross-sector collaboration, as fellows from distinct fields learn about each other's work, and help one another brainstorm and problem-solve. She stated that over the course of two years, Fellows spend approximately three months away from the pressing, day-to-day demands of running their organizations to delve deeply into a challenging question that, if solved, could make Los Angeles a better place.

Commissioner Adam Murray is the Executive Director of Inner City Law Center, the only provider of legal services on Skid Row in downtown Los Angeles. ICLC combats slum housing while developing strategies to end homelessness. Prior to joining ICLC, Adam was a litigator with the international law firm Howrey LLP. He has served as president of the boards of the Housing Rights Center of Southern California and the Immigration Center for Women and Children, and has taught economics and political science at East Los Angeles College. Murray is a graduate of Pomona College, Claremont Graduate University, and UC Berkeley Law. His Stanton project will investigate how legal services agencies should focus their limited resources to have the biggest impact on poverty.