

# JUSTICE RISING

OUR HISTORY. OUR FUTURE.

GREENLINING'S 25TH ANNUAL ECONOMIC SUMMIT





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elcome to Greenlining's 25th Annual Economic Summit. We've been doing these Summits for a long time now, but this one feels special.

2018 marks an important milestone for us: On March 8, 1993, The Greenlining Institute officially incorporated, making the leap from an informal coalition to an actual organization. Our founders recognized the need to move beyond fighting redlining, and so they invented greenlining: proactively bringing investment and opportunity into communities that had been neglected for too long by both big business and government.

This anniversary comes at a moment in our nation's history when the fight for racial justice has never been more important, a moment when everything we fight for is under more intense threat than we've seen in decades.

Some may wonder how we can make progress in such an environment. But as Nelson Mandela said, "It always seems impossible until it's done." It seemed impossible that Mandela could emerge from 27 years in prison to lead his country, but he did. And the same hope, determination and wisdom that enabled him to lead South Africa from darkness can enable us to create an America where communities of color thrive, race is never a barrier to economic opportunity, and the grim politics of recent years fade into a distant memory.

Some of the people you hear and meet today will be the ones who get us to that future. We hope the conversations you join in today will inspire you to become one of them.

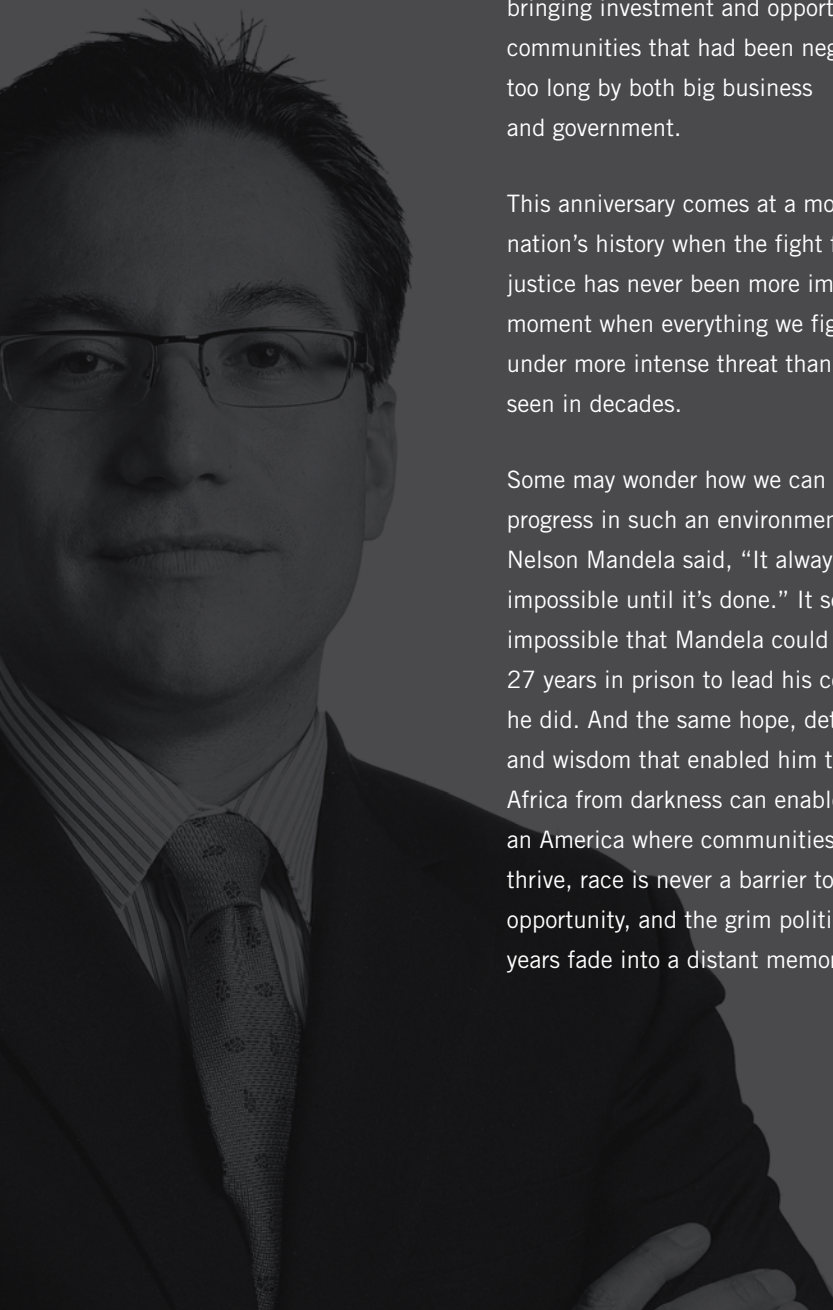
As we remember and honor the past with civil rights heroes like Dolores Huerta, we will also brainstorm a path forward to a future with true equity for all. At Greenlining, that means broadening our focus to include emerging issues like digital redlining and the growth of electric vehicles. It also means focusing on young leaders and – as the #MeToo movement reminds us – on the need to put the voices of women front and center, as in today's conversation between Melissa Harris-Perry and Alicia Garza.

The theme of this year's 25th Anniversary Economic Summit was no accident. We believe that justice is rising, and all of us can be part of making it happen.

Thank you for joining us.



Sincerely,  
Orson Aguilar, President



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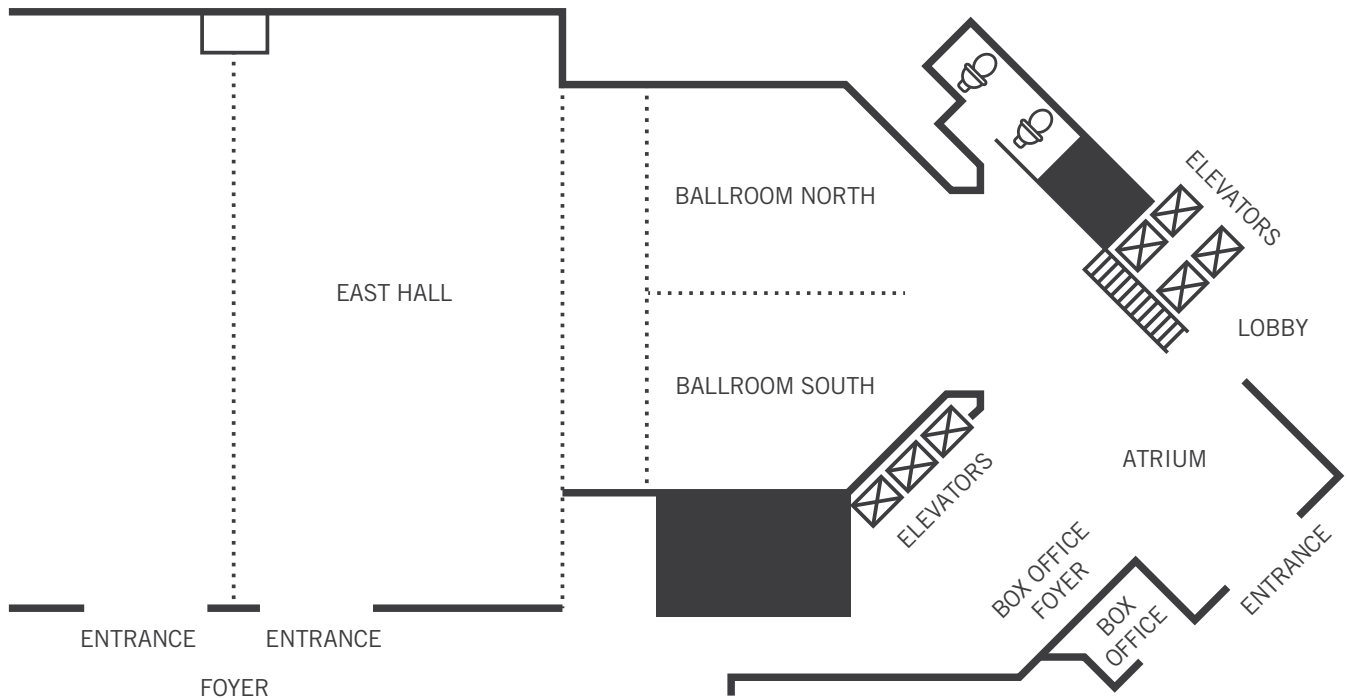
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# VENUE

## FIRST FLOOR



### SUMMIT SESSION LOCATIONS

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- Foyer

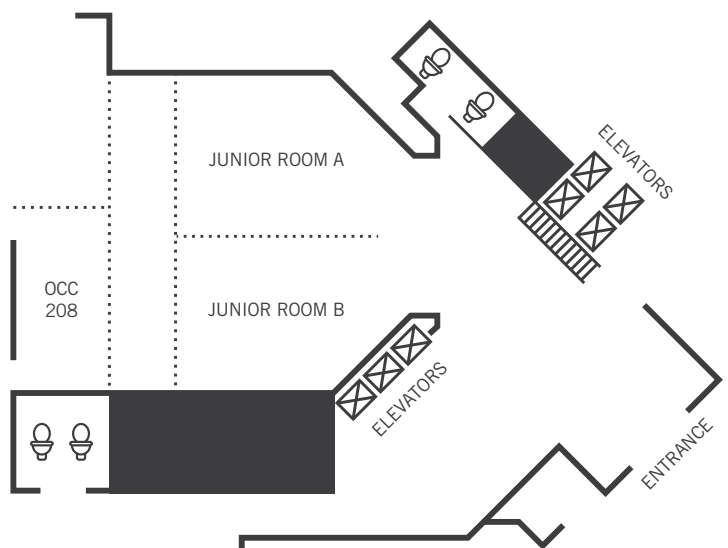
### ACCESSIBILITY

If you have access needs, please let us know and we will do our best to accommodate you. Our staff at the registration tables are available to assist.

### GENDER NEUTRAL BATHROOMS

Gender neutral bathrooms can be found on the first floor between the Box Office Foyer and the East Hall.

## SECOND FLOOR



# 25

YEARS  
OF...

FIGHTING FOR JUSTICE

A photograph of a woman laughing joyfully while a man leans over her, smiling down at her. The scene is overlaid with a blue diagonal graphic that contains the text 'FIGHTING FOR JUSTICE'. The overall color palette is dominated by blues and greens.

## PROGRAM

8:00 a.m.

**REGISTRATION** *Box Office Foyer*

A Continental Breakfast will be available from 8 a.m. - 9 a.m.

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8:30 a.m. – 8:50 a.m.

**OPENING REMARKS** *East Hall*

**Hosted by Olga Talamante**, Executive Director Emerita, Chicana Latina Foundation

**Performance by Young Gifted and Black**

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8:50 a.m. – 9:40 a.m.

**OPENING PLENARY** *East Hall*

**Justice Rising - Our History, Our Future**

Past racial justice fights broke down barriers and helped create a more inclusive society. But history can repeat. Systems of oppression reinvent themselves, creating new barriers and rebuilding old ones. With forces of division on the march again, panelists will discuss challenges people of color will face in the coming months and years and how we can learn from our history to ensure justice continues to rise.

**Moderator:**

**Melissa Harris-Perry**, Maya Angelou Presidential Chair, Wake Forest University; Founding Director, Anna Julia Cooper Center; Author, *Sister Citizen: Shame, Stereotypes, and Black Women in America*

*Panelists:*

**Angela Glover Blackwell**, CEO & Founder, PolicyLink

**Orson Aguilar**, **President**, The Greenlining Institute

**Saru Jayaraman**, Co-Founder & Co-Director, Restaurant Opportunities Center; Director, Food Labor Research Center, UC Berkeley

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9:40 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

**FIRESIDE CHAT WITH MELISSA HARRIS-PERRY AND ALICIA GARZA** *East Hall*

Alicia Garza and Melissa Harris-Perry sit down for an intimate conversation to reflect on movements across history and what it means to fight for economic and political justice today.

*Panelists:*

**Melissa Harris-Perry**, Maya Angelou Presidential Chair, Wake Forest University; Founding Director, Anna Julia Cooper Center; Author, *Sister Citizen: Shame, Stereotypes, and Black Women in America*

**Alicia Garza**, Co-Creator, Black Lives Matter

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10:10 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

**BREAKOUT SESSIONS**

**Our California, Our Climate, Our Future: Creating a Collective Vision for Resilience** *Jr. Room A*

Our climate is changing. In the past year, California has experienced a succession of climate disasters: wildfires, floods, heatwaves — and they are only expected to get worse. People of color are hit hardest by climate change due to decades of underinvestment that has left them without adequate resources and infrastructure to respond to climate disasters. Panelists will tackle urgent questions: How do we build a holistic response led by those most impacted? What does “resilience” actually mean? How can we transform the challenge of climate change into an opportunity to improve our communities and our world?

## PROGRAM

10:10 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. **BREAKOUT SESSIONS cont.**

**Moderator:**

**Rosa González**, Senior Fellow: Deep Democracy, Movement Strategy Center

*Panelists:*

**Mayor José Gurrola**, Mayor of Arvin

**Rachel Hundley**, Council Member, city of Sonoma

**Mayor Sofia Pereira**, Mayor of Arcata

**Strengthening California's Health Workforce in the Age of Resistance** *OCC 208*

One year into The Resistance, California has made its mark. Nevertheless, as we prepare for new threats to the Affordable Care Act, California must build a diverse and inclusive health workforce equipped to address racial and ethnic health disparities across the state. To maximize the ACA's potential, our state must ensure that communities of color benefit from the wide range of health sector jobs. By leveraging this opportunity, California can confront the glaring gaps in health workforce diversity and improve health outcomes for communities of color. This session will explore strategies to strengthen California's health care system and ensure it reflects our state's diversity.

**Moderator:**

**Anthony Galace**, Director of Health Policy, The Greenlining Institute

*Panelists:*

**Deonza Thymes**, M.D., Vice President, The Artemis Medical Society

**Carmela Castellano-Garcia**, President & CEO, California Primary Care Association

**Angela Jenkins**, Director of Public Affairs, Kaiser Permanente East Bay

**Angela Chen**, Ph.D., Director, Pre-Health Dreamers

**The Justice Case for Diversity: Building Narratives and Networks** *Ballroom South*

From hashtags to headlines, "diversity and inclusion" have become buzzwords. Despite their wide use, however, communities of color continue to be redlined out of the job market and face persistent discrimination. This interactive session will challenge current assumptions and arguments in the field and make the "justice case" for diversity. Participants will gain a network and understanding of how to advance successful diversity and inclusion policies.

*Panelists:*

**Kelly Brown**, Principal Consultant, Viewpoint Consulting

**Danielle Beavers**, Director of Diversity & Inclusion, The Greenlining Institute

**Developing the Next Generation of Social Justice Leaders** *Ballroom North*

Sadly, in nearly every sector we find redlining, a lack of people of color in leadership positions, or both. Hear from Greenlining Leadership Academy alumni on how leadership development with a racial equity lens can help solve the challenge of placing people of color in leadership positions across our state and nation. Panelists will discuss Greenlining's "inside-outside strategy," focused on empowering people of color to lead in all sectors, and how that leadership produces sustainable, long-lasting solutions for racial equity.

**MODERATOR**

**Patrick Brown**, Academy Director, The Greenlining Institute



## PROGRAM

10:10 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. **BREAKOUT SESSIONS cont.**

*Panelists:*

**Hector Preciado**, Manager of Sales Development, LinkedIn

**Tariq Meyers**, Global Head of Belonging & Inclusion, Coinbase

**Chris Brown**, Executive Vice President, KNK Engineering

**Jessie Buendia**, Community Benefits and Social Responsibility Manager, San Francisco Public Utilities Commission

**Racial Justice and the Evolution of the Financial Industry** *Junior Room B*

This panel will reflect on significant changes coming to the financial services industry, including the current administration's deregulatory agenda; FinTech and other disruptive innovations; and the promise and peril these forces hold for low-income Americans and communities of color. The financial services sector's mixed history of both serving and redlining communities of color has helped widen the racial wealth gap. This panel will look at how past discriminatory practices may be replicated via new technologies, as well as potential solutions to harness FinTech to advance equitable economic growth in communities of color.

**Moderator:**

**Teddy Ky-Nam Miller**, Economic Equity Director, The Greenlining Institute

*Panelists:*

**Jan Owen**, Commissioner, California Department of Business Oversight

**Paulina Gonzalez**, Executive Director, California Reinvestment Coalition

**Salvador Menjivar**, Executive Director, Beneficial State Foundation

**Ezra Garrett**, Vice President of Government and Community Relations, Oportun

**Jotaka Eaddy**, Vice President of Policy, Strategic Engagement, and Impact, LendUp

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12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. **LUNCH PROGRAM & AWARDS CEREMONY (SOLD OUT)** *East Hall*

Presented by The San Francisco Foundation.

This Awards Ceremony will highlight the work of individuals and organizations that have exhibited exceptional leadership by stepping forward and pioneering solutions that empower the most underserved members of our communities.

*Unfortunately, the Lunch Program is sold out. We invite those with a 'Lunch Overflow Ticket' to join us in the Overflow Room in the Ballroom South for a livestream of the Lunch Program.*

**Keynote:**

**Kevin De León**, President Pro Tempore Emeritus, California State Senate

**Moderator:**

**Tunua Thrash-Ntuk**, Executive Director, Los Angeles Local Initiatives Support Corporation

**The Torchbearer Award** recognizes a Greenlining Leadership Academy graduate who represents the next generation of leaders whose activism and leadership honor the legacy of past social justice trailblazers.

**Torchbearer Award Recipient:**

**Stephanie Chen**, Energy Equity Director, The Greenlining Institute

## PROGRAM

12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. **LUNCH PROGRAM & AWARDS CEREMONY (SOLD OUT)** *East Hall*

**The Disruptive Advocate Award** is reserved for individuals or organizations that have exhibited exceptional leadership and courage by stepping forward to shake things up and pioneer solutions that empower the most underserved members of our communities.

**Disruptive Advocate Award Recipients:**

**Gloria Walton**, Scope, President & CEO

**Mignon Clyburn**, Former Commissioner, Federal Communications Commission

**The Lifetime Achievement Award** is reserved for champions of justice and equity who have demonstrated a lifetime of tireless commitment to serving their communities.

**Lifetime Achievement Moderator:**

**Noel Anaya**, Writer & Producer, Youth Radio

**Lifetime Achievement Award Recipient:**

**Dolores Huerta**, President, The Dolores Huerta Foundation

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2:30 - 4:30 p.m. **IDEA LAB: DRIVING THE CALIFORNIA RESISTANCE FORWARD** *East Hall*

Twenty-five years ago California voters approved one of the harshest immigration policies in the U.S., and we had the worst air pollution in the country. Today, California is the beacon of the “Resistance” and a global leader in our fight against climate change. But where do we want to be in the next 25 years? How can we truly advance racial equity? What big, bold, dangerous ideas for change are we missing?

Join us at Idea Lab to hear visionary thinkers share their dreams for the future, followed by an interactive session where we invite all participants to envision and share their own path forward, as we collectively sculpt a racial equity agenda and set priorities for California’s future.

**Moderator:**

**Lateefah Simon**, President, Akonadi Foundation; Member, Board of Directors, Bay Area Rapid Transit

*Speakers:*

**Malkia A. Cyril**, Founder & Executive Director, Center for Media Justice

**Ramla Sahid**, Founder & Executive Director, Partnership for the Advancement of New Americans (PANA)

**Jung Woo Kim**, Membership Development Manager, Korean Resource Center

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4:30 - 4:45 p.m. **CLOSING CEREMONY** *East Hall*

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4:45 - 6:00 p.m. **NETWORKING RECEPTION** *Atrium*

Join us for dessert and refreshments to close out the day. Music provided by the Frederick Douglass Youth Ensemble.

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5:00 - 6:00 p.m. **GREENLINING ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MEETING** *Ballroom South*

## NEARBY RESTAURANTS

While we wish we could fit everyone into the room for our Lunch Program & Awards Ceremony, our space is limited. With this in mind, we invite you to try out one of the many wonderful restaurants here in downtown Oakland. Below are options within just a couple blocks of the Oakland Marriott.

**Swan's Market**  
510 9th St.

*Home to some of the city's most popular restaurants, featuring multiple establishments in a market-style setting.*

**Oeste**  
722 Clay St.

*Oeste is a bar, rooftop bar, and cafe located in the heart of Old Oakland.*

**Miss Ollie's**  
901 Washington St.

*Cafe with a menu of Caribbean soul food, filled with picnic tables & colorful decor.*

**Tamarindo**  
468 8th St.

*Upscale Mexican restaurant featuring gourmet tapas in a modern setting.*

**Souley Vegan**  
301 Broadway

*Well-known restaurant with vegan versions of Louisiana-style soul food, plus cocktails & desserts.*

**Le Cheval**  
1007 Clay St.

*Vietnamese restaurant offers classic dishes & noodle soups in a spacious setting.*

**Iron & Oak Restaurant  
and Bar Oakland**  
Marriott City Center

*Oakland Marriott's in-house restaurant, proudly serving Oakland-sourced food.*



**Diversity is  
about people, not profit.**

Greenlining's Diversity and Inclusion team seeks to reclaim diversity, equity and inclusion for racial justice, and you can help. To join the working group, email [danielleb@greenlining.org](mailto:danielleb@greenlining.org).

# ABOUT GREENLINING

Founded in 1993, The Greenlining Institute envisions a nation where communities of color thrive and race is never a barrier to economic opportunity. Because people of color will be the majority of our population by 2044, America will prosper only if communities of color prosper. Greenlining advances economic opportunity and empowerment for people of color through advocacy, community and coalition building, research, and leadership development. Greenlining works to increase the health and wealth of people of color by targeting five major sectors of the economy: Financial Services, the Green Economy, Energy, Health and Technology. We also train young leaders to advocate for equity and justice in their careers through our nationally recognized Leadership Academy programs.

## ISSUES & IMPACT

**The Bridges to Health Program** seeks to bring the resources needed for a healthy life, including access to care, within reach of communities of color and low-income communities, and to open doors to economic opportunities in the health industry.

**The Economic Equity Program** works to overcome the lingering effects of redlining, help communities of color build wealth, and ensure that our financial system works for all.

**The Diversity and Inclusion Program** works with all our policy teams to open the path to jobs and entrepreneurial opportunities for communities of color.

**The Energy Program** addresses the electric and gas services upon which homes and businesses depend, seeking to ensure that low-income ratepayers are protected and that race, language or income are never barriers to these essential services.

**The Environmental Equity Program** focuses on the emerging green economy in order to make sure that communities of color not only have a clean environment, but also benefit from the economic opportunities made possible by environmental efforts.

**The Telecommunications and Technology Program** works to make sure that people at all income levels have access to the information and communications technology that is so vital in today's economy, and to ensure that telecommunications companies are responsive to the needs of communities of color.

**The Greenlining Leadership Academy** works to empower and develop the next generation of multi-ethnic leaders to advance racial and economic equity and create positive social change. We seek to develop a network of visionary leaders ready to work across racial and ethnic lines to address America's most pressing problems and develop sustainable solutions rooted in equity and justice.

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**Olga Talamante**  
Executive Director Emerita,  
Chicana Latina Foundation

Olga Talamante is Executive Director Emerita of the Chicana Latina Foundation. She became its first Executive Director in January 2003, serving in that position until March, 2018. The Chicana Latina Foundation's mission is the Empowerment of Chicanas/Latinas through their Personal, Educational, and Professional Advancement.

Olga's family migrated from Mexico to Gilroy, California in the early 1960s where they worked in the farm fields for several years.

She is widely respected for her community activism and leadership. During the mid-70s, she became well known for her experience as a political prisoner in Argentina. As a result of a successful grassroots campaign, she was released after spending 16 months in an Argentine prison. Since her return to the United States, she has remained active in the Chicano, Latin American solidarity, LGBTQ and progressive political movements.

Among her various awards, she was recognized as one of the most influential Hispanics in the Bay Area by the San Francisco Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and the San Francisco Business Times. She received the Latino Heritage Community Award from the City of San Francisco, and in 2011 she received the prestigious OHTLI award from the Mexican Government.

Four years ago she was honored to be a Community Grand Marshall for the San Francisco LGBTQ Pride Parade. Currently she serves on the Boards of El Concilio of San Mateo County, the Horizons Foundation, the National Center for Lesbian Rights and the Greenlining Institute. In 2016 she received an Honorary Doctorate Degree from the School of Education at the University of San Francisco and most recently the Cesar Chavez Legacy Award in March of 2017.



**Melissa Harris-Perry**  
Maya Angelou Presidential Chair,  
Wake Forest University; Editor-at-  
Large, Elle.com

Melissa Harris-Perry is the Maya Angelou Presidential Chair at Wake Forest University. There she is the founding director of the Anna Julia Cooper Center. Harris-Perry is also Editor-at- Large for Elle.com

Melissa hosted the television show "Melissa Harris-Perry" from 2012-2016 on weekend mornings on MSNBC. She remains a sought-after public speaker, lecturing widely throughout the United States and abroad.

She is the author of the award-winning *Barbershops, Bibles, and BET: Everyday Talk and Black Political Thought*, and *Sister Citizen: Shame, Stereotypes, and Black Women in America*.

Melissa received her B.A. in English from Wake Forest University and her Ph.D. in political science from Duke University. She also studied theology at Union Theological Seminary in New York. Harris-Perry previously served on the faculty of the University of Chicago, Princeton University, and Tulane University. Melissa has been awarded honorary degrees from many universities, including Meadville Lombard Theological School, Winston-Salem State University, Eckerd College, and New York University.

She lives in North Carolina with her husband, James, their two fulfilling daughters, and a delightful flock of chickens and ducks.



**Angela Glover Blackwell**  
CEO, PolicyLink

Angela Glover Blackwell, Chief Executive Officer, started PolicyLink in 1999 and continues to drive its mission of advancing economic and social equity. Under Angela's leadership, PolicyLink has gained national prominence in the movement to use public policy to improve access and opportunity for all low-income people and communities of color, particularly in the areas of health, housing, transportation, and infrastructure.

Prior to founding PolicyLink, Angela was Senior Vice President at the Rockefeller Foundation, the founder of the Oakland (CA) Urban Strategies Council, and a partner at Public Advocates, a nationally known public interest law firm.

As a leading voice in the movement for equity in America, Angela is a frequent commentator for some of the nation's top news organizations, including The New York Times, the Huffington Post, Washington Post, Salon, and CNN. She has appeared regularly on such programs as public radio's Marketplace, The Tavis Smiley Show, Nightline, and PBS's Now. She is the co-author of *Uncommon Common Ground: Race and America's Future* (W.W. Norton & Co., 2010), and has contributed to *What It's Worth: Strengthening the Financial Future of Families, Communities and the Nation* (Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco and CFED, 2015), *Worlds Apart: Poverty and Politics in Rural America* (Yale University Press, 2014, second edition), and *Ending Poverty in America: How to Restore the American Dream* (The New Press, 2007), among others.

Angela earned a bachelor's degree from Howard University and a law degree from the University of California, Berkeley.



**Orson Aguilar**  
President, The Greenlining Institute

Orson Aguilar is the President of the Greenlining Institute, one of the nation's largest and most successful multi-ethnic, advocacy and leadership development nonprofits. Greenlining envisions a nation where race is never a barrier to economic opportunity and communities of color thrive. Because people of color will be the majority of our nation's population by 2040, Greenlining believes that America will prosper only if communities of color prosper.

Under Orson's leadership, Greenlining has become a leading voice in the movement to fight redlining by advocating for greenlining policies, particularly in the areas of the economy, the environment, health, energy, voting, and telecommunications.

Orson's leadership has been featured in major media such as The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, Univision, La Opinion, NPR, Politico, The Huffington Post, and many other news outlets. He meets regularly with major Fortune 100 CEOs and with many of our nation's economic leaders. His op-eds on diverse topics impacting communities are regularly featured in small and large newspapers throughout the country.

Orson's work has been recognized by the New Leaders Council, Latino Leaders Magazine, La Opinion, The Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute, and several other prominent organizations. He is a board member at the California Women's Foundation and also sits on Bank of America's Community Advisory Committee. He is also a past member of important local boards and committees, including the Mission Economic Development Agency and the City of Oakland's Budget Advisory Committee.

Orson received a B.A. from the University of California at Santa Cruz and an MPA from The University of Texas at Austin. Orson is a product of Greenlining's leadership academy. He was also a Public Policy and International Affairs Fellow and Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute Fellow.



**Saru Jayaraman**  
Co-Founder & Co-Director,  
Restaurant Opportunities Center;  
Director, Food Labor Research  
Center, UC Berkeley

Saru Jayaraman is President of ROC United & ROC Action, based in Oakland, California. In New York after 9/11, she joined with displaced World Trade Center workers to co-found ROC, which has organized those who work in restaurants to win workplace justice campaigns, conduct research and policy work, partner with responsible restaurants, and launch cooperatively-owned restaurants. She is also Director of the Food Labor Research Center at UC Berkeley.

Saru is a graduate of Yale Law School and the Harvard Kennedy School of Government. She was profiled in the New York Times' "Public Lives" section in 2005, named one of Crain's "40 Under 40" in 2008, was 1010 Wins' "Newsmaker of the Year" and New York Magazine's "Influentials" of New York City. She was listed in CNN's "Top10 Visionary Women," recognized as a Champion of Change by the White House in 2014, and received a James Beard Foundation Leadership Award in 2015. Saru authored *Behind the Kitchen Door* (Cornell University Press, 2013), a national bestseller, and has appeared on CNN with Soledad O'Brien, on Bill Moyers' Journal on PBS, with Melissa Harris Perry and on UP with Chris Hayes on MSNBC, Real Time with Bill Maher on HBO, the Today Show, and NBC Nightly News. Her most recent book, *Forked: A New Standard for American Dining* (Oxford University Press), has received widespread press coverage and acclaim.





### **Alicia Garza**

Co-Founder, Black Lives Matter;  
Special Projects Director, National  
Domestic Workers Alliance

Alicia Garza is an Oakland-based organizer, writer, public speaker and freedom dreamer who is currently the Special Projects Director for the National Domestic Workers Alliance, the nation's leading voice for dignity and fairness for the millions of domestic workers in the United States.

Alicia, along with Opal Tometi and Patrisse Cullors, also co-founded the Black Lives Matter network, a globally recognized organizing project that focuses on combating anti-Black, state-sanctioned violence, and the oppression of all Black people. Since the rise of the BLM movement, Garza has become a powerful voice in the media. Her articles and interviews have been featured in Time, Mic, The Guardian, Elle.com, Essence, Democracy Now!, and The New York Times.



### **Dolores Huerta**

President and Founder of the  
Dolores Huerta Foundation,  
Co-founder of the United  
Farm Workers of America

Dolores Huerta is a labor leader and community organizer and has worked for civil rights and social justice for over 50 years. In 1962 she and Cesar Chavez founded the United Farm Workers union. She served as vice-president and played a critical role in many of the union's accomplishments for four decades.

In 2002, she received the Puffin/Nation \$100,000 prize for Creative Citizenship, which she used to establish the Dolores Huerta Foundation. The foundation is connecting groundbreaking community-based organizing to state and national movements to register and educate voters; advocate for education reform; bring about infrastructure improvements in low-income communities; advocate for greater equality for the LGBT community; and create strong leadership development. She has received numerous awards, including the Eleanor Roosevelt Humans Rights Award from President Clinton in 1998. In 2012 President Obama bestowed Dolores with The Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest civilian award in the United States.



### **Noel Anaya**

Writer & Producer, Youth Radio

Noel Anaya is a writer and producer with Youth Radio, and a student at Laney College. He is a current and future leader in foster care reform, and his stories have appeared on NPR, KQED, KCBS, and in The New York Times.

Noel was raised in the foster care system for two decades until he aged out. He works at Youth Radio and uses education and lived experience to utilize multimedia in order to raise awareness of foster care reform on a national scale. He gets support from local nonprofit foster care agencies like California Youth Connection in order to influence and help create bills and policies to help young people, specifically young people in the foster care system.

Noel is currently producing a documentary on adoption, and he was recently awarded the "Radio Impact Award" at the Third Coast International Audio Festival. He also does international affairs work, and met with the First Minister of Scotland for International Foster Care Awareness Month.



**Kevin de León**

President pro Tempore emeritus,  
California State Senate

Kevin de León (D-Los Angeles) is President pro Tempore emeritus of the California State Senate and was the first Latino elected to the position in over 130 years.

Senator de León is focused on building a more prosperous, equitable, and sustainable economy for the Golden State. His agenda includes: making college more accessible and affordable; combating climate change; building a clean-energy economy; improving retirement security for low-income workers; supporting California's growing diverse communities; fighting homelessness; and providing protections and opportunities to our immigrant residents.

Senator de León served four years in the Assembly before being elected to the Senate in 2010.



**Gloria Walton**

President & CEO, SCOPE

Gloria Walton is one of the country's most exciting "next generation" political leaders. For the last eight years she has been President & CEO of Strategic Concepts in Organizing and Policy Education (SCOPE), a South L.A.-based community organization widely recognized as a leader in the development of cutting-edge strategies to ensure that Black and Brown, poor and working-class communities have an equal voice in the democratic process.

Under Gloria's leadership SCOPE has played a pivotal role in several significant campaigns, including serving as an anchor organization in winning statewide alliance efforts to pass California's Proposition 30 (which increased taxes for upper income earners and restored \$6 billion in education funding) and Proposition 47 (which reformed the three strikes law by reducing non-violent crimes from felonies to misdemeanors and put the savings into rehabilitation, social programs, and mental health). Gloria also led the organizing effort for SCOPE's green jobs programs that couple entry level positions with job training to create career pathways into good, green jobs targeted for workers in low-income neighborhoods. Most recently, SCOPE successfully advocated, as part of statewide climate equity coalitions, to pass a set of landmark climate bills that set targets to reduce greenhouse gases; bring accountability and transparency to state climate agencies and top polluters; and promote targeted investment in green infrastructure and good jobs.

In 2016 Gloria received the NAACP-LA's Empowerment Award; the LA League of Conservation Voters Environmental Justice Champion Award; and the Center for Community Change's Champion in Community Organizing Award. She was a recipient of the James Irvine Foundation Fund for Leadership Advancement grant awarded in 2014, and was named one of Liberty Hill Foundation's Leaders to Watch in 2011.

Gloria has authored multiple pieces for the Huffington Post, The Nation, and many other outlets.



**Mignon Clyburn**

Former Commissioner, Federal  
Communications Commission

Commissioner Mignon Clyburn has served at the Federal Communications Commission since 2009. She is currently serving her second term as a Democrat and was sworn in on February 19, 2013, following her re-nomination by President Barack Obama and confirmation by the U.S. Senate. Following her appointment, Mignon also served as the first Acting Chairwoman of the FCC.

While at the FCC, Mignon has been committed to closing the digital divide. Specifically, she has been an advocate for Lifeline Modernization, which assists low-income consumers to defray the cost of broadband service, championed diversity in media ownership, initiated Inmate Calling Services reforms, emphasized diversity and inclusion in STEM opportunities, and fought to preserve a free and open Internet.

Prior to the FCC, she spent 11 years as a member of the sixth district on the Public Service Commission (PSC) of South Carolina. Prior to the PSC, for 14 years she was the publisher and general manager of her family-founded newspaper, the Coastal Times, a Charleston-based weekly newspaper that focused primarily on issues affecting the African American community.



**Stephanie Chen**  
Energy Director, The Greenlining  
Institute

Stephanie Chen directs Greenlining’s advocacy in energy policy, working to ensure that the environmental and economic benefits of clean energy reach California’s communities of color. Over the last 10 years, Stephanie’s work has driven investments in solar, energy efficiency, and other clean technology into low-income environmental justice communities, and promoted pathways to meaningful employment and entrepreneurial opportunities for people of color in California’s growing clean energy economy. As an attorney practicing before the California Public Utilities Commission, Stephanie has litigated several high-profile cases impacting billions of dollars in utility rates, winning broad statewide protections for communities of color, low-income ratepayers and small business owners.

Stephanie is a member of the state’s Disadvantaged Communities Advisory Group, which works with the California Public Utilities Commission and the California Energy Commission to ensure that clean energy policies benefit environmental justice communities. Additionally, Stephanie serves on the Advisory Board for the California Consumer Protection Foundation and Skyline College’s Paralegal Studies Program, and has served on the boards of directors for Rising Sun Energy Center and the Conference of California Public Utility Counsel. Stephanie has a B.A. in Government from Dartmouth College and a J.D. from the University of San Francisco School of Law, and is an alumna of Greenlining’s Leadership Academy.

Outside of work, Stephanie loves to cook, eat, knit, explore her adopted hometown of Oakland, and spend time with her sprawling family and exuberant dog.



**Tunua Thrash-Ntuk**  
Executive Director, Los Angeles  
Local Initiatives Support  
Corporation (LA LISC)

A native Angeleno, Tunua Thrash-Ntuk is the Executive Director of Los Angeles Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LA LISC). She is a seasoned community and economic development practitioner of more than 15 years with both non-profit and private sector experiences. Her strengths range from community advocacy to asset and real estate development around neighborhood revitalization. She has already led a number of important urban initiatives in Los Angeles focused on affordable housing and commercial development as well as transit-oriented projects. Prior to joining LISC, Tunua served as Executive Director of West Angeles Community Development Corporation. During her tenure she was responsible for the asset management and oversight of the WACDC real estate portfolio valued at \$150 million. Tunua led the growth of WACDC’s real estate portfolio, in part by brokering a breakthrough in the development, construction and opening of West Angeles Plaza, a 24,000 square foot commercial office project.

Tunua serves as a board member or advisory board member to many entities, including Federal Home Loan Bank San Francisco’s Affordable Housing Council, Housing California, City of LA Measure HHH Citizens Oversight Commission, Southern California Edison’s Consumer Advisory Panel, Greenlining Institute, Union Bank’s Community Advisory Board, Frontier Communications Community Advisory Board, and the Los Angeles Development Fund, which is the City of Los Angeles’ New Market Tax Credit implementation group. Tunua is a graduate of Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) where she earned her Master’s in City Planning as well as an alumna of UC Berkeley where she received her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Interdisciplinary Studies.



**Rosa González**  
Senior Fellow, Deep Democracy,  
Movement Strategy Center

Rosa González is the founder of Facilitating Power, a project designed to cultivate the practice and pedagogy of deep democracy. Rosa works with organizations, foundations, and collaborative initiatives to build the capacity for culturally rooted, community-driven leadership and to advance whole systems solutions to timely issues through a fundamental shift towards the governance of community ownership. She is a senior fellow at Movement Strategy Center focused primarily on linking knowledge development and narrative strategy to advance place-based experiments in community governance. She wrote the Framework on Community-Driven Climate Resilience Planning, in collaboration with climate justice leaders from around the country, and is working to deepen collaboration between the public and private sectors at the local level through multiple city-based initiatives. Rosa has a master’s degree in Education from the University of San Francisco and a master’s degree in Latin American Studies from Stanford University.



**José Gurrola**  
Mayor of Arvin, California

José Gurrola is a lifelong resident of Arvin, a proud product of Arvin public schools, and a graduate of Bakersfield College and CSU Bakersfield. In November 2012, at the age of 19, he successfully waged a campaign to serve on the Arvin City Council. As councilmember, he advocated for improved park and road maintenance, good environmental stewardship, and a Bakersfield College Center in Arvin. In 2016, defeating the 12-year incumbent, José was elected as one of the youngest mayors in California. As mayor, he is focused on fighting for clean air and water, equitable economic development, a just transition towards renewable energy, improved city services, and increased educational opportunities in Arvin. He is a member of the Young Elected Officials Network, Kern Council of Governments, and Kern Local Agency Formation Commission. He is also a substitute teacher for the Arvin Union School District and currently a candidate for Juris Doctor at Kern County College of Law.



**Rachel Hundley**  
Council Member, Sonoma, California

Rachel Hundley was elected to the City Council in 2014 and held the position of Mayor in 2017 during the devastating wildfires that swept across northern California. A native of the Deep South, Rachel earned three undergraduate degrees from the University of Georgia and a law degree from the University of North Carolina. After working as a commercial litigation attorney in New York City, she headed west to pursue a different dream: entrepreneurship.

Rachel chose Sonoma as her new home, where she started Drums & Crumbs, a fried chicken food truck that roamed the Bay Area for several years. Eighteen months after arriving in her new community, Rachel was elected to the City Council, where she has advocated for modern housing solutions, economic diversity and water sustainability. In the wake of the October 2017 fires, Rachel was the force behind expanding housing opportunities for persons displaced by the fires and a coordinated economic assessment and response by organizations representing local businesses, wine and tourism.

During her time on the city council, Rachel has been committed to significantly reducing greenhouse gas emissions in Sonoma through energy efficient infrastructure, sustainable development practices, and community outreach.

In her spare time, Rachel still practices law and recently joined the Municipalities and Special Districts practice group at Meyers Nave in Oakland.



**Sofia Pereira**  
Mayor of Arcata, California

Sofia Pereira was elected to the Arcata City Council in 2014. During her tenure on the city council, Sofia has moved forward initiatives to make Arcata a zero waste city, strengthen collaboration with Humboldt State University, and leverage the use of technology to improve government. She brings years of political organizing experience to She Should Run, a national organization dedicated to expanding the talent pool of women running for elected office. As the community manager, Sofia oversees the Incubator, supporting thousands of women across the country. Prior to joining She Should Run, Sofia served as a field representative for Assemblymember Wesley Chesbro in Humboldt, Del Norte, and Trinity counties, and as a legislative analyst for the Humboldt County Department of Health and Human Services where she focused on state and federal policy. Sofia holds a bachelor's degree in Communication from Humboldt State University.



**Anthony Galace**  
Director of Health Policy,  
The Greenlining Institute

Anthony's passion for advocacy lies at the nexus of public policy, health equity, and racial justice. As the child of Filipino immigrants, his desire to advocate for underserved communities was shaped by the struggles his extended family faced while coming to the United States. Anthony leads Greenlining's health advocacy to promote access to health care and health workforce opportunities for historically underserved populations, such as young people of color, immigrants, and the re-entry community. Additionally, Anthony advances Greenlining's advocacy to ensure health employers across California, such as hospitals and health plans, address racial and ethnic health disparities by increasing investments in upstream, preventive health resources for communities of color. Anthony has authored a number of reports highlighting barriers to employment for marginalized groups, such as young men and women of color, and offering policy solutions to improve racial and health equity.

Anthony also serves as the Chair of the Alameda County Public Health Commission and on the Board of Filipino Advocates for Justice, a community-based organization dedicated to empowering the Filipino community and other disadvantaged communities across the Bay Area.

Apart from Greenlining, Anthony is an avid sushi connoisseur, aspiring chef, and the self-proclaimed "Greatest Laker Fan of All Time." Anthony is from Chula Vista, California, and graduated from UC Berkeley in 2013, with a degree in Integrative Biology.



**Deonza Thymes**  
M.D., Vice President, Programming,  
The Artemis Medical Society

Dr. Deonza Thymes is a board-certified Emergency Medicine physician who works with underserved communities and regularly cares for patients who struggle with poverty, homelessness, chronic disease, and lack of health care. Deonzais co-founder and Vice President of Programs for the Artemis Medical Society, a network of over 4,500 women physicians of color from around the globe that strives to support women physicians of color and increase diversity in the medical workforce. Deonza is passionate about advocacy and entrepreneurship. In 2012, she opened the first Active Aging Center in California, which empowered seniors to stay healthy and live independent lives. In 2013, she led a statewide initiative to educate elected officials and thought leaders on the importance of clean air and clean energy to community health. In 2015, she attended Harvard University where she completed the Commonwealth Fund Fellowship in Minority Health Policy.

Deonza received her undergraduate degree from UCLA, and her medical degree from The Ohio State University College of Medicine. She completed her Emergency Medicine residency at King/Drew Medical Center, and received her M.P.H. from the Harvard Chan School of Public Health. Dr. Thymes resides in Washington, D.C. and Los Angeles.



**Carmela Castellano-Garcia**  
President & CEO, California  
Primary Care Association

Carmela Castellano-Garcia, Esq., is the President and Chief Executive Officer of the California Primary Care Association (CPCA), overseeing a membership association of more than 1,300 nonprofit, community clinics and health centers (CCHCs) which serve nearly 6.6 million patients a year. Carmela has been committed to advancing multicultural health policy issues for more than 25 years, focusing on areas such as cultural and linguistic competency in health care delivery, ensuring the viability of safety net providers, health care reform, and access to care for vulnerable populations. In 2015, she oversaw the formation of CPCA's 501(c)4 affiliate corporation – CaliforniaHealth+ Advocates, a social welfare organization dedicated to advancing the mission of community health centers through state and federal advocacy. Her previous experience includes founding the Latino Coalition for a Healthy California (LCHC), and she also currently serves as the President of the Castellano Family Foundation. Carmela is a graduate of Yale Law School and holds a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from the University of California at Berkeley.



**Angela Jenkins**  
 Director of Public Affairs,  
 Kaiser Permanente East Bay

Angela Jenkins serves as the Director of Strategic Initiatives for Kaiser Permanente Northern California where she is responsible for the region's Community Health Strategy, an effort designed to leverage all of Kaiser Permanente's unique assets to improve community health. Previously, Angela was the Director of Public Affairs for Kaiser Permanente East Bay, and Director of Community Benefit Programs for Kaiser Permanente Northern California. She developed and led strategy for Kaiser Permanente's community benefits, and collaborated with directors of Kaiser Permanente's clinical and allied health training programs, and Division of Research to ensure alignment with Kaiser Permanente's community benefit priorities. Angela was responsible for implementing the region's workforce investment strategy, and directly oversaw KP LAUNCH, the region's high school and college internship programs.

Prior to working at Kaiser Permanente, Angela served as a representative for a county supervisor in Solano County and a California State Assemblymember, a case manager for adolescent parents, and a counselor at a women's correctional facility located in northern California. Angela has a MS in Public Policy and Administration from CSU Sacramento and a BS in Justice Studies from Arizona State University.



**Angela Chen**  
 Ph.D., Director, Pre-Health  
 Dreamers

Dr. Angela Chen's experiences being undocumented for 16 years, including throughout her undergraduate career, ignited her passion for working with undocumented students and developing campus resources. Most recently, Angela worked as the Director of the Undocumented Student Program at UCLA, which served over 500 undocumented students, spawned new programs, and built resources across campus departments to better serve undocumented students. Her institutional advocacy also includes leading University of California system-wide efforts to increase awareness about policies that impact undocumented students and guiding universities across the nation to develop support programs for undocumented youth.

Angela completed her B.A. in Psychology from UC Irvine and received her M.A. and Ph.D. from UCLA Graduate School of Education with an emphasis on Higher Education. She enjoys meeting people, art therapy, biking, comfort food from all cultures, and storytelling.



**Kelly Brown**  
 Principal Consultant,  
 Viewpoint Consulting

Kelly Brown is Principal Consultant at Viewpoint Consulting and was formerly Director of the D5 Coalition, an initiative to advance philanthropy through a commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion. Kelly has served as Director of Programs and Evaluation at the Marguerite Casey Foundation and as Grants Director at the Vanguard Public Foundation. She was Director of Marketing and Industry Relations at OpNet, a social venture that created digital workforce opportunities for low-income young adults and Administrative Director for TransAfrica/TransAfrica Forum, a national foreign policy and research organizations at the forefront of efforts to secure a peaceful transition to a multi-racial democracy in South Africa. In addition to managing the budgets, boards, and operations for two integrated nonprofits, she helped organize Nelson Mandela's inaugural visit to the United States.

Kelly has lived and studied in Nairobi, Kenya where she conducted outreach, due diligence and fundraising to build and expand Kenya Women Finance Trust, the continent's first revolving loan fund for women. She has an M.B.A from the Haas School of Business at UC Berkeley, a B.A. in Sociology and African/African American Studies from UC Santa Barbara and was a Sloan Foundation Fellow at Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School. Currently, she is pursuing a Ph.D. at the University of Chicago, researching the intersection between leadership, organizational networks and contemporary social movements.



**Danielle Beavers**  
 Director of Diversity & Inclusion,  
 The Greenlining Institute

As the Diversity and Inclusion Director, Danielle works to promote job creation for people of color. She leads Greenlining’s workforce and supplier diversity advocacy in the banking, environmental, health, technology, insurance, and utility industries. Danielle views diversity as the antidote to redlining in the job market, and works to ensure that anchor institutions and their regulators fully reflect and benefit communities of color. She serves as Vice Chair of the California Department of Insurance’s Diversity Task Force and is also a member of the California Utilities Diversity Council, Wells Fargo’s Supplier Diversity Advisory Group, and the Small Business Administration’s Los Angeles PLUM (Partnership for Lending in Underserved Markets) Market Research Action Group. She first came to Greenlining as the 2012 Community Reinvestment Fellow and received her B.A. from Stanford University in Comparative Studies in Race and Ethnicity with Honors.

When not elbows deep in spreadsheets, Danielle loves watching bad reality TV and spoiling her dog, Otis.



**Patrick Brown**  
 Academy Director,  
 The Greenlining Institute

Patrick Brown joined Greenlining’s team in 2012 as the Manager of the Leadership Academy. Born and raised on the south side of Chicago, he comes from a lineage of community and labor organizers. While completing his B.A. at DePaul University in Political Science with a minor in Environmental Science, he served as training coordinator for DePaul’s Labor Education Program.

Committed to economic and community development, Patrick worked with OAI, Inc. for the next 10 years developing and implementing training programs for a national network of workforce re-entry programs. As manager of an EPA Brownfields job training grant, Patrick partnered with and developed the Greencorps Chicago program as a model for green jobs training programs. As a Green for All Fellow, he continues to provide trainings and workshops to engage disenfranchised communities in the green economy workforce.

Patrick is deeply connected to social justice artists/activists across the country and travels often. He loves “deep house” music and enjoys spending time on crowded dance floors. He practices Vipassana meditation at the East Bay Meditation Center and is an active member in the East Bay Church of Religious Science. He lifts his voice with his church choir and is constantly considering how to achieve his dream of becoming a backup dancer for Janet Jackson.



**Cynthia Wong**  
 Director of the Participatory  
 Budgeting Youth Fellowship and  
 Youth Alumni Engagement, Coro  
 New York Leadership Center

Cynthia Wong serves as Director of the Participatory Budgeting Youth Fellowship and Youth Alumni Engagement at Coro New York Leadership Center, where she trains high school students to serve as advocates for youth civic engagement and ambassadors for New York City’s Participatory Budgeting process. She has spent decades building community leadership and strengthening resources in diverse neighborhoods across New York City and the Bay Area. At the Coalition for Asian American Children & Families, Cynthia helped launch a leadership development program for pan-Asian and immigrant high school students working towards a more responsive public education system. As Senior Program Officer at the Union Square Awards, she oversaw grants and technical assistance programs for grassroots organizations working to address NYC’s most pressing social justice issues. Cynthia is a proud member of the Greenlining Academy Alumni Association and National Urban Fellows alumni network. She holds a Bachelor of Arts from UC Berkeley, a Master of Science in Social Work from Columbia University, and a Master of Public Administration from Baruch College in New York City.



**Hector Preciado**  
Manager of Sales Development,  
LinkedIn

Héctor Javier Preciado Ruiz was born in San Juan de los Lagos, Jalisco Mexico and raised in Boyle Heights, East Los Angeles. The eleventh of 13 children, Héctor is the first in his family to attend college. Héctor earned an Associate of Arts degree from Mount San Antonio College, a B.A. in Sociology from Pomona College, in Claremont, California and an M.B.A. from the Haas School of Business at UC Berkeley. Héctor launched his career at the Greenlining Institute where spent nine years holding various positions, ultimately becoming Greenlining's first Chief Operating Officer. During his tenure, Héctor was a regular contributor to Univision and Telemundo's coverage of policy and political issues, acting as an on-screen analyst.

After Greenlining, Héctor switched careers and moved into the technology sector to help build bridges between community and technology. Over the last five years Héctor has been at LinkedIn, where he is currently a Manager in LinkedIn's Sales Development division. At LinkedIn he founded and is President Emeritus of HOLA, LinkedIn's Latino employee resource group.

Outside of LinkedIn, Héctor serves on the board of the East Bay Community Foundation, is a founding board member of the Urban Ed Academy, a member of the Greenlight Fund's advisory board, and is an advisor to MANOS Accelerator and the Latino Startup Alliance.



**Tariq Meyers**  
Global Head of Belonging &  
Inclusion, Coinbase

Tariq Meyers recently joined Coinbase as its Global Head of Belonging & Inclusion. Prior to joining, Tariq served as Lyft's first Head of Inclusion and Diversity, embedding equitable policies, practices and programs throughout the organization. A Boston native with a hunger for change, Tariq honed his acumen for racial equity as Greenlining's 2014-2015 Economic Equity Fellow. There, Tariq helped organize the needs of Greenlining's community-based coalition and elevated those voices to decision makers at the local and national levels, actively calling for greater inclusivity in the policymaking process. Ultimately, Tariq envisions a tech community that helps to transform endless barriers into limitless potential for our nation's most underserved.



**Chris Brown**  
Executive Vice President,  
KNK Engineering

Chris Brown was a Legal Summer Associate with the Greenlining Institute in 2011, and currently serves as the Chair of the Greening Academy Alumni Association. He graduated with a J.D. from Berkeley Law and practiced as a commercial litigator before moving in-house. His involvement with Greenlining had a profound impact on his professional development and on the decisions he makes as the Executive Vice President of KNK Engineering, a small minority- and woman-owned business whose primary client is the Department of Defense. In addition to his work with KNK, Chris is a prolific writer of material dedicated to disruptive innovation in the tech sector that supports disenfranchised communities. His current research is in support of the mission of the UN's Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space. His most recent publications are *Exploiting the Heavens: A Sustainable Treaty for Commercial Enterprise in Outer Space*, and *All Ships Float in Space: Developing Countries and the R[EVOL]ution of Space Law*. Chris believes that equitable access to the jobs of the future is instrumental to an American post-industrial economy, and he works every day to realize the potential of those who would otherwise be left behind.





**Jessie Buendia**

Community Benefits and Social Responsibility Manager, San Francisco Public Utilities Commission

Jessica (Jessie) Buendia is a social and environmental justice advocate with 14 years of experience in the foundation, government, and nonprofit sectors advancing progressive public policy and social impact programs. Currently, Jessie is the Community Benefits and Social Responsibility Manager at the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission. She directs the agency's social impact program and is responsible for implementing its landmark community benefits and environmental justice policies with a focus on jobs, economic development, education, arts, land use, community health, and stakeholder engagement. She sits on the board of the Health Access Foundation and is a founding member of the Northern California Government Alliance for Race and Equity cohort.

Jessie has a master's degree in Public Policy from Princeton University, an Advanced Project Management Certificate from Stanford University, and a bachelor's degree in Political Science and Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies from Macalester College. She is a certified life coach with a focus on building transformational leadership within the social justice sector. In addition, Jessie is a proud graduate of the following organization's leadership programs: The Greenlining Institute, San Francisco Foundation, Rockwood Leadership Institute, and Urban Habitat's Boards and Commissions Leadership Institute. She is also mom to 3-month-old Luca Camilo.



**Teddy Ky-Nam Miller**

Economic Equity Director, The Greenlining Institute

As Greenlining's Economic Equity Director, Teddy leads our efforts to build wealth in communities of color through a variety of strategies, including housing policy, financial empowerment, bank accountability, and investing in people of color-owned businesses and nonprofits. He has over a decade of experience working at the intersections of housing, financial reform, and equitable economic policy. Prior to Greenlining, Teddy worked at national nonprofits and in the U.S. Congress, where he served his hometown district in the office of Congresswoman Barbara Lee, handling transportation and infrastructure, voting rights, foreign affairs, defense, intelligence, and judicial issues. He served as Student Body President at U.C. Hastings College of the law, where he was a founding editor of the Race and Poverty Legal Journal. He received his master's from the London School of Economics, and graduated with honors from U.C. Berkeley, where he competed on the national champion rugby and heavyweight rowing varsity teams.

Teddy serves on the Language Access Advisory Committee for the California Secretary of State, a body charged with developing best practices to ensure that the 2.6 million Californians who are Limited English Proficient have equitable access to civic participation. Teddy has a top-secret clearance and has passed into the Foreign Service as a candidate to become a political officer. He lives with his wife and two kids in beautiful, diverse, and delicious Oakland, California, and spends his free time playing with his children, jogging, and listening to NPR podcasts.



**Jan Lynn Owen**

Commissioner, California Department of Business Oversight

Jan Lynn Owen was appointed the first Commissioner of the Department of Business Oversight by Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. on July 1, 2013, the day the department was created in a merger of the departments of Corporations and Financial Institutions.

Previously, Jan served as Commissioner of Corporations, appointed by Governor Brown in 2011. Prior to that, she was the principal at The Jan Owen Group, a strategic initiatives manager at Apple Inc., vice president of government affairs at JP Morgan Chase, state director of government and industry affairs at Washington Mutual Inc., and executive director of the California Mortgage Bankers Association.

Jan also has extensive public service experience. She was acting commissioner of the Department of Financial Institutions from 1999 to 2000, and deputy commissioner from 1996 to 1999. She also served as the first executive director of the Department of Insurance's California Organized Investment Network (COIN) program after several years as a consultant to the state Senate Banking Committee. Jan is also a proud alumna of California State University, Fresno, where she earned her degree in Economics.



**Paulina Gonzalez**  
Executive Director, California  
Reinvestment Coalition

Paulina Gonzalez is Executive Director of the California Reinvestment Coalition. She has worked for over 20 years leading economic justice organizing campaigns to expand worker rights, immigrant rights, and the rights of low-income and underrepresented communities of color. Under her leadership, CRC has grown to 300+ members, gained higher visibility, expanded its focus areas to include immigrant financial protection and fines and fees work, and negotiated community reinvestment agreements with five banks worth more than \$25 billion.

Paulina currently serves on the Consumer Advisory Board of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, the Community Advisory Council of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, the San Francisco Municipal Bank Feasibility Task Force, and the Board of Directors for the National Association for Latino Community Asset Builders.

Prior to joining CRC, Paulina served for over four years as the Executive Director for Strategic Actions for a Just Economy (SAJE), leading efforts to make businesses more accountable to South Central Los Angeles communities. Prior to SAJE, she worked for 13 years with UNITE HERE on living wage campaigns for hotel and food service workers.



**Salvador Menjivar**  
Executive Director, Beneficial  
State Foundation

Salvador Menjivar is the Executive Director of Beneficial State Bank Foundation, a bank holding company with headquarters in Oakland. Salvador has been in positions of leadership in the private and nonprofit sectors for over 20 years.

While attending school in New York he helped launch an import-export company brokering and selling organic foods from Latin America. He has also directed political campaigns on behalf of the California Democratic Party. Previously, he served as Executive Director of Hamilton Family Center in San Francisco. Salvador has also served on governmental commissions in the Cities of San Francisco and Berkeley. He has volunteered his time on many boards of directors in the Bay Area, including the Mission Area Federal Credit Union, where he served as President and Treasurer. Currently, Salvador serves on the Board of Directors for EcoViva, an environmental organization working in Central America and as Chairman of the board of Self Help Federal Credit Union.

He holds a degree in Economics from New York-based New School University and an M.B.A from the University of San Francisco. Salvador has recently received several awards, including a local award from the Full Circle Fund for innovation in the areas of affordable housing, and a National Achievement Award from the National Alliance to End Homelessness for his work on ending homelessness for families and children.

Salvador lives in Berkeley with his son, Alejandro, seven chickens, and one cat.



**Ezra Garrett**  
Vice President of Government and  
Community Relations, Oportun

Ezra Garrett is the Senior Vice President of Public Affairs at Oportun, a Community Development Financial Institution with a mission of providing personal loans that help people with little or no credit history establish credit and build a better future. He oversees the company's government relations, corporate communications and community impact work.

Based in the Silicon Valley, Oportun is a financial technology company using advanced data analytics to serve individuals whom other lenders consider "unscorable," and has made two million loans totaling \$5 billion through its national network of 265 locations.

Prior to joining Oportun in 2015, Ezra spent 13 years at the Pacific Gas and Electric Company. There, he served in senior leadership roles in Government and Corporate Affairs, including Chief Sustainability Officer, Vice President of Community Relations, and Executive Director of the PG&E Corporation Foundation.

His experience also includes two years with top retailer Target Corporation, leading its local community relations efforts for the western United States.

Ezra holds a Bachelor of Arts in political science from the University of California at Berkeley, and currently serves on the boards of the Latino Community Foundation, Leadership San Francisco, and the Association of Corporate Citizenship Professionals.



**Jotaka Eddy**

Vice President of Policy, Strategic Engagement, and Impact, LendUp

Jotaka Eddy currently serves as Vice President of Policy, Strategic Engagement and Impact for LendUp, a Silicon Valley-based financial technology company. Recently described as the “Olivia Pope of Silicon Valley” by Tech Crunch, Jotaka is a leading voice in social impact tech and pivotal force in connecting Silicon Valley and Washington, D.C.

Eddy is a member of LendUp’s Executive Management team and represents LendUp’s regulatory, legislative, and social impact initiatives at the federal and state level. Eddy is responsible for measuring how LendUp’s products benefit consumers, and her portfolio includes strategic partnerships with elected officials, consumer advocates, and other key stakeholders. Eddy has led major initiatives aimed at bridging the gap between Washington, D.C. and Silicon Valley, including fostering major partnerships between Silicon Valley-based companies and the government/nonprofit sector at the federal, state, and local level. As one of the few black women in the C-Suite of a Silicon Valley based company, Jotaka is a passionate advocate for increased diversity and impact metrics in the tech sector.

From 2009-2014, Jotakay served as Senior Advisor to the President and CEO and Senior Director for Voting Rights for the NAACP. In 2004 she directed the national lobby and international advocacy campaign against the juvenile death penalty in the U.S. Those efforts contributed to the 2005 landmark U.S. Supreme Court decision Roper v. Simmons which abolished the juvenile death penalty.



**Malkia A. Cyril**

Founder & Executive Director, Center for Media Justice

Malkia A. Cyril is the founder and executive director of the Center for Media Justice and co-founder of the Media Action Grassroots Network, a national network of community-based organizations working to ensure racial and economic justice in a digital age. Malkia is one of the few leaders of color in the movement for digital rights and freedom and a leader in the Black Lives Matter Network—helping to bring important technical safeguards and surveillance countermeasures to people across the country who are fighting to reform systemic racism and violence in law enforcement.

Malkia is also a prolific writer and public speaker on issues ranging from net neutrality to the communication rights of prisoners. Their comments have been featured in Politico, Motherboard, Essence Magazine and Ava Duvernay’s Oscar-nominated documentary, 13TH. Malkia is a recipient of the 2012 Donald H. McGannon Award for work to advance the roles of women and people of color in the media reform movement, a 2013 Prime Movers fellow, winner of the 2015 Hugh Hefner 1st Amendment Award for framing net neutrality as a civil rights issue, winner of the 2016 Electronic Frontier Pioneer award, and a 2017 Root 100 and YBCA 100 honoree.



**Lateefah Simon**

Akonadi Foundation; Board of Directors, Bay Area Rapid Transit

Lateefah Simon is the President of Akonadi Foundation, which nurtures movement building to advance racial justice in Oakland. A nationally recognized advocate for civil rights and racial justice, Lateefah brings over 20 years of executive experience advancing opportunities for communities of color and low-income communities in the Bay Area. Before joining Akonadi, she was Program Director for the San Francisco-based Rosenberg Foundation, where she led the launch of the Leading Edge Fund to seed, incubate, and accelerate bold ideas from California’s next generation of progressive movement leaders.

Lateefah previously served as Executive Director of the Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights of the San Francisco Bay Area, where she revamped the 40-year-old organization’s structure and launched successful community-based initiatives, including the Second Chance Legal Services Clinic. Lateefah’s advocacy for juvenile and criminal justice reform, with a particular focus on young women and girls, began at the Center for Young Women’s Development in San Francisco, now called the Young Women’s Freedom Center. At age 19, Lateefah stepped into the role of Executive Director, remaining for 11 years.

In 2016 Lateefah was elected to represent District 7 on the BART Board of Directors, and Gov. Jerry Brown appointed her to the California State University’s Board of Trustees. She has received numerous awards for her work, including the MacArthur “Genius” Fellowship, the Chronicle of Philanthropy’s 40 Under 40, and the Jefferson Award for extraordinary public service. Her articles have been published in the Chronicle of Philanthropy, the San Francisco Chronicle, Time, The Guardian and more.



**Ramla Sahid**

Founder & Executive Director,  
Partnership for the Advancement  
of New Americans (PANA)

Ramla Sahid is the founder and executive director of the Partnership for the Advancement of New Americans (PANA). She is responsible for overseeing the organization’s growth and prominence as a multiracial refugee and Muslim organizing and civic engagement hub.

Ramla brings more than a decade of experience organizing in refugee, Muslim, and immigrant communities to successfully advance state policy and local campaign initiatives that advance health and racial equity. She believes in the power of people, is committed to building communities where newcomer families have voice, visibility, and feel a sense of belonging.

Ramla has received numerous awards for her work including the 2017 Global Citizen Award from the United Nations Association of USA, the Muslim Community Champion Award by the Islamic Center of San Diego, recently named the 2017 Voice of the Year by the Voice of San Diego — a prominent online political news group — and is being recognized in this year’s Roosevelt Dinner as the recipient of the Making a Difference Award.



**Jung Woo Kim**

Membership Development  
Manager, Korean Resource  
Center (KRC); National Campaign  
Director, National Korean American  
Service and Education Consortium  
(NAKASEC)

As NAKASEC National Campaign Director, Jung Woo has led several campaigns regarding immigration policy at both the local and national levels. He is currently based in LA with the Korean Resource Center and also works to expand KRC’s membership throughout the nation among Asian American and Pacific Islander communities. Jung Woo graduated from Cal State Fullerton with a degree in Kinesiology. With over 15 years of sales experience and passion for immigrant rights and social justice, he is excited to work as an organizer. He completed a cross-country bike tour in summer 2016, which gave him the opportunity speak with a multitude of people. He believes that the amazing things happen when people are united.

# ARTISTS



*Haenyeo, 2016, Dave Young Kim*

## **Dave Young Kim**

Born and raised in Los Angeles, Dave Young Kim attended the University of California, Davis before earning an M.F.A. at Mills College.

Being of Korean descent, he draws from cultural history, family stories, and personal experiences in depicting images of identity. In his contextualized works, he uses the specific to talk about universal ideas of the human condition.

Ultimately his work is premised on the idea that we are all looking for a place to call home.

## **Frederick Douglass Youth Ensemble**

The Frederick Douglass Youth Ensemble is an advanced performance ensemble of the Oakland Public Conservatory of Music. The ensemble performs contemporary music grounded in the blues and roots music of the United States. Aspiring young musicians ages 11-17 are invited to audition on an ongoing basis. The guiding principle of the band can be found in the quote by Frederick Douglass, "It is far easier to raise strong children than to repair broken men" and women. The FDYE builds high level performance and ensemble technique as well as life skills.

## **Young Gifted and Black**

Young Gifted and Black of Oakland was formed in 2010, and featured 4 youth ensembles that perform and teach Black History. Their performances include poetic presentations usually without any musical accompaniment. Each performance includes choral poems, individual performances, raps, songs and chants designed to uplift African American people and to teach and learn Black history. The Youth of YGB attend over 30 different schools, and come together twice per week to rehearse material, study history and prepare for their presentations. Throughout the year YGB delivers over 50 performances in schools, museums, churches and theaters, at conferences, festivals, ceremonies and special events for audiences ranging in size from 25 to 2500. Many of these young people are seasoned performers and have been in YGB for multiple years. YGB is under the direction of accomplished and dynamic educators and artists with extensive experience in arts education, Black history and youth development.



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