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ECONOMIC  
THE FUTURE OF THE AMERICAN DREAM

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Message from the Executive Director  
Orson Aguilar

### THE FUTURE OF THE AMERICAN DREAM

We are coming together today at a unique moment – a moment filled with opportunity, but also filled with dangers. Communities of color are no longer “minorities.” Today, we are the majority. People of color make up close to 60 percent of California’s population and the Census Bureau projects that we will become the majority nationwide by 2043.

That’s an exciting development. But it’s also making some people really nervous, especially those who have held most of the power and privilege in American society. Some of them have been frantically trying to rewrite history and reframe today’s reality.

If you believe the editorial pages of the Wall Street Journal or Investor’s Business Daily, our nation’s economic crisis wasn’t caused by Wall Street speculators, predatory lenders or deregulated and out-of-control derivatives markets. No, the villain was poor people. Low-income folks, mostly black and brown, tanked the U.S. economy, aided and abetted by laws aimed at helping underserved communities, like the Community Reinvestment Act – not to mention organizations like Greenlining, which advocate for those communities.

We know better, of course. And we don’t mind criticism – it means we’re doing our job. But we’re definitely living in a challenging era.

Homeownership rates are declining after years of growth – and declining faster for people of color. Unemployment rates remain frighteningly high – and again people of color are being hit hardest. And amid all this hardship, we’re facing brutal state budget cuts – cuts that will mean worse education, less healthcare, fewer parks, less opportunity and less hope.

And that’s before we even start to think about federal budget proposals that would dismantle Medicare and cause even more hardship for working families.

But there is hope. All over the country, from Madison, Wisconsin to here in Southern California, we’ve seen ordinary people rise up to demand change. As the new majority, it’s up to us to make that happen. Thank you for joining us today at our 18th Annual Economic Summit: *The Future of the American Dream*. We hope you enjoy our event and hope that you will continue to partner with us throughout the year as we place the future of the American dream in our hands.

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Orson Aguilar  
Executive Director

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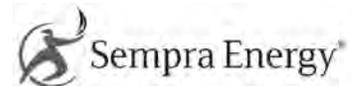


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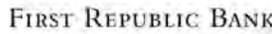


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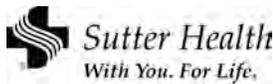


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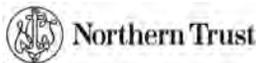
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SUMMIT PROGRAM

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. ■ CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

9:00 a.m. – 9:05 a.m. ■ WELCOME  
*Opening Remarks:*  
**Orson Aguilar, Executive Director**  
The Greenlining Institute

9:10 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. ■ OPENING SESSION  
*Our “Smart” Future: Potential and Pitfalls*

The coming decade will witness a revolution that merges the media, energy, and telecommunications industries in ways never seen before. From the merger of cable companies with broadcast networks, to the Smart Grid system and “smart” energy technologies, how we go about our daily lives will fundamentally change. This panel will examine some of the most important changes on the horizon, including how we consume information, the revamping of our electrical grid, and the technologies that will get us there. Join representatives from the private and public sectors as they debate the potential – and the potential pitfalls – of our “Smart” future.

*Opening Remarks:*  
**Michael Peevey, President**  
California Public Utilities Commission

*Moderated by:*  
**Samuel Kang, General Counsel**  
The Greenlining Institute

*Panel:*  
**Steven C. Bradford, Assemblyman**  
Chair, Assembly Utilities Committee

**Cindy Chavez, Executive Officer**  
AFL-CIO, South Bay Labor Council

**John Gutierrez, Government Affairs Director**  
Comcast

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California Public Utilities Commission

**Dan Skopec, Vice President, Regulatory & Legislative Affairs**  
San Diego Gas & Electric and SoCal Gas

**Tom Soto, Managing Partner & Co-Founder**  
Craton Equity Partners

10:40 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

■ GENERAL SESSION 2

*Mastering the Art of Leadership in a Technological Age*

The use of technology tools by the Obama campaign to inspire, generate resources, and organize millions of volunteers has raised interesting questions about leadership, civic participation and how social change happens. It is not possible to tackle problems like climate change, increasing wealth disparities or access to education without embracing new technologies and network strategies that enable us to reach wide audiences and mobilize support. Join us for a discussion on mastering the art of social justice leadership in an increasingly technological age.

*Opening Remarks:*

**Curren Price, Senator**  
Chair, Black Legislative Caucus

*Moderated by:*

**Melissa Bradley, CEO**  
Tides Foundation

*Panel:*

**Matthew Haney, Executive Director**  
University of California Student Association

**PJ Kim, Executive Director**  
Drum Major Institute

**Carla Peterman, Commissioner**  
California Energy Commission

**Emanuel Pleitez, Consultant**  
McKinsey & Company

**Shari Slate, Senior Director, Inclusion Strategy**  
Cisco Systems

12:00 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.

■ SUMMIT LUNCH PROGRAM

*Master of Ceremonies:*

**Landon Taylor, Senior Vice President**  
Dorado Corporation

*Invocation:*

**Bishop Charles E. Blake, Pastor**  
West Angeles Church of God in Christ

*The Future of the American Dream:*

**Orson Aguilar, Executive Director**  
The Greenlining Institute

THE GREENLINING BIG BRAIN AWARD PRESENTATION:

*Presented by Faith Bautista, President, National Asian American Coalition*

**Elizabeth Warren, Special Adviser**  
Consumer Financial Protection Bureau

Accepting on Elizabeth Warren's Behalf:  
**Zixta Q. Martinez, Assistant Director for Community Affairs**

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**Speakers:**

*Introduced by Natalie Cole, CEO & Publisher, Our Weekly*  
**Warren Furutani, Assemblyman**  
Chair, Asian Pacific Islander Legislative Caucus

*Introduced by Ken McNeely, President AT&T California*  
**Catherine Sandoval, Commissioner**  
California Public Utilities Commission

**Timothy Simon,**  
Commissioner, CPUC

**Keynote Speakers:**

*Introduced by David Glover, Greenlining Board Secretary*  
**Dave Jones, Commissioner**  
California Department of Insurance

*Introduced by Ortensia Lopez, Greenlining Board Co-Chair*  
**John Stumpf, Chairman and CEO**  
Wells Fargo

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

■ SPECIAL PROGRAM • YOUTH LEADERSHIP SYMPOSIUM *by Invitation Only*

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

■ GENERAL SESSION 3

*Starting Points of Change: The Correlation of Health and Wealth*

In his first year, President Obama's Administration opted to tackle two of the most critical elements for change – health care reform and financial reform. In this panel, we will discuss the relationship between financial and personal health and how this relationship impacts communities. We will also examine the relationship and potential impact these two reforms have on communities of color, what opportunities these reforms bring, and what more needs to happen to achieve equity.

*Opening Remarks:*

**Dr. Tony Iton, Senior Vice President**  
The California Endowment

*Co-moderated by:*

**Carla Saporta, Program Manager**  
**Rosa Maria Martinez, Program Manager**  
The Greenlining Institute

*Panel:*

**Tom Epstein, Vice President, Public Affairs**  
Blue Shield of California

**Owen Garrick, MD, MBA, President**  
American Medical Association Foundation

**Sunaena K. Chhatry, Manager Public Policy & Communications**  
EARN

**Ed Hernandez, Senator**  
Chair, State Senate Health Committee

**Holly Mitchell, Assemblywoman**  
Chair, California Assembly Budget Subcommittee on Health & Human Services

SUMMIT PROGRAM

- 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. ■ BREAK
- 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. ■ NETWORKING RECEPTION
- 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. ■ AWARDS DINNER

*Mistress of Ceremonies:*  
**Supervisor Jane Kim**  
City of San Francisco

*Invocation:*  
**Pastor Michael McBride, M.Div.**  
The Way Christian Center

*Special Remarks:*  
*Introduced by Darlene Mar, Greenlining Board Member*  
**Mike Eng, Assemblyman**  
Chair, California Assembly Banking Committee

*Awards Presentation:*

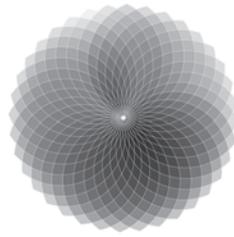
**THE GREENLINING TORCHBEARER AWARD PRESENTATION:**  
*Presented by Alfred Fraijo, Partner, Sheppard Mullin Richter & Hampton*  
**Monique Chavoya, Project Manager**  
McCormack Baron Salazar

**THE GREENLINING BIG HEART AWARD PRESENTATION:**  
*Presented by Erin Pak, Executive Director, KHEIR*  
**Owen Garrick, MD, MBA, President**  
American Medical Association Foundation

**THE GREENLINING BIG GREEN THUMB AWARD PRESENTATION:**  
**Nancy Ryan, Ph.D, Deputy Executive Director**  
California Public Utilities Commission

**THE GREENLINING BIG FOOT AWARD PRESENTATION:**  
*Presented by Len Canty, President, Black Economic Council*  
**Congresswoman Maxine Waters**

**THE GREENLINING LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD PRESENTATION:**  
*Presented by Keith Kelley, President, Fresno West Coalition for Economic Development*  
**Ben Benavidez, President Emeritus**  
Mexican American Political Association



## *youth leadership symposium*

2:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

■ YOUTH LEADERSHIP SYMPOSIUM · THE RISING LEADER  
*New Leadership for a New Majority: Making Your Mark Early*

Greenlining recognizes the important role the next generation of leaders will play in rebuilding our communities and strengthening our economy. In this panel, we will discuss the opportunities and challenges that await these young leaders in their professional development, including their ability to develop networks to facilitate success, and prospects for effecting social change.

2:00 p.m. – 2:05 p.m.

■ WELCOMING REMARKS  
**Jamal Stokley**  
Youth Leader for the Greenlining Institute

2:05 p.m. – 2:20 p.m.

■ KEY NOTE SPEAKER  
**Lionel Savage**  
Vice President, First American Corporation

2:20 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

■ PANEL DISCUSSION

*Moderated by:*  
**Waiching Wong**  
Transportation Management Specialist at the District Department of Transportation  
and GAAA member

*Panel:*  
**Linda Williams**  
Associate Chancellor at UC Berkeley

**Tunua Thrash**  
Executive Director, West Angeles Community Development Corporation

**Emanuel Pleitez**  
Co-Founder LOFT Institute

**Vina Ha**  
Attorney, Google Inc.

3:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

■ PANEL Q&A

3:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

■ WRAP UP

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award*



THE GREENLINING BIG BRAIN AWARD  
Elizabeth Warren, Special Adviser  
Consumer Financial Protection Bureau

The Big Brain Award is reserved for individuals who have exhibited exceptional acumen, foresight, and moxie in advocating on behalf of low-income and minority communities.

Accepting on Elizabeth Warren's Behalf:  
Zixta Q. Martinez, Assistant Director for Community Affairs

2010 AWARD RECIPIENT:

**Congressman Barney Frank**  
Chairman, Congressional Financial Services Committee

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award*



THE GREENLINING TORCHBEARER AWARD  
Monique Chavoya  
Project Manager, McCormack, Barron, and Salazar

The Torchbearer Award is reserved for the next generation of leaders whose activism and leadership honors the legacy of past social justice trailblazers.

2010 AWARD RECIPIENT:

**Alfred Fraijo**  
Partner, Sheppard Mullin Richter & Hampton LLP

*big heart  
award*



**THE GREENLINING BIG HEART AWARD**

**Owen Garrick, MD, MBA**  
President, American Medical Association Foundation

The Big Heart Award is reserved for individuals who embody self-sacrifice, compassion and a high level of commitment in meeting the felt needs of underserved communities.

**2010 AWARD RECIPIENT:**

**Len Canty**  
Black Economic Council

*big green thumb  
award*



**THE GREENLINING BIG GREEN THUMB AWARD**

**Nancy Ryan, Ph.D, Deputy Executive Director**  
California Public Utilities Commission

The Big Green Thumb Award is reserved for individuals who have championed the emergence of the green economy for California's communities of color.

*big foot  
award*



THE GREENLINING BIG FOOT AWARD  
Congresswoman Maxine Waters

The Big Foot Award is reserved for individuals who leave a lasting mark and exhibit exceptional leadership by stepping out on a limb to pioneer new trails in empowering the underserved.

2009 AWARD RECIPIENT:

**Martha Montoya**  
Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

*lifetime achievement  
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THE GREENLINING LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

**Ben Benavidez**  
President Emeritus, Mexican American Political Association

The Lifetime Achievement Award is reserved for champions of poor communities who have demonstrated a lifetime of tireless dedication to serving the poorest and most ignored communities. These leaders have been constant trailblazers in the fight against injustice, racism and inequality of opportunity.

2010 AWARD RECIPIENT:

**Fred Jordan**  
President and Chairman, San Francisco African American Chamber of Commerce



## Advocating, Organizing and Training for Social Justice

### Mission Statement

The Greenlining Institute works to create opportunities for the nation's growing communities of color to live the American Dream. Our mission is to empower communities of color and other disadvantaged groups through multi-ethnic economic and leadership development, civil rights, and anti-redlining activities. Since its inception, Greenlining has trained over 500 young leaders that have graduated from our prestigious leadership Academy. In addition, we have expanded economic opportunities for the people of California through negotiated private sector agreements resulting in millions of dollars in investments targeted at low and moderate income communities.

### Our Approach to Social Justice

The Greenlining Institute was established in 1993 to fight injustice, increase minority participation in policymaking, and encourage "win-win" initiatives with corporate America. Rather than just fighting redlining, the illegal practice of denying services to certain communities, greenlining is the proactive effort of bringing profitable investments and services to communities that have been left behind. The Greenlining Institute was founded on the principle of wealth creation, with a strong belief that diversity makes business sense and leads to greater effectiveness.

Today, the Greenlining Institute is a national research, advocacy, and leadership organization committed to eliminating racial and ethnic disparities that harm the sustainability and growth of our nation. We work to ensure that diverse communities are participating in all major policy debates and discussions, with a strong belief that finding solutions to our country's inequalities requires engaging the people closest to them. As we say, we work to ensure that communities are "at" rather than just "on" the tables of policymaking.

### Our Policy Issues

Our experts work on major policy issues, including but not limited to the environment, wealth creation (asset building), banking, community development, health, energy, telecommunications, government reform, higher education, and consumer protection. Central to our work is the big picture recognition of the interrelatedness of issues to our constituency... for example, the ways in which education affects future socio-economic status, which affects access to decent housing, which in turn affects our health, and so forth.

### Leadership Academy

Our nationally recognized leadership Academy trains diverse high-school, college and graduate level students who aspire to be leaders in their respective fields. We train over 100 young people a year using a "hands-on" approach to learning and teaching. Academy participants are assigned to major public policy issues and produce much of our work. In addition, Academy participants are trained in areas that include public speaking, critical thinking, writing, networking, and research.

### The Greenlining Coalition

Greenlining remains connected to the grassroots via the Greenlining Coalition, a diverse group of community based organizations that have banded together around a common vision. Instead of competing against each other for "crumbs", members work across race and ethnic lines to increase the "size of the pie" for all communities.

For more information visit [www.greenlining.org](http://www.greenlining.org)

Work with us on   

**Developing Tomorrow's Diverse Leaders and Advocates**

The Greenlining Academy works to develop the next generation of leaders and informed community members through our leadership training programs. The Academy offers advocacy training and hands on public policy experience to students/young people seeking to acquire these skills and build vital social networks that will enhance their ability to be effective advocates for social change.

**The Investing Pays-Off (IPO) High School Summer Camp** was established in the summer of 2005 as a product of The Greenlining Institute/Merrill Lynch California Partnership for Economic Achievement. The 10-day camp is designed to engage young leaders in grades 9 through 11 from across the state of California on critical issues affecting low-income and communities of color while developing valuable skills in problem solving, team work and critical thinking.

**The Summer Associate program** is an intensive 10-week training program for young leaders that have completed, at minimum, their undergraduate degrees by the start of the program. Associates manage research and advocacy projects with the direction of a Greenlining staff member. Associates participate in leadership skills workshops, attend power lunches with key stakeholders, and conduct site visits to community, government, and corporate entities. Overall, Associates are given opportunities to interact with the media, write reports/press releases, testify at key policy hearings, and participate in key meetings with top government officials, corporate CEOs, and political leaders. Associates are compensated \$1,700 per month.

**The Fellowship program** is a year-long training program for young leaders that have completed, at minimum, their undergraduate degrees by the start of the program. Fellows are assigned to specific program areas and develop expertise under the direction of a Program Manager and the Academy Director. Although the curriculum is similar to that of the Associates program, Fellows are given more responsibility and independence to implement projects and programs. Fellows participate in leadership skills workshops, attend power lunch series with key stakeholders, and conduct site visits to community, government, and corporate entities. Fellows receive regular professional and personal skill development and are given opportunities to interact with the media, write reports/press releases, fundraise, testify at policy hearings, and participate in key meetings with top government officials, corporate CEOs, and political leaders. Fellows are compensated \$33,800 per year plus health benefits.

**The Legal Fellowship** is a year-long training program for young leaders who have completed law school and attained their Juris Doctor by the start of the program. In addition to learning practical

legal skills such as interviewing, counseling, negotiating, writing and oral advocacy, legal fellows are urged to scrutinize the quality of justice for communities of color and low-income communities. Legal Fellows are assigned to one or more areas of Greenlining's consumer protection advocacy and will develop expertise in those areas under the direction of Greenlining's Managing Attorney and Legal Counsel. Legal Fellows assist Greenlining's legal team with intervening and initiating legal actions before administrative bodies, such as the California Public Utilities Commission, the California Department of Insurance, and the Federal Reserve. Areas of engagement are as diverse as telecommunications, energy, public utilities, emerging technologies, banking and insurance. Fellows are compensated \$41,800 salary, health and dental benefits as well as up to \$2,000 reimbursement for Bar examination fees after completion of fellowship.

**The Legal Associate program** is a 10 week long training program open to law students who have completed either their first or second year of law school and accepts students during the fall semester, the spring semester and the summer. Legal associates assist the Managing Attorney in communicating with Greenlining coalition members and organizing community efforts to support regulatory, legal and legislative programs. Associates participate in meetings with regulators, legislators, commissioners, top government officials, corporate CEOs, and political leaders on issues critical to Greenlining constituencies. From these experiences students will learn how to analyze the strategic and tactical decisions about where and how to intervene in the complicated system of actors and institutions that establish and implement public policies. Associates will also consider how to make creative use of the legal system to affect positive change for low-income and minority communities. Legal associates are compensated \$1,700 per month.



**The Multimedia Academy** is a ten-month, hands-on media training program for young leaders who are interested in learning to use the medium of video as a tool for creating influential productions that advocate for important, often overlooked social justice issues. The ultimate goal of the program is to provide Associates with the resources, knowledge and skills necessary to utilize media as a means of influencing change.

Contact Danielle Trimiew at (510) 926-4007 or email: [academy@greenlining.org](mailto:academy@greenlining.org) for more information.



**CASA** is a residential leadership program for underserved students attending UC Berkeley. Greenlining provides supportive services to ensure that students succeed at Cal and in their careers. For more information about the Casa residential program email: [casa@greenlining.org](mailto:casa@greenlining.org)

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**Orson Aguilar, Executive Director, Greenlining Institute**  
Orson Aguilar is part of the new wave of civil rights and community leaders focused on ensuring that the American Dream remains accessible to all Americans. Born and raised in East Los Angeles, Aguilar has advocated tirelessly on behalf of communities of color and youth for nearly 20 years.

During Aguilar's 11 years, the Greenlining Institute has grown into an organization with a \$3.5 million budget, expanding under his leadership to have a presence in Washington D.C. and Los Angeles – leading the San Francisco and Washington, D.C Examiner newspapers to comment, "Aguilar has taken the tactics that work so well in California on the road." He has played key organizing and advocacy roles to ensure that the interests of communities of color and low-income Americans were considered during corporate mergers and acquisitions, resulting in billions of dollars in investments for non-profits, families and small businesses.

Aguilar has become a nationally recognized advocate for communities of color on issues such as the environment, community reinvestment, philanthropy, and leadership development. He has presented in front of Congress and at countless trainings and conferences around the country. He has authored numerous reports and editorials on key issues facing the nation, including columns published in the San Francisco Chronicle, Sacramento Bee and American Banker. Aguilar regularly meets with Fortune 100 CEOs and with leading financial regulators, including Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Chair Sheila Bair, and others.

Aguilar was recently honored by the New Leaders Council with its 40 Under 40 Leadership Award for exemplifying the spirit of progressive political entrepreneurship, and was named an upcoming Latino leader by the nation's largest Hispanic newspaper, La Opinion. He chairs the Board of Directors of the Mission Economic Development Agency (MEDA), and is a member of the University of California Santa Cruz's Alumni Association Council.



**S. Ben Benavidez, Civil Rights Pioneer, Current President Emeritus, Mexican American Political Association**

Since 1973 Ben Benavidez fought for political power, economic equality and social justice for California's San Joaquin Valley immigrant, migrant and other minority communities. Mr. Benavidez served three terms, totaling 13 years, as President of Mexican American Political Association (MAPA). He gave a combined 25 years of insight and fearless service as a member of the Greenlining Institute and Rainbow Coalition's Boards of Directors. He was a founding member of the Latino Issues Forum (LIF), the national Rainbow Coalition, and provided leadership to over 30 national and local boards. For his strong and ethical leadership in many civil rights fights, Mr. Benavidez has been awarded almost 400 accolades.

At the forefront of the Valley's high profile civil rights struggles, he cultivated a generation of political activists who would serve in power positions including Cruz Bustamante and Juan Arambula and brought economic development to the Valley. He helped to empower the *colonias*, the unincorporated and impoverished areas adjacent to Valley towns, to demand recognition and access to municipal services including better education for their children.

As the President Emeritus of MAPA, Mr. Benavidez is forcing change in the Valley's education system to achieve equitable and quality education for immigrant, migrant and other minority students. Parlier Unified School District's *S. Ben Benavidez Elementary School* is named in honor of his passionate quest for equality and excellence.

Mr. Benavidez's social justice accomplishments are partnered with his sales and business acumen which he honed during his years as a Sears Roebuck

Division Manager and a top sales executive for Equitable of New York Investment. His passion and strategy were also met on the field and the court, as a professional baseball player and a national champion player-coach for national basketball and softball teams.



**Bishop Charles E. Blake**  
**Pastor, West Angeles Church of God in Christ**

Charles E. Blake was appointed the seventh in succession as Presiding Bishop by the General Assembly of the 6.5 million member Church of God in Christ November 12, 2007. At the 101st Holy Convocation, during the quadrennial elections in 2008, Bishop Blake was re-elected as Presiding Bishop for another four-year term. As Presiding Bishop, Blake has become the new face of, and an international spokesperson for Pentecostalism as it is known today. Bishop Blake served as Jurisdictional Prelate of the First Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction of Southern California comprised of more than 250 churches for 25 years.

He is the pastor of West Angeles Church of God in Christ with a membership of over 24,000. West Angeles is deeply involved in providing not only for the spiritual life of its people, but also it provides more than 80 programs for the psychological, social, and economic enhancement of the community.

Bishop Blake is a humble humanitarian and communitarian. He is the chief executive officer of **Save Africa's Children**, a program of the Pan African Children's Fund. He was the founding Chairman of the Board of Directors for C.H. Mason Theological Seminary and has served as an Executive Committee member on the Board of Directors of the Interdenominational Theological Seminary.

April 6, 2009 in Washington, D.C., President Barack Obama tapped Presiding Bishop Charles E. Blake to serve on his 25-person White House Advisory Council on Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships. He was also tapped as one of four to speak at the Democratic National Convention's first Ecumenical Service.

Bishop Blake is married to Mae Lawrence Blake. They have three children and eight grandchildren.



**Assemblymember Steven Bradford**

Steven Bradford is the California State Assemblymember, representing the 51st Assembly District in the California Legislature, comprised of the historical and culturally rich communities of Gardena, Hawthorne, Inglewood, Lawndale, Lennox, Playa Vista, South Los Angeles, Watts-Willowbrook, and Westchester, as well as parts of Ladera Heights and West Compton.

Assemblymember Bradford currently serves as the Chair of the California State Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee, where he focuses on supplier diversity, stimulating green job opportunities for all Californians and balancing investments in new technologies with ratepayer protection. Additionally, Bradford serves as Chair of the State's Select Committee on Procurement, and is a member of the Appropriations, Housing and Community Development and Local Government committees.

During his freshmen year as a State Legislator, Bradford presented a sound and aggressive legislative package. His legislative package included nine bills that reached the Governor's desk, seven of which were successfully signed into law. One bill signed into law is AB 2758, "Modernizing Supplier Diversity Reporting." This bill focuses on renewable energy, broadband, wireless, and rail projects and recognizes that minority businesses can play a big part in emerging technologies in our state and need to be incorporated in the procurement decisions made by utility providers.

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A local man with humble beginnings, Assemblymember Bradford's history in the district began when he moved to Gardena with his family, at age nine. The Assemblymember attended San Diego State University and California State University at Dominguez Hills, where he earned a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science and Certificate in Paralegal Studies. Prior to his Assembly election, Bradford served on Gardena's City Council for over 12 years, the first African American to hold this post, and worked as a Public Affairs executive at Southern California Edison.



**Melissa L. Bradley, Chief Executive Officer, Tides**

Melissa L. Bradley has a strong track record of creative and innovative leadership and a background as a social entrepreneur. Prior to Tides, Melissa founded and served as managing director of New Capitalist, an organization that leverages human, financial and social capital to create economically profitable and sustainable individuals, businesses, and communities. In this role, she facilitated over \$20 million in venture capital transactions for seed stage companies. Melissa is the founder and former President of Reentry Strategies Institute – the only national criminal justice intermediary explicitly focused on reentry. She founded The Entrepreneurial Development Institute, an international, non-governmental organization, serving youth and their families; and she founded Positive Impact – a collaborative initiative to promote diverse voices and visions within independent media. She has served as a Senior Adviser to the Center for American Progress, as a regular consultant to the W.K. Kellogg Foundation on Family Economic Security and Civic Engagement, and as a Senior Strategist for Green For All. Her prior work experience also includes serving as Vice President at UBS in the Private Client Group and as a Financial Regulatory Affairs Fellow with the US Department of Treasury.



**Cindy Chavez, Executive Director, South Bay Labor Council**

Cindy Chavez is the Executive Officer of the South Bay Labor Council. Chavez' work as an elected official and community and labor leader in San Jose has been marked by her ability to build new collaborations to create innovative policy.

She served for eight years as a member of the San José City Council, the last two as Vice Mayor. As a full time elected representative, she maintained a reputation as an advocate for improving the quality of life in neighborhoods throughout San Jose. She was a leader in developing cutting-edge community based programs to address crime, education, small business development and neighborhood revitalization.

Elected in 1998 and re-elected in 2002, her term was distinguished by implementing goals to make every neighborhood safe and enhancing opportunities for residents and providing guidance on improving city government's service to them. Recognizing the need for increased community-based improvements, Chavez continued to be a leading force behind allocating more Redevelopment Agency funds towards enhancing San Jose's older neighborhoods.

After her time on the City Council, Chavez founded and was principal of California Leadership Services, offering clients comprehensive and diversified consulting services issues such as government relations, organizational development and nonprofit management.



**Monique C. Chavoya, McCormack Baron Salazar**

Ms. Chavoya works alongside senior staff at McCormack Baron Salazar, a national for-profit developer of economically integrated urban neighborhoods. Since joining McCormack Baron Salazar in 2007, Monique has worked on a full range of development activities for MacArthur Park Apartments, a

two-phase Transit Oriented Development in Los Angeles, California. Her responsibilities include securing project financing from public and private sources, managing the land use entitlement process, as well as interacting with public agency partners, community residents, and stakeholders. In addition to her work on MacArthur Park, Ms. Chavoya assisted in the NMTC financial closing of the Variety Boys & Girls Club, where NMTC equity is being utilized to construct a new community center in Boyle Heights.

Prior to joining McCormack Baron Salazar, Monique worked as a Project Manager for East LA Community Corporation, a non-profit organization building affordable housing in Boyle Heights and East Los Angeles. She also spent a year working on housing and fair growth policy issues as a Sustainable Development Fellow for the Greenlining Institute in Berkeley, California.

Ms. Chavoya currently serves on the boards of Community Lawyers, Inc., a non-profit organization that provides low and moderate-income individuals access to affordable legal services, and Leadership for Urban Renewal Now (LURN), a multi-disciplinary coalition of progressive professionals committed to revitalizing under-represented communities in Los Angeles. Monique also previously served on Proyecto Pastoral's Emerging Leaders Board, where she was instrumental in coordinating the funding and construction of Proyecto Pastoral's Community Garden. Monique holds a Master of Arts in Urban Planning from the University of California at Los Angeles and a Bachelor of Arts from Smith College.



**Sunaena Chhatry**

**Manager of Public Policy and Communications, EARN**

As the Manager of Public Policy and Communications, Sunaena advances EARN's policy and research priorities through strategic communication, outreach, and advocacy. Sunaena currently oversees EARN's social media communication and is the primary liaison for EARN's local and state level policy partners. At EARN, Sunaena has developed State-level policy proposals, provided expert testimony for local and statewide initiatives, led financial access advocacy campaigns, and served as the co-host for the bipartisan Asset Policy Forum in Sacramento. Sunaena is a regular contributor to EARN's blog where she writes about economic mobility and financial access issues. Sunaena is a graduate of the Women's Policy Institute, a program of the Women's Foundation of California.

Prior to joining EARN, Sunaena was an Academy Associate at the Greenlining Institute where she conducted research on issues affecting low-income and minority communities in California. After completing the leadership training program she worked at the Delaware Financial Literacy Institute where she developed the foundation for the launch and implementation of a statewide, social marketing campaign called First State Saves, an offshoot of the National America Saves campaign. Sunaena holds a Bachelor of Arts from the University of California, Berkeley.



**Mike Eng, Assemblyman**

**Chair, California Assembly Banking Committee**

Mike Eng started his public service in 1987. He eventually went on to serve as City Councilman and Mayor and helped lead the drive to build a landmark new library extension then was elected in 2006 as a California State Assemblyman and re-elected in 2008 and 2010.

He is the proud grandson of immigrants who came to California in the 1800's. Today, Mike serves as Chair of the Assembly Banking & Finance Committee which has responsibility for California's banks & credit unions, mortgages and corporate securities laws. He also serves on the Assembly Education committee reforming Education in California.

Assemblyman Eng's leadership has brought millions of dollars and jobs to the San Gabriel Valley for clean-up of polluted drinking water; mass transit expansion; and community colleges. Mike is a passionate advocate for youth, immigrants, seniors, working families and protection of the environment.



**Thomas Epstein**  
**Vice President, Public Affairs, Blue Shield of California**

Tom Epstein is vice president, public affairs of Blue Shield of California, a 3.3 million-member, \$10 billion not-for-profit California health plan that provides health and life insurance products for the commercial, individual and government markets. He oversees government relations, corporate communications, philanthropy and corporate social responsibility for California's third largest health plan.

Prior to joining Blue Shield, Mr. Epstein was vice president of communications for the Public Broadcasting Service, managing corporate public affairs and media relations for PBS television programs, ancillary products, education services and Web site. Previously, he served in the White House as a special assistant to the president for political affairs, handling sensitive political and policy issues during President Clinton's first term. Before moving to Washington, Mr. Epstein was deputy commissioner for consumer protection and communications in the California Department of Insurance.

Mr. Epstein earned a J.D. from UCLA School of Law and a bachelor's degree in economics from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. He is a member of the California Bar and serves on the board of trustees of the Bay Area Council Economic Institute and the Blue Shield of California Foundation.



**Warren Furutani, Assemblyman**  
**Chair, Asian Pacific Islander Legislative Caucus**

Assemblymember Warren Furutani was elected to his second term serving California's 55th District that includes the cities of Carson, Lakewood, North and West Long Beach, and the Los Angeles communities of Harbor City, the Harbor Gateway and Wilmington.

Beginning as an activist in the 1960s and later serving as president of the Los Angeles Board of Education and the Community College Board of Trustees, Assemblymember Furutani has dedicated his career to ensuring that all people have access to a quality and affordable education. He is continuing this effort as chair of the Select Committee on Career Technical Education and Workforce Development, as founder of the Community College Caucus, and as a member of the Higher Education Master Plan Review Committee. He is chair of the Public Employees, Retirement and Social Security, and serves on the following standing committees: Utilities and Commerce; Transportation; Public Employees, Retirement and Social Security; and Labor. He is also chair of the Asian Pacific Islander American Legislative Caucus, which has ten members.

Assemblymember Furutani's work in the Capitol includes legislation related to career technical education, community colleges, clean air quality, and support for small businesses. At his request, the State Auditor conducted two important audits: first, to examine whether the Department of General Services contracts with California small businesses for goods and services; and more recently, to examine whether the Dymally-Alatorre Bilingual Services Act was being implemented so that limited-English proficient California residents have access to State services.

Assemblymember Furutani is a native Californian, a fourth-generation Japanese American, and a product of the Los Angeles public education system. He is married to Lisa Abe Furutani and they are the proud parents of two adult sons.



**Owen Garrick, MD, MBA**  
**President, American Medical Association Foundation**

Dr. Owen Garrick joined Bridge Clinical Research in 2006 as Chief Operating Officer and Director. He has overall responsibility for the Clinical Trials and Investigator Training business units. Bridge CRO is the leading company focused on increasing the participation of ethnic minority investigators and patients in industry and institution sponsored clinical trials. In addition to profit & loss responsibility for the business units, Dr. Garrick has oversight of all financial, administrative, and legal aspects of the parent company, and serves on the board of directors as corporate secretary.

Dr. Garrick was formerly Director of Corporate Strategy and M&A at McKesson Corporation. He led McKesson's effort in vertical integration and was responsible for evaluating and managing new initiatives and business opportunities for the pharmaceutical division. Some of his key accomplishments included the \$450M acquisition of D&K Healthcare, the launch of McKesson's Generic Drugs Telesales Business Unit, and the development and launch of McKesson's Drug Adherence Business.

Previously he spent four years at Goldman Sachs in New York, functioning as an investment advisor working with private healthcare companies as they sought to grow, raise capital, and perform initial public offerings. Dr. Garrick earned his MD from the Yale School of Medicine and his MBA from the Wharton School of Business. He holds an AB in Psychology from Princeton University and continues to be an active alumnus, serving on the national fundraising board.

Dr. Garrick also serves on several boards and professional committees, including Sutter Health, the New York Blood Center, and the American Medical Association Foundation.

He is married to Dr. Jocelyn Garrick, an Assistant Professor of Medicine at the University of California, San Francisco where she practices Emergency Medicine. They reside in Oakland, CA with their three sons.



**John A. Gutierrez, Comcast Corporation**

John A. Gutierrez is Director of Government Affairs for Comcast Corporation, the nation's leading provider of cable, entertainment and communications products and services. In his role, John serves as the Company's primary representative to the California Public Utilities Commission, bringing over 20 years of telecommunication public policy and advocacy experience.

Prior to joining Comcast, John was Senior Telecommunications Policy Advisor for Cole, Raywid & Braverman LLP assisting the firm's clients with business development, regulatory compliance, and operational implementation projects. As the Director - Regulatory Affairs for TCI and MediaOne, John provided regulatory guidance for the emerging competitive cable telephony service. He started his career as a staff analysis for the CPUC working on competitive telecommunications policies.

John has been active in several community and business organizations. He serves on the Board of Directors of Vision New America and the Sacramento Asian Pacific Chamber of Commerce, John is a founding member of the Asian Business Alliance in Southern Alameda County. John is a supporter Asian Pacific American Political Association - Bay Area Chapter.

John resides in Hayward, CA with his wife, Hera, and his sons, David and Ryan. He enjoys traveling, playing golf and spending time with his family.


**Vina Ha, Google Inc.**

Vina Ha is a member of the commercial legal team at Google Inc. in New York where he handles a wide range of transactional matters with a focus on online advertising.

Vina received his B.A. in Sociology with honors and his M.A. in Ethnic Studies from U.C. Berkeley. He received his J.D. from U.C. Berkeley in 2009, where he was an editor for the California Law Review, a member of the Berkeley Business Law Journal and a recipient of the American Jurisprudence Award for Intellectual Property in Entertainment.

Before joining Google, Vina was an associate at Milbank Tweed's New York office and interned in the business affairs department at Lucasfilm, Ltd. where he worked on a wide array of intellectual property transactional and commercial litigation matters. Vina is also the President of the DM Public Interest Fellowship, a foundation that funds public interest scholarships to Berkeley Law alumni.


**Matthew Haney, Executive Director  
University of California Student Association**

Matt is deeply committed to student power and educational opportunity, with nearly a decade of experience in student organizing, social justice advocacy and education policy work. Matt has a JD from Stanford Law School, an MA in Education from Stanford University School of Education, and an LLM

in International Human Rights from the National University of Ireland, where he was a Senator George Mitchell Scholar.

Matt is currently the Executive Director of the University of California Student Association, which is the official voice of the 240,000 UC undergraduate, graduate, and professional students statewide. The mission of UCSA is to increase the accessibility, affordability, and quality of the UC system through advocacy and direct action organizing. Before UCSA, Matt was closely involved with the Obama for America campaign, working as the Northern California Student Field Director, the New Mexico Youth Vote Director and as a Summer Associate in the Office of the White House Counsel where he worked directly on Justice Sotomayor's confirmation hearings. Matt is also the co-founder and chair of Citizen Hope, an organization that empowers people to bring about change through community service and political activism. He worked as a California State Senate Fellow and Legislative Aide for State Senator Joe Simitian, serving on the Senator's education legislative team, and was also the lead staffer for Simitian's higher-education policy and the "hands free" cellphone law. Matt was a Greenlining Summer Legal Associate, where he worked on a major utility rate case with the legal team and helped organize community hearings throughout California on the proposed rate increases. Matt's other experiences include working at the Museum of Tolerance, the American Academy of Pediatrics, Repair California and the War Crimes Chamber of Bosnia and Herzegovina.


**Ed Hernandez, Senator  
Chair, State Senate Health Committee**

Dr. Ed Hernandez had only one goal as a young man – to serve the health care needs of the community he came from. As an optometrist and local businessman, he never dreamed he would one day work in the California State Legislature.

As a health care provider in predominantly low-income communities though, the need to improve access to health care is what drove him to run for office. Dr. Ed was first elected to the Assembly in November of 2006, and re-elected in November of 2008. He won his seat in the California State Senate in November of 2010. He currently serves as the Chair of the Senate Committee on Health.

Senator Hernandez is the Chair of the San Gabriel Valley Legislative Caucus, made up of 13 Senators and Assemblymembers representing the greater San Gabriel Valley. This position has allowed him to work in cooperation with fellow legislators on issues critical to the San Gabriel Valley, including water and transportation.

Senator Hernandez grew up in La Puente, attended local schools and worked his way through school, attending both Rio Hondo and Mt. San Antonio Community Colleges before going on to get his B.S. degree in Biology from Cal State Fullerton. He received a scholarship to study Optometry at Indiana University, which is also where he met his wife Diane.

Senator Hernandez represents the 24th Senate District, which includes parts of the City of Los Angeles, including East Los Angeles, El Sereno, Lincoln Heights, City Terrace, Montecito Heights, and the Cities of Azusa, Baldwin Park, Covina, Duarte, El Monte, Industry, Irwindale, La Puente, Monterey Park, Rosemead, and West Covina. The district also includes the communities of Avocado Heights, Citrus, Hacienda Heights, Rowland Heights, South San Gabriel, Valinda and Vincent.


**Anthony Iton, M.D., J.D., MPH Senior Vice President  
Healthy Communities, The California Endowment**

Dr. Iton joined the California Endowment in October 2009. Prior to his appointment at the Endowment, Iton served since 2003 as both the director and County Health Officer for the Alameda County Public Health Department. In that role, he oversaw the creation of an innovative public health

practice designed to eliminate health disparities by tackling the root causes of poor health that limit quality of life and lifespan in many of California's low-income communities.

Iton also served for three years as director of Health and Human Services and School Medical Advisor for the City of Stamford, Connecticut. Concurrent to that, he also served as a physician in internal medicine for Stamford Hospital's HIV Clinic. In addition, Iton served for five years as a primary care physician for the San Francisco Department of Public Health.

Iton's varied career also includes past service as a staff attorney and Health Policy analyst for the West Coast regional office of Consumer's Union, the publisher of *Consumer Reports* magazine.

Iton, who has been published in numerous public health and medical publications, is a regular public health lecturer and keynote speaker at conferences across the nation. He earned his B.S. in Neurophysiology, with honors, from McGill University, in Montreal, Quebec, his J.D. at the University of California, Berkeley's Boalt Hall School of Law, and his medical degree from Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine.


**Dave Jones, Commissioner  
California Department of Insurance**

Jones served in the California State Assembly from 2004 through 2010, where he chaired the Assembly Health Committee, the Assembly Judiciary Committee and the Budget Subcommittee on Health and Human Services. Named "Consumer Champion" by the California Consumer

Federation in 2008, Jones also was awarded the "Leadership Award" by the Western Center on Law and Poverty. Planned Parenthood, Environment California, the Urban League, Preschool California and CalPIRG have honored his work.

Jones began his career as a legal aid attorney, providing free legal assistance to the poor with Legal Services of Northern California from 1988 to 1995. In 1995, Jones was one of only 13 Americans awarded the prestigious White House Fellowship. He served in the Clinton Administration for three years as Special

Assistant and Counsel to U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno. Jones served on the Sacramento City Council from 1999 to 2004.

Jones was elected November 2, 2010 and took the Oath of Office as California's fourth elected Insurance Commissioner on January 3, 2011. Jones leads the California Department of Insurance (CDI), the largest consumer protection agency in the state. As Insurance Commissioner, Jones regulates California's insurance industry, which makes up almost one-tenth of the California economy.

Jones graduated with honors from DePauw University, Harvard Law School and Harvard's Kennedy School of Government. He and his wife, Kim Flores, have two children, Isabelle and William, and live in Sacramento.



**Joan Kerr, Director, Supplier Diversity, PG&E**

Joan Namahana Kerr joined PG&E as Director of Supplier Diversity and Development on November 16, 2009. Joan brings to PG&E 24 years of leadership experience in the utility industry. At AT&T (formerly Pacific Bell and SBC), she served as Executive Director of Supplier Diversity Programs where she led the creation of a best-in-class program. Joan has received multiple prestigious awards and recognition. She served on the Board of Directors for numerous industry associations, including the National Minority Supplier Development Council, and the Executive Committee of the Women's Business Enterprise National Council. Joan is the current Chair of the Institute for Supply Management's Supplier Diversity Group. She is also the Co-Chair of WEConnect International and Procurement Committee, the National Utilities Diversity Council, and the California Utilities Diversity Council.



**Jane Kim, Supervisor, City of San Francisco**

Supervisor Jane Kim is member of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors. She was formerly the President of the San Francisco Board of Education and a civil rights attorney at Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights of the San Francisco Bay Area. As a Commissioner on the Board of Education, Jane Kim has advocated for expanded access for immigrant families, more equitable distribution of district resources, and greater accountability by the administration to the community whom they serve. Prior to serving on the Board of Education, Jane was a fellow at The Greenlining Institute, where she developed economic development policies and advocated for increased consumer protections for communities of color. In 2001, she left The Greenlining Institute for the Chinatown Community Development Center in San Francisco, where she worked as a Senior Community Organizer. For the next six years, Jane Kim worked to strengthen tenant protections and improve public safety for her community. Jane received her undergraduate degree from Stanford University, where she studied Political Science and Asian American Studies. She went on to receive her law degree from U.C. Berkeley School of Law, Boalt Hall.



**PJ Kim, Executive Director, Drum Major Institute**

PJ Kim is the Executive Director of the Drum Major Institute for Public Policy (DMI), a nonpartisan think tank in New York City that was founded in the Civil Rights movement by one of Dr. Martin Luther King's lawyers. DMI promotes progressive public policies in cities and for cities on a range of issues including economic justice, public transportation, housing, and immigration. He is a former candidate for New York City Council who earned the endorsement of the *New York Times*, *The Daily News*, and the *New York Press*. He was also named to City Hall News' "Rising Stars 2009, 40 Under 40" and was honored in 2010 by the Manhattan Young Democrats as a "Top 5 Under 35."

He was previously Vice President for Programs and part of the start-up team at Single Stop USA (SSUSA), an innovative national campaign to provide "one-stop

shopping" for low income families to receive benefits screening and enrollment, free tax preparation, financial counseling, and legal services. SSUSA manages a network of anti-poverty sites in New York City and has also launched similar sites in San Francisco, Newark, and New Mexico. PJ was previously the Director of Income Policy at FoodChange, where he led the country's largest free tax preparation campaign to serve 43,000 low-income New Yorkers with \$80 million in tax refunds and the Earned Income Tax Credit. Under his leadership, the Food-Change team opened hundreds of new bank accounts and enrolled thousands in subsidized health insurance.

His previous professional experience includes working as a management consultant in McKinsey's New York City office. He received his MBA and Master's of Public Administration at Harvard Business School and the Kennedy School of Government and his AB from Princeton University, where he has served as an Alumni Trustee.



**Michael McBride, Pastor, The Way Christian Center**

Pastor Michael McBride is the founder of The Way Christian Center in West Berkeley, where he presently serves as the Lead Pastor. Pastor McBride received his formal training at Bethany University with a double bachelor's degree in Addiction Studies and Theology, and Duke University's Divinity School with a Master's of Divinity Degree with an emphasis in Ethics and Public Policy. From 2005-2008, Pastor McBride worked at Berkeley Technology Academy as the Student Support Services Coordinator. In January 2009, Pastor McBride became the Executive Director of Berkeley Organizing Congregations for Action, a congregation based organizing affiliate within the National PICO Network. Pastor McBride also serves as the Co-Director of Intersarsity's Black Campus Ministries at UC Berkeley. His past leadership and community work include positions with the NAACP, the ACLU and various faith-based and justice related organizations.



**Assemblywoman, Holly J. Mitchell**

Assemblymember Holly J. Mitchell was elected in November 2010 and serves the 47th Assembly District, which includes the Los Angeles communities of Baldwin Hills, the Crenshaw District, Culver City, West Los Angeles, Westwood, Cheviot Hills, Leimert Park, Windsor Hills, Ladera Heights, Little Ethiopia and portions of Koreatown, the Fairfax district and South Los Angeles.

Previously, Mitchell worked in the Los Angeles district office of former State Senator Diane Watson providing community and constituent services. As a policy analyst for the California Senate's Health and Human Services Committee, she sought fiscally sound ways to expand health care and other vital services for all Californians. As the legislative advocate of the Western Center for Law and Poverty she helped develop, implement and increase enrollment in the groundbreaking Healthy Families program, later serving as executive director of the Black Women's Health Project in Los Angeles where she fought to further improve access to affordable care.

Mitchell comes to the State Assembly from leadership in California's non-profit sector where, as the chief executive officer of Crystal Stairs for the last seven years, she guided one of the largest childcare agencies in California. Mitchell improved the lives of families by providing access to daily childcare services for nearly 25,000 children in the Los Angeles area, while meeting a monthly payroll for hundreds of employees.

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As a working mother of a fifth grader, Mitchell understands the concerns of working families, and is committed to pursuing legislation that meets their needs. In the Assembly, Ms. Mitchell is focused on improving access to and the quality of the state's public health and education systems. She is also dedicated to job creation and finding a balance between business and environmental interests in preserving the state's natural resources.



**Carla Peterman**  
**Commissioner, California Energy Commission**

Carla Peterman was appointed by Governor Jerry Brown in January 2011. She fills the Public Member position on the five-member Commission where four of the five members by law are required to have professional training in specific areas - engineering or physical science, environmental protection, economics, and law.

Ms. Peterman has conducted research at the University of California Energy Institute at Haas since 2006 and the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory from 2008 to 2010. She was a business analyst with Isles from 2004 to 2005 and was an associate focused on energy financing in the investment banking division of Lehman Brothers from 2002 to 2004. Ms. Peterman also served on the board of directors for The Utility Reform Network from 2008-2011, most recently as Board Treasurer.

Ms. Peterman will complete her doctoral studies this year in Energy and Resources at the University of California Berkeley. Her research focuses on solar photovoltaic markets, policy, and financial incentives. She has also worked and written on a wide range of California energy and policy issues including, cap-and-trade, efficacy of local environmental regulations, climate change and communities of color, clean energy subsidies, and energy security. Peterman holds a B.A. in history from Howard University and an M.S. in environmental change and management and an M.B.A. from Oxford University, where she was a Rhodes Scholar.



**Emanuel Pleitez, Consultant, McKinsey & Company**

Emanuel Pleitez is currently a consultant at McKinsey & Company, while serving as Chair of the LOFT Institute. Previously, Emanuel served as the Special Assistant to Chairman Paul Volcker at the U.S. Department of the Treasury and the Designated Federal Officer of the President's Economic Recovery Advisory Board (PERAB). His work on the PERAB included delivering recommendations to the President on workforce development, tax reform, financial regulatory reform, infrastructure financing, and residential retrofitting.

Prior to joining the Administration, he was the Director of Investor Relations at EDM Capital Partners and a candidate in California's 32nd Congressional District 2009 Special Election. During the Obama-Biden Presidential Transition, Emanuel served as a member of the U.S. Treasury Department Agency Review Team. Prior to the Presidential Transition Team, he was a financial analyst at Goldman Sachs in the Equities Product Group of the Securities Division. He currently serves as an advisor or director on the boards of the CentroNia, Hispanic Heritage Foundation, La Causa, New Leaders Council, Salvadoran American Leadership and Education Fund, and the Woodrow Wilson High School Alumni Foundation in Los Angeles. Emanuel graduated with a B.A. in Urban Studies from Stanford University where he was a recipient of the Jerry I. Porras Visionary Leadership Award and the Cecilia and Tony Burciaga Community Development Award. Emanuel was born and raised in the Eastside of Los Angeles



**Curren Price, Senator, Chair, Black Legislative Caucus**

Curren Price was elected to the California Legislature in 2006 to represent the 51st Assembly District, and was re-elected by an overwhelming margin to a second term in 2008. In May 2009, he won a special election, and in November 2010, he won in the general election with 83% of the vote in the 26th Senate District. This District includes Culver City and portions of Los Angeles industry, Beverlywood, Hollywood, Koreatown, Ladera Heights, Larchmont, Leimert Park, Crenshaw and Vermont Hills.

As a small business advocate in the private and public sectors for 20 years, Mr. Price worked in the international trade, satellite communications, and aerospace industries. He was a small business owner, and a consultant with the SBA's Small Business Development Center. In the public sector, as Inglewood City Council Member, Mr. Price served as chair of the Council's Economic Development Committee. He also served on L.A. County's Commission on Insurance, and the Metropolitan Transportation Authority's South Bay Governance Council.

Senator Price is an influential voice in California advocating for small businesses. His mission is to protect innovative small businesses and advance policies to support small business start-ups, job-creation, expansion, investment and entrepreneurship.

Senator Price is the chair of the Business, Professions and Economic Development Committee, which has jurisdiction over legislation related to business and professional services, practices and regulations, and international trade. Senator Price also chairs the Joint Legislative Committee on Arts, and serves as a member of the Education, Insurance and Public Safety committees. He was recently invited to be a member of the Select Committee on High Speed Rail. He also chairs the Legislative Black Caucus, vowing to push for improvements in education, health and jobs.



**Nancy E. Ryan, Deputy Executive Director for Policy and External Relations, California Public Utilities Commission**

Nancy E. Ryan is an economist with expertise in energy markets and the public health and ecological impacts of energy production. She currently serves as Deputy Executive Director for Policy and External Relations, directing policy initiatives in the areas of long term energy procurement, resource adequacy, and climate change policy. Dr. Ryan also serves as a liaison to the California Legislature, other public agencies and the federal government. She joined the California Public Utilities Commission in 2006 as Chief Energy Advisor to President Michael R. Peevey.

Before joining the CPUC she was Senior Economist and Deputy California Director at Environmental Defense, where she led advocacy efforts focusing on reducing greenhouse gas emissions from vehicles and power plants, curbing air pollution from diesel engines and restoring rivers and watersheds. Previously Dr. Ryan worked as a consultant for a diverse set of clients in the energy field, including conservation groups, public agencies, electric utilities and the Electric Power Research Institute. She taught undergraduate and graduate-level courses in applied economics at U.C. Berkeley's Richard and Rhoda Goldman School of Public Policy for over a decade and began her career as an assistant professor in the Faculty of Commerce at the University of British Columbia. Dr. Ryan received her Ph.D. in Economics from the University of California at Berkeley and a BA in Economics from Yale University.



**Catherine Sandoval, Commissioner, CPUC**

Catherine J.K. Sandoval, 50, of Campbell, was appointed to the California Public Utilities Commission on January 25, 2011. She has worked as an associate professor at Santa Clara University School of Law since 2004. She previously served as undersecretary and senior policy advisor for housing with the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency from

2001 to 2004. She was vice president and general counsel with Z-Spanish Media Corporation from 1999 to 2001 and was the director of the Office of Communications Business Opportunities for the Federal Communications Commission from 1994 to 1999. Commissioner Sandoval was an associate with Munger, Tolles & Olson from 1991 to 1994. She earned a J.D. from Stanford Law School, a Master of Letters in political science from Oxford, where she was a Rhodes Scholar, and a B.A. from Yale.



**Lionel Savage, Vice President, First American Corporation**

Mr. Savage has been a leader and key contributor in the financial services arena for 20 years. He is employed by First American Financial Corporation. He currently holds the position of Vice President - Industry Relations and Market Development. He is the lead executive in Washington DC responsible for strategic partnerships with GSE's, Federal Agencies, Lenders, Real Estate Companies, Community Development Organizations and Consumer Advocacy Groups to further the company's objectives. He has held this current position since August 2003. He also is President of the First American Community Fund; in this role he leads the company's philanthropic, community investment and employee volunteerism program. He also is the lead executive for First American's supplier diversity program.

Mr. Savage was previously employed at Fannie Mae. During his 15 year tenure there, he performed many roles to include operations consulting, small lender strategy, technology marketing and customer technology support. He has many business and leadership awards to his credit to include the Larry Small Leadership Award, CIO Technology Leadership Award and George Washington's Excellence in Management – Leadership Preparatory Program.

Mr. Savage is the current Chairman of the First American Financial Corporation's National Advisory Council. He is also Board Chair for ArchieMae – a financial services company based in Atlanta. He is Vice-Chair of the Operation Hope Inc. Mid-Atlantic Board – an international financial literacy organization. He also sits on the Board of Advisors of Lenders One- a mortgage banking cooperative. Mr. Savage is a member of the Board of Governors of NAHREP (National Association Hispanic Real Estate Professional) and is Vice-Chair of National Asian American Coalition – a national organization focused on Filipino Americans.



**Dan Skopec, Vice President, Regulatory & Legislative Affairs, San Diego Gas & Electric and SoCal Gas**

Dan Skopec is Vice President of Regulatory & Legislative Affairs for Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) and San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E), Sempra Energy's California regulated utilities. Based in San Francisco, Skopec is the primary representative of SoCalGas and SDG&E before the California Public Utilities Commission. He also manages the Sempra Energy Utilities' Sacramento office.

Prior to joining SoCalGas and SDG&E in January 2008, Skopec served as Undersecretary for the California Environmental Protection Agency from 2006 to 2007. Skopec has extensive experience dealing with environment and energy policy issues. As a former deputy cabinet secretary for Governor Schwarzenegger, Skopec served as a liaison between the Governor's office and the California Environmental Protection Agency, Resources Agency, Department of Food & Agriculture, California Public Utilities Commission and the Governor's Washington D.C. office.

In 2001, Skopec directed the subcommittee on energy policy, natural resources and regulatory affairs in Washington D.C. As the lead consultant on energy issues, he held numerous energy-related hearings involving the California electricity crisis, natural gas, Federal Energy Regulation Commission and gasoline markets.

Skopec holds a master's degree in International Economics from George Washington University, Washington D.C. and a bachelor's degree in Political

Science and European History from the University of California, San Diego. Dan grew up in Escondido, California. He and his wife Monica live in Walnut Creek, California with their five children.



**Shari Slate, Senior Director, Inclusion Strategy, Cisco Systems**  
As Senior Director of Inclusion Strategy within Cisco's US & Canada Sales Organization, Shari Slate is responsible for defining and executing a comprehensive strategy to integrate inclusion into the systems, policy and practice of the organization.

Prior to joining Cisco, Shari served as the Chief Diversity Officer and Director of Global Community Affairs at Sun Microsystems, where she successfully led the mission to integrate inclusion into all aspects of the business: from succession planning, recruitment and college relations to marketing, sales, and corporate citizenship. She also served as the company's leader in community affairs, collaborating with executives, employees and community leaders to develop and implement strategies to integrate corporate citizenship into the business culture.

In addition to Shari's corporate commitments, she has been actively involved in a range of philanthropic and community affairs. She currently serves on The Advisory Board for the Hispanic IT Executive Council (HITEC), The Advisory Board of the National Affinity Group Leader Congress, The WDLS Global "Thought Leaders" Advisory Council, and is a founding member of the Global Partners Program, a consortium of innovative, multinational companies committed to the development of best-in-class diversity programs in Europe.

Shari is the recipient of *The Network Journal's* 2009 "40 Under Forty" Achievement Award, National Coalition of 100 Black Women Corporate Award, as well as the prestigious Star Award in recognition of sales excellence and achievement earlier in her career at Xerox. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political, Legal, and Economic Analysis from Mills College.



**Jamal Stokley, The Greenlining Institute**

Born in Long Beach, CA Jamal graduated from Compton College with a degree in Business Management. He is achieving his goal of helping others through his work with the Greenlining Institute, a Berkeley based advocacy organization. Jamal serves as the Policy Coordinator for the Community Reinvestment team at Greenlining. He is working to develop a comprehensive Behavior Modification system that steers young men of color toward higher education and away from negativity and stereotypes. In the future, Jamal hopes to educate disadvantaged communities on wealth building strategies that help create jobs and produce assets through the developmental growth of small businesses. He is currently set to receive his Bachelors of Arts from San Francisco State University as a double Major in Marketing and Communication with a Minor in Entrepreneurial/Small Business Management.



**John Stumpf, Chairman and CEO, Wells Fargo**

John Stumpf became Chairman for Wells Fargo & Company in January 2010. He was named Chief Executive Officer in June 2007, elected to Wells Fargo's Board of Directors in June 2006, and has been President since August 2005.

A 28-year veteran of the company, he joined the former Norwest Corporation (predecessor of Wells Fargo) in 1982 in the loan administration department and then became senior vice president and chief credit officer for Norwest Bank, N.A., Minneapolis. He held a number of management positions

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at Norwest Bank Minneapolis and Norwest Bank Minnesota before assuming responsibility for Norwest Bank Arizona in 1989. He was named regional president for Norwest Banks in Colorado/Arizona in 1991. From 1994 to 1998, he was regional president for Norwest Bank Texas. During his four years in that position, he led Norwest's acquisition of 30 Texas banks with total assets of more than \$13 billion.

In 1998, with the merger of Norwest Corporation and Wells Fargo & Company, he became head of the Southwestern Banking Group (Arizona, New Mexico and Texas). Two years later he became head of the new Western Banking Group (Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Texas, Utah, Washington and Wyoming). In 2000, he led the integration of Wells Fargo's acquisition of the \$23 billion First Security Corporation, based in Salt Lake City. In May 2002, he was named Group EVP of Community Banking. In December 2008, he led one of the largest mergers in history with the purchase of Wachovia.

He serves on the Board of Directors for The Clearing House, the Financial Services Roundtable, Target Corporation and Chevron Corporation. He also serves on the Board of Trustees of the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art. A Minnesota native, he earned his bachelor's degree in finance from St. Cloud State University, St. Cloud, Minnesota and his MBA with an emphasis in finance from the University of Minnesota.



**Landon Taylor, Senior Vice President, Dorado Corporation**

Landon Taylor brings the strategic focus and progressive judgment gained during almost two decades of diverse business development experience within a variety of arenas. These include providing expertise in deploying nationally-implemented corporate business strategies from scratch to market-making FORTUNE 500® entities such as The First American

(FAC) Family of Companies – for which he was consequently appointed to the Board of Directors for First American Title Insurance Company, the corporation's largest subsidiary, founding entrepreneurial start-ups such as NPBN, a transformative marketing and new media company providing board level guidance to executive management at New Vista Asset Management Inc, a premier national asset management company, and guiding the launch of the strategic partnership between Gallup Inc. and Operation HOPE Inc., which culminated in the launch of the Gallup-HOPE Financial Literacy Index, [www.gohfli.com](http://www.gohfli.com). In late 2010 Landon joined Dorado Network Systems ([www.dorado.com](http://www.dorado.com)) as SVP, Market/Business Development to lead their strategic market expansion efforts domestically and internationally.

Throughout his career, Landon's vision has been to forge goodwill partnerships with prominent community advocates and national trade organizations. He has subsequently garnered board appointments to organizations including NAHREP (served two terms), EMT, New Vista Asset Management, Give Children a Choice, West Angeles Ventures, Operation HOPE and he currently serves as the Sire Archon for Epsilon Epsilon Boule.

Landon and his wife, Tawnia, have been married for 18 years and live with their two sons, Landon Jr. and Matthew, in Irvine, California.



**Tunua Thrash, Executive Director  
West Angeles Community Development Corporation**

Tunua Thrash was most recently Greenlining Institute's (GLI) Director of Innovation and she currently leads GLI's state-wide advocacy efforts on the California Citizens Redistricting Commission. Ms. Thrash is a graduate of Greenlining Academy program, co-founder of the Alumni Board Association and

a served on Greenlining's Board of Directors' Executive Committee.

Prior to working with Greenlining, she was a Director with Green Door Advisors, LLC (a minority woman owned real estate consulting firm) her work featured market and financial analysis of urban infill communities, mixed-use retail, office, hotel and housing developments in some of California's most complex urban markets.

Prior to joining GDA, Ms. Thrash led housing and economic development for West Angeles Community Development Corporation where she oversaw more than \$100 million in real estate assets and development projects, brokered public-private relationships with equity partners, and structured complex financing. She also worked as Director of Commercial Revitalization, for a Massachusetts-based development corporation, where she assisted the acceleration of private capital investment in Roxbury, an inner city Boston neighborhood.

She is an active member of the Urban Land Institute and a Los Angeles Housing Authority Commissioner. She is a board member of the Los Angeles Development Fund, which is the City of Los Angeles' New Market Tax Credit implementation group.

Ms. Thrash received her Masters degree in City Planning from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Interdisciplinary Studies from the University of California at Berkeley. She is a graduate of the Stan Ross Program in Real Estate sponsored by University of Southern California Lusk Center for Real Estate.



**Elizabeth Warren, Special Adviser  
Consumer Financial Protection Bureau**

Professor Elizabeth Warren is the Leo Gottlieb Professor of Law at Harvard University. She has written eight books and more than a hundred scholarly articles dealing with credit and economic stress. Her latest two books, *The Two-Income Trap* and *All Your Worth*, were both on national best seller lists. She

has been principal investigator on empirical studies funded by the National Science Foundation and more than a dozen private foundations. Warren was the Chief Adviser to the National Bankruptcy Review Commission, and she was appointed as the first academic member of the Federal Judicial Education Committee. She currently serves as a member of the Commission on Economic Inclusion established by the FDIC. She also serves on the steering committees of the Tobin Project and the National Bankruptcy Conference. The *National Law Journal* has repeatedly named Professor Warren as one of the Fifty Most Influential Women Attorneys in America, and *SmartMoney Magazine* recently designated her one of the SmartMoney 30 for 2008. She was also one of eight law professors to be named on the Leading Lawyers in America list compiled by Law Dragon.



**Waiching Wong, Transportation Management Specialist  
District Department of Transportation**

Waiching Wong is a Transportation Management Specialist at the District of Columbia Department of Transportation, focusing on transportation planning and infrastructure finance projects that provide residents of DC with safe, reliable and affordable multi-modal transportation options.

Currently, she serves on the Board of Directors for both the Conference on Asian Pacific American Leadership (CAPAL) and the Greenlining Academy Alumni Association.

Waiching credits her experience at the Greenlining Institute as a Banking and Community Reinvestment Fellow and later manager of the Affordable Housing Program as a catalyst in her career and a constant reminder of what is possible through multi-ethnic and multi-sector partnerships. She holds a masters degree in City and Regional Planning from Cornell University and a B.A. in Political Economy from the University of California, Berkeley.

## BIOGRAPHIES



### United States Congresswoman Maxine Waters

Born on August 15, 1938, in St. Louis, Congresswoman Waters was one of thirteen children. In 1961, she moved to Los Angeles, where she found work in a garment factory and as a telephone operator. In 1966, she was hired as an assistant teacher with the newly formed Head Start program in Watts. She decided to attend college while working at Head Start, and in 1970 earned a sociology degree from California State University in Los Angeles.

Congresswoman Waters became an advocate for frustrated Head Start parents, encouraging these parents to make federal budget requests, to contact legislators and agencies for increased funding, and to lobby for Head Start components tailored to their community. Her concern for parents' rights led her to local politics. In 1973 she worked as chief deputy to City Councilman David Cunningham.

In 1976, Congresswoman Waters successfully ran for election to the California State Assembly where she authored various pieces of legislation, including a law requiring state agencies to award a percentage of public contracts to minorities and the largest divestment of state pension funds from businesses involved in South Africa.

In 1990, Congresswoman Waters successfully ran for a seat in the 29th Congressional District of California. In 1992, she ran and won a seat in the much larger 35th District, representing South Central Los Angeles, Inglewood, Gardena and Hawthorne. She has been active on a number of issues, including affirmative action, community development, women's health and welfare reform. Congresswoman Waters focused attention on the plight of inner-city communities particularly the allegations of CIA involvement in Contra cocaine drug trafficking in South Central Los Angeles in the mid-1980s.

Congresswoman Waters is married to Sidney Williams, former U.S. ambassador to the Bahamas. They have two adult children.



### Linda Morris Williams, Associate Chancellor University of California, Berkeley

Linda Morris Williams was appointed Associate Chancellor for the University of California, Berkeley on May 1, 2008. As a Senior Advisor to Chancellor Robert J. Birgeneau and a member of his Cabinet, Ms. Williams serves as a lead strategist and has a broad level of authority to represent the

Campus with constituencies such as faculty, senate committee chairs, senior administrators, other UC locations, Office of the President, public agencies and the community. Ms. Williams has administrative oversight for the offices of Government & Community Relations, Audit and Advisory Services. She serves as the campus' Locally Designated Official under the Whistleblower Policy and the Campus Information Practices Coordinator. She has been given broad responsibility for oversight and coordination of the campus' ethics and compliance requirements through the newly established Office of Ethics, Risk and Compliance Services.

Prior to joining the Berkeley campus, Ms. Williams was Associate President for the University of California from 2003 to 2008 in which she was the administrative and policy advisor to UC President Dynes. In 1997, she was appointed Associate Chancellor at University of California San Diego where she was instrumental in the University's efforts to build strong ties with a range of community groups, non-profits and organizations outside of the UC sphere.

Ms. Williams serves as chair of the UC system-wide Staff Diversity Council and was the inaugural chair of the UC Systemwide Advisory Committee on the Status of Women. She has served on numerous boards including the Berkeley YWCA, the National Advisory Council for Engage Her, and the UC Berkeley Institute of Governmental Studies. She is an Advisor to the National Collegiate Conference Association (NCCA) Board of Directors and is an honorary member of the UC Berkeley Prytanian Alumni, Inc.



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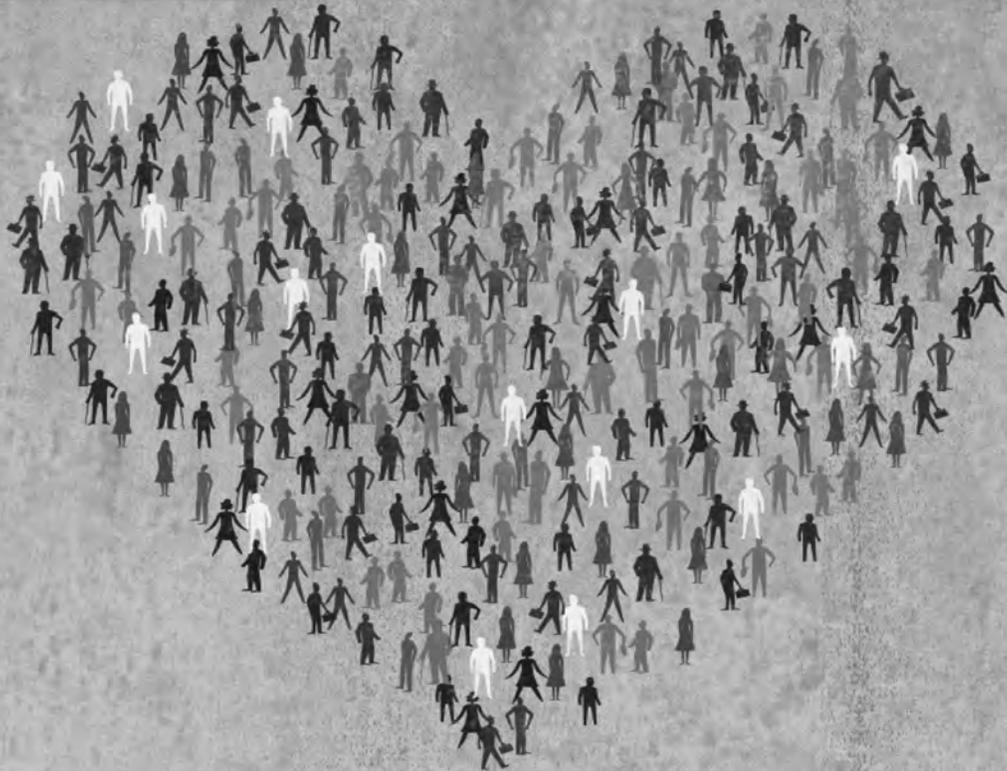
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