



# GREENLINING ECONOMIC SUMMIT

RACIAL JUSTICE ON THE FRONTLINES

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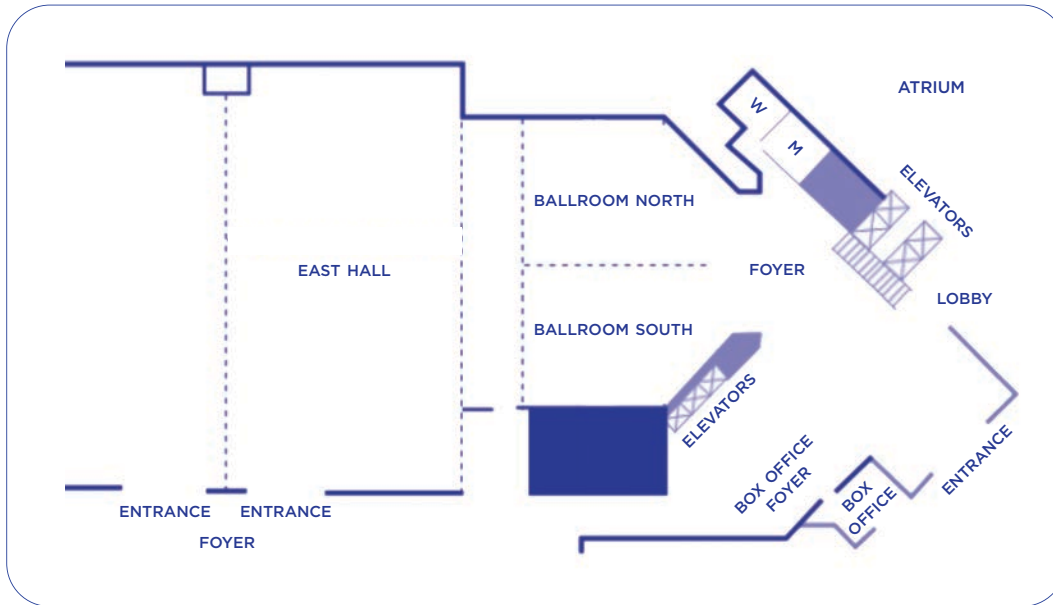
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## VENUE MAP



### FIRST FLOOR



### SUMMIT SESSION LOCATIONS

East Hall  
Ballroom North  
Ballroom South  
Junior Room A  
Junior Room B  
Foyer

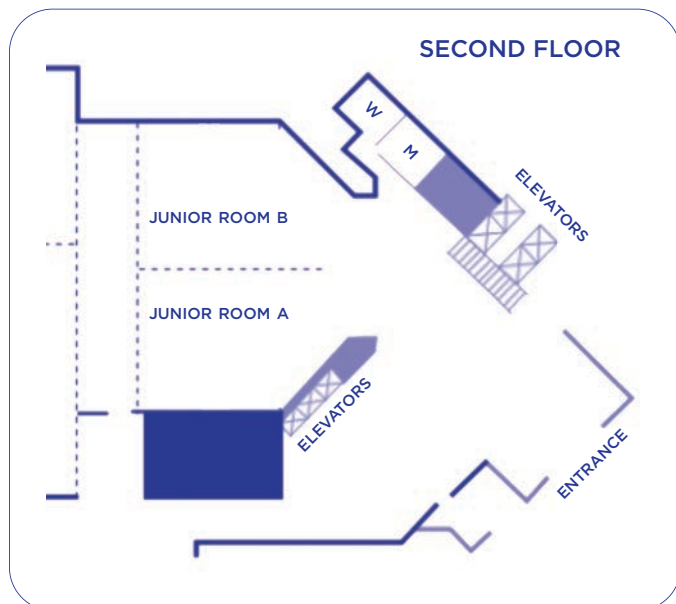
### ACCESSIBILITY

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





Dear Friends and Allies,

Welcome to Greenlining's 24th Annual Economic Summit. I don't need to tell you that we meet during challenging times for our nation, and especially for communities of color.

Every year, we bring together top business, government, and grassroots community leaders to connect and discuss important social and economic issues facing the state and country. These conversations have never been more important.

Our theme, *Racial Justice on the Frontlines*, will lift up the voices of leaders working to ensure that all communities have the opportunity to thrive. These frontline leaders, such as Alicia Garza, Zahra Billoo, and Cristina Jimenez, are showing us all better ways to lead and govern in our diverse nation. Our speakers and panelists will show that progress is not a zero-sum game and that our country's racial and ethnic diversity is our greatest strength.

Today, we also honor visionary leaders who are working to ensure that communities of color thrive and race is never a barrier to opportunity. In a country where communities of color will become the majority by 2044, it is imperative that all communities have opportunities to succeed. We honor frontline leaders, such as Jane Kim, Sammy Nunez, David Lizárraga, Kim Carter, and Matt Haney, whose collective actions have led to increased opportunities throughout California.

It's been the work of frontline leaders that made California an outlier in our last national election. We know that solutions to our most pressing problems will come from those on the frontlines and that these solutions are guided by the unyielding belief that America can change.

Our Summit comes at a time when we are witnessing the rebirth of failed strategies in our nation's capital — strategies based on fear and cynicism. We take solace in knowing that these strategies will ultimately fail. Failed strategies don't sustain themselves, especially when we have better solutions built on democracy, liberty, and opportunity. You'll hear about some of those solutions today.

Martin Luther King Jr. famously said, "The arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends towards justice." Today's leaders and our guests will show us why racial justice is closer than we think.

Thank you for joining us at our 24th Annual Economic Summit.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Orson Aguilar'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent peak at the beginning.

Orson Aguilar, President

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## PROGRAM

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8:00 a.m. Registration *Atrium*

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast *Atrium*

8:30 a.m. – 8:40 a.m. **OPENING REMARKS** *East Hall*

**President's Introduction:** **Jamilah Bradshaw**, Greenlining Academy Alumnus  
**Orson Aguilar**, President, The Greenlining Institute

**Chinaka Hodge**, Poet, Playwright, Screenwriter, Educator  
**Olga Talamante**, Executive Director, Chicana Latina Foundation

8:40 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. **OPENING PLENARY** *East Hall*

### Racial Justice on the Frontlines

Nationally, communities of color are under attack, threatening our vision for an equitable, diverse, and inclusive America. Panelists will discuss how advocates for different frontline communities can come together to defend against these attacks and continue to make racial justice a reality.

**Moderator:** **Alicia Garza**, Co-Founder, Black Lives Matter

#### Panelists:

**Zachary Norris**, Executive Director, Ella Baker Center for Human Rights  
**Cristina Jimenez**, Executive Director & Co-Founder, United We Dream  
**Tara Houska**, National Campaigns Director, Honor the Earth  
**Zahra Billoo**, Executive Director, Council on American-Islamic Relations–San Francisco Bay Area Chapter  
**Michael McAfee**, President, PolicyLink

10:10 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

### BREAKOUT SESSIONS

#### Race — Front and Center of the Climate Justice Movement *Junior Room A*

Race is on the frontlines of climate change, pollution, and economy. People of color across the country feel the most intense impacts from the hottest average temperatures in recorded history, extreme weather events, and pollution from fossil fuel extraction and use. Lack of meaningful economic opportunity exacerbates these injustices. In this panel we will discuss successes and challenges from racial justice fights across the U.S. What does it look like to address race explicitly while advancing community-driven solutions to the climate crisis? How do you stand up to bad corporations and pressure local, state, and federal governments to act in the interest of racial justice? How do we ensure the emerging clean energy economy is equitable?

**Moderator:** **Joel Espino**, Environmental Equity Legal Counsel, The Greenlining Institute

#### Panelists:

**Pastor Michael McBride**, Director of Urban Strategies and Live Free Campaign, PICO National Network  
**Nayyirah Shariff**, Organizer, Flint Democracy Defense League  
**Tara Houska**, National Campaigns Director, Honor the Earth

#### Uber Meets Oakland: What's at Stake? *Junior Room B*

Uber's 2015 announcement that it would establish a giant office presence in Oakland sent ripples across the city. Longtime Oakland residents and leaders expressed concern that tech's arrival would increase displacement of working and diverse residents. Recently, Uber announced that it was scaling back its plans and won't immediately bring 2-3,000 jobs to Oakland, but will still have a presence. How should companies like Uber enter diverse and working-class cities that already struggle with gentrification and displacement? What lessons can we learn from Oakland's experience? What does it mean to have a culture of belonging in cities such as Oakland and what role do artists play in preserving that culture? What is the importance of state and local governments in regulating companies like Uber that try to play "above the law," and what power can consumers, mass resistance and social media exert to influence corporate actors?

**Moderator:** **Angela Glover Blackwell**, CEO, Policylink

#### Panelists:

**Anyka Barber**, Founder & Curator, Betti Ono  
**George Galvis**, Executive Director, Communities United for Restorative Youth Justice  
**Guillermo Mayer**, President & CEO, Public Advocates  
**Kate O'Hara**, Executive Director, East Bay Alliance for a Sustainable Economy (EBASE)  
**Paul Cobb**, Publisher, The Oakland Post

10:10 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

**BREAKOUT SESSIONS** cont.

**DEFENDING HEALTH EQUITY:**
**BUILDING HEALTH FOR COMMUNITIES OF COLOR WHILE OBAMACARE IS UNDER ATTACK** *Ballroom North*

The constant attacks on the Affordable Care Act (ACA) threaten the health of millions of Americans who gained coverage under the law, especially communities of color. Now more than ever, California must reject the federal government's recklessness and build upon the progress of the ACA. This interactive session will explore the path ahead for advancing health equity in California and across the country, and will seek to identify innovative ideas to ensure that health care is more responsive to communities of color.

**Moderator:** **Anthony Galace**, Bridges to Health Director, The Greenlining Institute

**Panelists:**

**Genoveva Islas**, Board Member, Covered California

**Sinsi Hernández-Cancio**, Director of Health Equity, Families USA

**Cynthia Buiza**, Executive Director, California Immigrant Policy Center

**Wm. Jahmal Miller**, Deputy Director – Office of Health Equity, California Department of Public Health

**INNOVATIVE STRATEGIES TO BUILD WEALTH IN COMMUNITIES OF COLOR** *Ballroom South*

The United States is becoming increasingly diverse, yet inequality continues to skyrocket. In order to ensure the successes of the next generations of color, we must find ways to address the racial wealth gap. This panel will highlight innovative strategies community-based organizations, policy organizations, and financial institutions employ to increase wealth among communities of color. Panelists will also discuss how they plan to advance their work under the new administration.

**Moderator:** **Tunua Thrash-Ntuk**, Executive Director, Local Initiatives Support Corporation

**Panelists:**

**Jose Quiñonez**, CEO, Mission Asset Fund

**Gerron Levi**, Director of Policy and Government Affairs, National Community Reinvestment Coalition

**Seema Agnani**, Director of Policy and Civic Engagement, National Coalition for Asian Pacific American Community Development

**Steve Zuckerman**, Managing Director, Self-Help California

12:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.

**LUNCH PROGRAM AND AWARDS CEREMONY** *East Hall*

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.

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

**Spoken Word Performance:** **RyanNicole**, Artist, Actress, Athlete, Activist

**AWARDS CEREMONY**

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

**Moderator:** **Lateefah Simon**, President, Akonadi Foundation; Director, Bay Area Rapid Transit – District 7

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

**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.

**TORCHBEARER AWARD:**

**Matt Haney**, Commissioner, San Francisco Board of Education

**DISRUPTIVE ADVOCATE AWARDEES:**

**Kim Carter**, Founder & Executive Director, Time for Change

**Jane Kim**, Supervisor, City and County of San Francisco – District 6

**Dr. David C. Lizárraga**, Chairman & Founder, TELACU Education Foundation

**Sammy Nunez**, Executive Director, Fathers & Families of San Joaquin

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## PROGRAM

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1:15 p.m. All are welcome to join us at 1:15 p.m. in the Foyer for complimentary dessert and coffee.

2:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. **IDEA LAB** *East Hall*

### DISRUPTING THE TECH INDUSTRY

“Disruptive” technologies from Silicon Valley have altered the very fabric of society, government, and the economy, bringing unprecedented opportunity and challenges. While tech advances have produced many benefits, this rapid advancement has come with a hefty price. Locally, the Bay Area has experienced a tech boom that concentrates wealth, displaces historic communities of color, and further empowers government-led surveillance of social change efforts.

Still, technology can transform our world. The Idea Lab seeks to bring technologists, corporate leaders, advocates and community members into a solution-oriented discussion of how technology can be used to further economic and racial equity. Through interactive panels, discussions, and facilitated activities, participants will explore how technology can disrupt legacies of social, economic, and environmental injustice. Can we disrupt the disrupters?

**Moderator:** **Leslie Miley**, President, West Coast Venture for America

**Panelists:**

**Ronnie Cho**, Vice President of Public Affairs, MTV

**Idalin Bobé**, IT Consultant and Tech Activist, ThoughtWorks

**Shahid Buttar**, Director of Grassroots Advocacy, Electronic Frontier Foundation

4:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. **CLOSING REMARKS** *East Hall*

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

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

4:45 p.m. – 5:45 p.m. **NETWORKING RECEPTION** *Foyer*

An hour of music and hors d'oeuvres to continue networking and exchanging ideas.

4:45 p.m. – 5:45 p.m. **ALUMNI MEETING** *Grand Ballroom South*

For members of the Greenlining Academy Alumni Association

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## AWARDS

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## 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. We work on a variety of major policy issues, from the economy to environmental policy, civic engagement and many others, because economic opportunity doesn't operate in a vacuum. Rather than seeing these issues as being in separate silos, Greenlining views them as interconnected threads in a web of opportunity.

### ISSUES AND IMPACT



**Bridges to Health** 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.



**Democratizing Philanthropy** promotes diversity and transparency in the philanthropic world, encouraging charitable foundations to treat communities of color as full partners in their work.



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



**Energy** 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.



**Environmental Equity** 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.



**Claiming Our Democracy** strives to ensure that communities of color and low-income Americans are able to make their voices heard in our electoral process and the halls of government.



**Telecommunications & Technology** 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.



**Diversity & Inclusion** leads the organization's workforce and supplier diversity advocacy through policy, coalition building, and research. It advances a concerted agenda across our core policy concentrations of Economic Equity, Environmental Equity, Bridges to Health, Energy and Telecommunications, Philanthropy, Insurance, and Technology.

## MEET OUR TEAM

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## LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

Our Leadership Academy trains the leaders of the future to be effective advocates for justice and fairness. Through its programs, the Academy has trained and empowered over 1,000 young leaders since 1996.

### OUR VISION

Thriving communities of color urgently need a generation of young people who are informed and engaged in addressing the most critical issues facing their communities. The Greenlining 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.

### OUR PROGRAMS

#### Fellowship Programs

The Fellowship Programs consist of the Policy Fellowship, Health Equity Fellowship, and Legal Fellowship. These are year-long, paid training programs for young leaders who have completed their undergraduate or graduate degrees. Each fellow is assigned to a specific program area and develops expertise under the mentorship of the program director. Watch for our new Energy Fellowship, expected to start in Fall 2018.

#### Summer Associate Programs

The Summer Associate Programs consist of the Summer Associate Program and the Legal Summer Associate Program. These are intensive, 10-week paid training programs for young leaders who have completed at least their undergraduate degrees. Associates take on research and advocacy projects under the direction of a Greenlining staff member.

#### Casa Residency

Founded in 1970 by Chicano/Latino students, Casa is a multi-ethnic residential leadership program for students attending UC Berkeley, committed to fostering academic success and cross-racial understanding among participating students.





THE GREENLINING INSTITUTE'S LEADERSHIP ACADEMY  
**GRADUATION 2017**

We invite you join us to celebrate the hard work and passion  
that have brought our academy graduates to this proud moment,  
and toast to the bright futures in store for them.

*join us! save the date*

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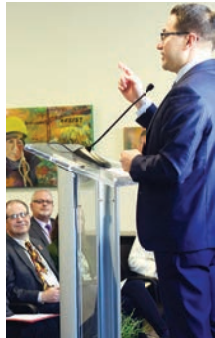
In renovating the building — completely redoing the interior and bringing the structure up to modern seismic standards — over three quarters of the work was performed by minority-owned businesses designated as Minority Business Enterprises, with over half done by local businesses registered with the city of Oakland.

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# GREENLINING 360 CENTER

A CENTER FOR COLLABORATION AND REVITALIZATION



**THE GREENLINING INSTITUTE** has moved to the heart of downtown Oakland. We took a bold step to create a model of equitable growth and anti-displacement by reclaiming, revitalizing, and transforming an 85-year-old, failed bank building at 360 14th Street in the heart of downtown Oakland.

## RECLAIM

Our vision is not limited by the walls of this building. We've turned a semi-abandoned structure into a flourishing, energy-efficient nonprofit center built with local, minority-owned businesses. This won't be just another building with nonprofit offices, but rather an ecosystem that fosters collaboration among those who want to build equitable economic models that fight displacement.

## REVITALIZE

Being in the heart of Oakland is central to our vision. Oakland, with its diverse population and innovative community leaders actively working to address the many problems we face, is where all these challenges and opportunities come together. Greenlining is excited to be here, creating a space for collaboration and bringing 100 well-paying jobs to downtown Oakland.

## TRANSFORM

*This new space includes:*

- 7,500 square feet of office and work space for nonprofit organizations that will be assured of permanently affordable rent.
- 7,500 square feet for Greenlining's 45-plus staff members, including members of our nationally recognized Leadership Academy.
- 8,000 square feet of art and community space for meetings and events to foster collaboration and develop innovative ideas for reducing the growing inequality in our nation.
- A place where local diverse artists can showcase their art.



## PLEASE JOIN OUR EFFORTS BY DONATING TODAY

Visit: <http://greenlining.org/about-greenlining/greenlining-360/>  
For more information about **Greenlining 360** and how you can help please contact **Janine Macbeth** at (510) 926-4026 or [janinem@greenlining.org](mailto:janinem@greenlining.org).

## BIOGRAPHIES



**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 others 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 UC Santa Cruz and an M.P.A. 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.

Orson's passion is fueled on his experiences growing up in the working class neighborhood of Boyle Heights in Los Angeles. Orson lives in Oakland with his wife Claudia, and their three children, Emilio, Nayeli, and Danilo.



**Alicia Garza**

Co-Founder, Black Lives Matter

Alicia Garza is the Special Projects Director for the National Domestic Workers Alliance. She is an organizer, writer, and freedom dreamer based in Oakland.

In 2013, Alicia co-founded #BlackLivesMatter, an international organizing network developed after the murder of Trayvon Martin, focused on combating anti-black racism in all of its forms.

She has been the recipient of numerous awards for her organizing work, including the Root 100 2015 list of African American achievers and influencers between the ages of 25 and 45, and was featured in the Politico50 guide to the thinkers, doers and visionaries transforming American politics in 2015. Her writing has been featured in publications such as *The Guardian*, *The Nation*, *The Feminist Wire*, Truthout.org and more.



**Zachary Norris**

Executive Director, Ella Baker Center for Human Rights

Zachary Norris is the Executive Director of the Ella Baker Center for Human Rights and a former director of the Books Not Bars campaign. Prior to rejoining the organization, Zachary co-founded and co-directed Justice for Families, a national alliance of family-driven organizations working to end our nation's youth incarceration epidemic.

During the seven years he led the campaign, Books Not Bars built California's first statewide network for families of incarcerated youth, led the effort to close five youth prisons in the state, passed legislation to enable families to stay in contact with their loved ones, and defeated Prop. 6 — a destructive and ineffective criminal justice ballot measure.

In addition to being a Harvard graduate and NYU-educated attorney, Zachary is also a graduate of the Labor Community Strategy Center's National School for Strategic Organizing in Los Angeles and was a 2011 Soros Justice Fellow. He is a former board member at Witness for Peace and Just Cause Oakland and is currently serving on the Justice for Families board. Zachary was a recipient of the American Constitution Society's David Carliner Public Interest Award in 2015, and is a member of the 2016 class of the Levi Strauss Foundation's Pioneers of Justice.



**Cristina Jiménez**

Executive Director and Co-Founder, United We Dream

Cristina Jiménez is Executive Director & Co-founder of United We Dream (UWD), the largest immigrant youth-led organization in the country. Originally from Ecuador, Cristina came to the U.S. with her family at the age of 13, attending high school and college as an undocumented student. She has been organizing in immigrant communities for over a decade and was part of UWD's campaign team that led to the historic 2012 victory of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program.

Under Cristina's leadership, UWD has grown to a powerful network of 57 affiliates in 25 states with over 300,000 members. Cristina is one of *Forbes'* 2014 "30 under 30 in Law and Policy," was named one of "40 under 40 Young Leaders Who are Solving Problems of Today and Tomorrow" by the *Chronicle of Philanthropy*, and one of "50 Fearless Women" by *Cosmopolitan*.

She co-founded the New York State Youth Leadership Council and the Dream Mentorship Program at Queens College, and was an immigration policy analyst for the Drum Major Institute for Public Policy and an immigrant rights organizer at Make the Road New York. Cristina holds a master's degree in Public Administration & Public Policy from the School of Public Affairs at Baruch College, CUNY and graduated Cum Laude with a B.A. in Political Science and Business from Queens College, CUNY.



**Michael McAfee**

President, PolicyLink

Dr. Michael McAfee leads PolicyLink executive and program teams in strategic planning, policy development, policy campaign strategy, capacity building, and programmatic design and implementation at the local, state, and national levels. He came to PolicyLink in 2011 as the inaugural director of the Promise Neighborhoods Institute at PolicyLink. Under his leadership, PolicyLink has emerged as a national leader in building cradle-to-career systems to ensure that children and youth in our nation's most distressed communities have a pathway into the middle class. His partnership with local leaders in more than 60 communities contributed to significant improvements in the educational and developmental outcomes for children and helped attract public and private investments

exceed \$1 billion. Through the 2015 authorization of the Every Student Succeeds Act, the Promise Neighborhoods program is now a permanent federal program.

An avid practitioner of Bikram Yoga and an off-road hiking, Dr. McAfee is on a journey to build a legacy grounded in equity — just and fair inclusion into a society in which all are fully participating, prospering, and reaching their full potential.



**Tara Houska**

National Campaigns Director, Honor the Earth

Tara is a citizen of Couchiching First Nation and a tribal attorney based in Washington, D.C. She was born and raised in International Falls, Minnesota, and was a triple major at the University of Minnesota, where she also earned her law degree. Since completing her studies, she has exclusively advocated on behalf of tribal nations at the local and federal levels.

Her work has incorporated traditional knowledge and values, as Tara is a long-time student of Midewiwin. Her environmental justice efforts have ranged from grassroots organizing and media work to clerking for the White House Council on Environmental Quality.

She co-founded Not Your Mascots, a non-profit committed to educating the public about the harms of stereotyping and promoting positive representation of Native Americans in the public sphere. Tara is a contributor to *Indian Country Today* Media Network and the Huffington Post and serves as Bernie Sanders' Native American policy adviser. Tara is dedicated to *mino bimaadiziwin*, the philosophy of how to live life in a good way, as Anishinaabe.



**Zahra Billoo**

Executive Director, Council on American Islamic Relations, San Francisco Bay Area chapter

Zahra Billoo is a civil rights attorney and the executive director of the San Francisco Bay Area chapter of the Council on American Islamic Relations (CAIR). In this capacity, she leads the oldest CAIR chapter in the country, serving the Bay Area's 250,000 Muslims. Zahra is frequently seen at mosques and universities facilitating trainings and workshops as a part of CAIR's grassroots efforts to empower the American Muslim community and build bridges with allies on civil rights issues. Zahra also provides direct legal services for victims of law enforcement targeting and Islamophobia. Her work has been highlighted in local and national media outlets including the *Christian Science Monitor*, KTVU, MSNBC, NPR, and the *San Jose Mercury News*. Zahra is a 2014 recipient of the National Lawyers Guild San Francisco Bay Area Chapter's Unsung Hero Award and a 2013 recipient of the South Asian Bar Association of Northern California's Trailblazer Award.



**Joel Espino**

Environmental Equity Legal Counsel, The Greenlining Institute

Joel works to solve poverty and pollution by advocating for clean transportation choices and green economic opportunities for California's underserved communities. He co-leads Greenlining's clean transportation work implementing the *Charge Ahead California* Initiative, a law aiming to put a million electric cars and trucks on California roads by 2023 by making them more affordable and accessible to low- and moderate-income Californians.

Joel is the lead author of *Electric Carsharing in Underserved Communities: Considerations for Program Success* and is always thinking of ways to make new shared mobility services more equitable. Prior to joining Greenlining, Joel was in law school where he worked on consumer protection issues with the Federal Trade Commission, civil rights cases for the Office of Staff Attorneys at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, and death penalty cases for the California Appellate Project.



**Pastor Michael McBride**

Director of Urban Strategies and Live Free Campaign, PICO National Network

Pastor Michael McBride (known as "Pastor Mike") is a native of San Francisco and has been active in ministry for over 20 years. Throughout the years, Pastor McBride's commitment to holistic ministry can be seen through his leadership roles in both the church and community organizations. A graduate of Duke University's Divinity School, with an emphasis in Ethics and Public Policy, Pastor McBride planted The Way Christian Center in West Berkeley, where he presently serves as the Lead Pastor.

In March 2012, he became the National Director for the Lifelines to Healing/LIVE FREE Campaign with the PICO National Network, a campaign led by hundreds of faith congregations throughout the United States committed to addressing gun violence and mass incarceration of young people of color. In 2013, Pastor McBride was selected as the #9 Top Clergy Leader to Watch in the U.S. by the Center for American Progress. He has served on a number of local and national task forces with the White House and Department of Justice regarding gun violence prevention, boys and men of color and police-community relationships. He is a regular guest on MSNBC, CNN, and Al Jazeera programs, providing commentary on issues related to faith and racial justice. He is married to Cherise McBride and they have two beautiful daughters, Sarai and Nylah.



**Nayyirah Shariff**

Organizer, Flint Democracy Defense League

Nayyirah Shariff is a grassroots organizer based in Flint, Michigan. She has nearly 10 years of experience organizing for local, state, and national electoral and issue campaigns. She has previously worked in the engineering, higher education, social justice, and youth development sectors and has organized for the Flint Democracy Defense League.

Currently Nayyirah is director of Flint Rising, a coalition of activists, community organizations, and allies working to fix the Flint water crisis. Flint Rising works to ensure that directly impacted people are building the organizing infrastructure and leadership necessary for this long-haul fight for justice and creating the future that Flint families need and deserve.

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**Angela Glover Blackwell**  
CEO, PolicyLink

Angela Glover Blackwell 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, founder of the Oakland (CA) Urban Strategies Council, and a partner at Public Advocates, a nationally known public interest law firm.

Angela is a frequent commentator for some of the nation's top news organizations, including *The New York Times*, the Huffington Post, *The Washington Post*, Salon, and CNN. She has appeared regularly on such programs as public radio's Marketplace, The Tavis Smiley Show, Nightline, and has also been a guest on Moyers & Company and PBS's News Hour. She co-authored *Uncommon Common Ground: Race and America's Future* (W.W. Norton & Co., 2010), and has contributed to many other publications, including *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).

Angela serves on numerous boards, including the Children's Defense Fund, the W. Haywood Burns Institute, the U.S. Water Alliance, and FSG. She also advises the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve as one of 15 members of its Community Advisory Council. She earned a bachelor's degree from Howard University, and a law degree from the University of California, Berkeley.



**Guillermo Mayer**  
President & CEO, Public Advocates

Guillermo Mayer became President & CEO of Public Advocates Inc. in November 2013 after serving for more than nine years on the organization's legal team. An expert in transportation equity matters, Guillermo played leading roles in state and national policy campaigns to enforce civil rights in transportation decision-making, improve equitable outcomes in regional transportation planning, and secure greater funding for local bus service for transit-dependent populations. He also advocated for state climate investments to lift communities out of poverty and pollution.

Before joining Public Advocates, Guillermo worked in the California Senate as legislative director for the late Sen. Tom Hayden and as a legislative aide for former Sen. Hilda Solis.

Guillermo received his B.A. from San Diego State University and graduated from the UCLA School of Law in 2004 with concentrations in Critical Race Theory and Public Interest Law and Policy.

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**George Galvis**

Executive Director,  
Communities United for Restorative Youth Justice

George Galvis has for more than two decades promoted restorative justice and healing to address the violence plaguing Bay Area communities. Galvis draws upon his experience and indigenous roots to help young people, particularly those involved in the criminal justice system, become future community leaders.

Galvis has been a leader in statewide advocacy to transform punitive school discipline and juvenile justice policies that disparately impact youth of color. He developed traditional rites of passage programs as healthy alternatives to gang violence using culturally and spiritually based approaches to supporting and strengthening individuals, families and communities. As a board member of Legal Services for Prisoners with Children, Galvis helped create All of Us or None, a grassroots movement of formerly incarcerated activists fighting for the rights of those formerly and currently incarcerated and their families. Fundamentally opposed to gang injunctions as both ineffective and destabilizing, Galvis helped lead the Stop the Injunctions Coalition, which successfully prevented Oakland's 2010 gang injunction from being fully implemented.

Galvis holds both a Bachelor of Arts in Ethnic Studies and a Master's in City Planning (abt) from UC Berkeley, where he was a Ronald E. McNair Scholar and Public Policy and International Affairs (PPIA) Fellow.



**Ellen Wu**

Executive Director, Urban Habitat

Ellen Wu is the Executive Director of Urban Habitat, whose mission is to democratize power and advance equitable policies to create a just and connected Bay Area for low-income communities and communities of color. Urban Habitat works to equalize transportation investments and stabilize communities, as well as train leaders from low-income communities and communities of color to participate in land use planning, housing, and transportation decisions. Previously Ellen was the Executive Director of the California Pan-Ethnic Health Network, a statewide health advocacy organization.

While there Ellen led CPEHN's efforts to pass Assembly Bill 441, which directs the California Transportation Commission to create a summary of local transportation projects that promote health and equity in the state's Regional Transportation Plan guidance.

She serves on the City of Oakland's Office of Parks and Recreation Commission and the Board of Directors for the East Bay Housing Organizations. She received her master's in Public Health from UCLA.



**Anyka Barber**

Founder & Curator, Betti Ono Center

Born and raised in Oakland, Anyka Barber is a mother, an artist/activist, curator and entrepreneur. In 2010 she founded Betti Ono, a creative social enterprise and arts space committed to the cultural, social, political and economic emancipation and development of low-income, immigrant, and LGBTQ communities of color. In her role as director and curator of Betti Ono she has produced, designed and integrated art, enterprise and social impact strategy to leverage creative capital, cultural products, and networks for good. She is currently a Fellow at The San Francisco Foundation working with the Anchoring Communities/Place team activating more than \$10 million in investments to preserve the racial and cultural identity of the Bay Area, prevent the displacement of low-income residents and communities of color and bring greater racial and economic equity to the Bay Area.

In June 2015, Anyka initiated the formation and design of a grassroots arts action and advocacy body, the Oakland Creative Neighborhoods Coalition, whose mission is to “#KeepOaklandCreative, affordable and vibrant!” Anyka was named Most Socially Engaged Curator in 2015 and Betti Ono was voted 'Best of the East Bay' for the past three consecutive years 2016, 2015, and 2014 by the *East Bay Express*.

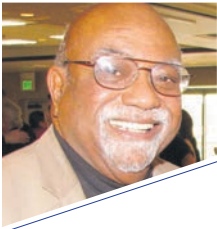
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**Kate O'Hara**

Executive Director, East Bay Alliance for a Sustainable Economy (EBASE)

As the Executive Director at EBASE, the East Bay Alliance for a Sustainable Economy, Kate develops powerful partnerships towards building an equitable East Bay economy that creates good jobs and healthy communities. In her 11th year at EBASE, Kate has led the organization in lifting standards for low wage workers, including raising the minimum wage in Oakland, Emeryville, El Cerrito, and San Leandro, which helped to build momentum to the historic \$15 statewide California minimum wage just adopted in 2016. Previously, as a Campaign Director, Kate was instrumental in developing Revive Oakland, a broad coalition that won a nationally recognized jobs agreement for the massive Oakland Army Base redevelopment, which has generated over \$9 million in earnings for local workers. Kate serves on the advisory boards for Oakland Rising and Oakland Rising Action, the national Partnership for Working Families, and the City of Oakland Community Jobs Oversight Commission. Kate holds a master's in Urban Planning from UCLA and is most proud to be mama for Mabel and Miles.



**Paul Cobb**

Publisher, *The Oakland Post*

Paul Cobb grew up in West Oakland. He graduated from Pacific Union College and attended Howard University's law school. Paul spent several years organizing voter registration drives in the deep south as a staff member of the Southern Elections Fund. Before heading south, he was a founding member of Donald Warden's Afro-American Association.

Paul served as executive director of OCCUR, a social activist organization that fought for jobs on publicly-funded projects and inclusion of marginalized groups in public policy and a range of other civic issues. Paul went to jail protesting the non-hiring of blacks. He also went to jail demanding that the Oakland Unified School District hire a black superintendent, which it eventually did: Marcus Foster. Paul worked at the *Oakland Post*, *Oakland Tribune* and served on the Oakland school board before purchasing the *Oakland Post* newspaper in 2013. He has since established The Post News Group, which produces and distributes eight newspapers and *El Mundo* in Spanish each week.



**Tunua Thrash-Ntuk**

Executive Director, Local Initiatives Support Corporation

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 nonprofit 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, Southern California Edison's Consumer Advisory Panel, The Greenlining Institute, Union Bank's Community Advisory Board, and the Los Angeles Development Fund, which is the City of Los Angeles' New Market Tax Credit implementation group.

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**Seema Agnani**

Director of Policy and Civic Engagement, National Coalition for Asian Pacific American Community Development

Seema Agnani is the Executive Director of the National Coalition for Asian Pacific American Community Development (National CAPACD) — a coalition of more than 100 community-based organizations in 19 states and the Pacific Islands. Collectively the coalition improves the lives of over two million Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders who live in poverty by providing voice, tools, and shared knowledge to drive change. She was a founder and served as Executive Director of Chhaya CDC as well as board member for nearly 15 years. Previously, she coordinated the Fund for New Citizens at The New York Community Trust, led the Training and Technical Assistance program for volunteer-based organizations addressing poverty and hunger at Citizens Committee for NYC as well as worked in the planning and development department of Asian Americans for Equality in New York City. Currently, she serves on the Community Advisory Board of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau and is a member of the board of South Asian Americans Leading Together. Seema is originally from the Chicago metro area, where her parents emigrated from India.



**Gerron Levi**

Director of Policy and Government Affairs, National Community Reinvestment Coalition

Gerron Levi is an attorney with nearly 20 years of federal and state government affairs experience. Her background includes serving in the Maryland General Assembly, where she authored laws on education, crime and ex-offender reentry and was a member of the National Conference of State Legislatures, National Black Caucus of State Legislators, National Foundation of Women Legislators and the American Council of Young Political Leaders. During her tenure, the Maryland State's Attorneys Association named her as Legislator of the Year in 2010. She also served as Assistant Director of the Legislation Department at the AFL-CIO and as a Legislative Representative for the Laborers' International Union. She lobbied Congress on a host of law around wages, working conditions, immigration, trade, health care and pensions.

She is featured in the documentary *How Democracy Works Now* as the top lobbyist for the AFL-CIO on federal immigration reform. She also served as senior staff for former U.S. Representative Gus Savage and for U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein. She is a graduate of the University of California, Berkeley and Howard University, School of Law.



**José Quiñonez**

CEO, Mission Asset Fund

José A. Quiñonez founded Mission Asset Fund in 2007 and continues to drive its mission of providing pathways to prosperity for low-income communities. Under his leadership, MAF has become an award-winning organization with innovative models for bringing communities across the nation out of the financial shadows and into the financial mainstream. In 2016, José received a MacArthur “Genius” award for his vision and creativity as a financial services innovator.

MAF's pioneering Lending Circles programs have allowed over 7,000 people to build their credit scores and access zero-interest loans to rent apartments, start businesses, and apply for citizenship. In 2014, José advocated for legislation that made California the first state to regulate and recognize credit-building loans as a powerful tool for change.

José lived undocumented for much of his youth before gaining legal status through the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986. That experience shaped his lifelong commitment to breaking down the barriers that keep people from realizing their full potential.

He currently serves on the Consumer Advisory Councils for Capital One, Experian, and the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco. From 2012 to 2014, he was the inaugural chair of the Consumer Advisory Board of the Consumer Finance Protection Bureau (CFPB). José received a B.A. from the University of California at Davis and an M.P.A. from Princeton University.

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**Steve Zuckerman**

Managing Director, Self-Help California

Steve Zuckerman is President of Self-Help Federal Credit Union and also oversees all Self-Help's operations in California. After working for Self-Help for several years after its founding in 1980, and serving on its board for most of the next 20 years, Steve rejoined Self-Help in 2006 to launch its California efforts in Oakland. In 2008 he led the formation of Self-Help Federal Credit Union which now has assets of over \$700 million and serves more than 65,000 mostly low-income members through 24 branches throughout California, southwest Chicago, and now Florida. Nationally, Self-Help is a leading Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) that has invested more than \$7 billion to support 102,000 families, individuals, businesses, and non-profits.

Steve's other work experience includes almost 15 years with McCown De Leeuw & Co., a private investment firm and with Bain & Company. He currently serves as Vice Chair of the board of Tides Foundation, on the board of Positive Coaching Alliance, and on the New Market Tax Credit advisory board of Opportunity Fund.



**Anthony Galace**

Bridges to Health Director, 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 his exposure to the struggles his family and other immigrants faced while coming to the United States. His background in health includes direct health care services, health education, and local advocacy. Anthony leads Greenlining's health advocacy efforts to ensure fair and equitable implementation of the Affordable Care Act and access to health care and workforce opportunities for boys and men of color. Additionally, Anthony oversees Greenlining's community benefit advocacy, which focuses on increasing investments towards upstream, preventive health resources to improve community health

Anthony is a native of Chula Vista, California, and a graduate of the University of California Berkeley, with a degree in Integrative Biology.



**Sinsi Hernández-Cancio**

Director of Health Equity, Families USA

At Families USA, Sinsi leads the organization's efforts to advance health equity and reduce disparities in health care access and quality. She works on building a thriving and vocal health equity movement to protect the gains of the Affordable Care Act and leverage health care and delivery system transformation to reduce disparities. She is a member of the Addressing Disparities Advisory Panel for the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI).

Sinsi has worked in the field of health policy for over 15 years and has a longstanding commitment to advancing social justice and fighting for the rights of people of color, especially vulnerable women and children. She started her career as a women's human and civil rights lawyer with a Georgetown Women's Law and Public Policy Fellowship at the Women's Rights Project of Human Rights Watch. Later, she advised and represented two Puerto Rico governors on federal health and human services policies in Washington, D.C., and was a senior health policy analyst for the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) and National Campaign Coordinator for SEIU's Healthcare Equality Project.

Born in Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico, Sinsi earned an A.B. from Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs and a J.D. from New York University School of Law, where she was a Hays Civil Rights and Civil Liberties Fellow. She currently lives in Fairfax, Virginia with her husband and son.

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**Genoveva Islas**

Board Member, Covered California

Genoveva Islas was born in Fresno and grew up in small rural communities in the San Joaquin Valley; her parents were farm laborers. The first in her family to attend college and graduate with an advanced degree, she earned a BS in Health Science with an emphasis in Community Health from California State University, Fresno and a Master of Public Health in Health Education and Promotion from Loma Linda University.

Genoveva serves as Program Director of Cultiva La Salud. Cultiva works to create healthier communities in the San Joaquin Valley by fostering policies, systems, and environmental improvements to allow for greater access to healthy foods and beverages and increased opportunities for physical activity. Cultiva's efforts also focus on building community leadership so that residents can more effectively advocate for healthy changes in their communities. Genoveva is the board chair for Community Water Center and a board member of the Latino Coalition for a Healthy California, California Institute for Rural Studies, and California Bicycle Coalition. Genoveva was appointed by Gov. Brown to serve on the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley board and most recently the board of Covered California.



**Cynthia Buiza**

Executive Director, California Immigrant Policy Center

Cynthia Buiza has over two decades of experience in nonprofit management and human rights advocacy. She worked on international refugee, migration, human rights, and civil rights issues in Southeast Asia before working with the ACLU as Policy Director for its San Diego regional affiliate.

Ms. Buiza was also Policy and Advocacy Director at the Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles from 2007-2010. For the past three years, she worked as a consultant with various immigrant rights, civil rights, and social justice organizations in California and the United States, helping shape their strategic direction and plans for sustainability. Most recently, she managed a statewide capacity building project involving nine regional coalitions in California, which aims to strengthen these coalitions' viability through a combination of highly customized training, grantmaking and leadership coaching.



**Wm. Jahmal Miller**

Deputy Director, Office of Health Equity,  
California Department of Public Health

Appointed Deputy Director of the California Department of Public Health's Office of Health Equity (OHE) by Gov. Jerry Brown in 2013, Miller is the State's lead advisor on issues related to reducing health and mental health disparities and achieving health equity for all Californians. He is responsible for leading the OHE mission to promote equitable social, economic and environmental conditions to achieve optimal health, mental health and well-being for all.

Miller's passion for working to achieve health equity comes from his background as a healthcare administrator in a pediatric treatment center, where he witnessed firsthand the troubling health disparities children faced simply because of living conditions that were no fault of their own. His prior work includes managing and overseeing the communications outreach for a \$1 billion annual philanthropic community benefit program, as well as several leadership roles with Sutter Health.

Miller is a graduate of Columbia University of New York City, with a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology. He also holds a Master of Health Administration from the University of Southern California. In May 2016, Western University of Health Sciences conferred on him an Honorary Doctorate in Humane Letters, the latest in a long series of awards and recognitions.

Miller has served on the boards of directors of numerous organizations, including The California Child Care Referral and Resource Network, The American Heart Association's Western Region Health Equity Task Force, The American Diabetes Association, and Ronald McDonald House.

Miller currently serves on the Pacific and Southwest Regional Health Equity Council and as a board member of the National Association of State offices of Minority Health, The California Telehealth network and the Faith Fellowship Community Church, respectively. A native of Sacramento, he is a proud father of two young daughters.

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### Lateefah Simon

President, Akonadi Foundation;  
Director, Bay Area Rapid Transit – District 7

Lateefah Simon stepped into her role as Akonadi Foundation's newly appointed President in August 2016 and is a nationally recognized advocate for civil rights and racial justice. Before that, she served as Program Director for the San Francisco-based Rosenberg Foundation, a statewide grantmaker that takes on systemic barriers that stand in the way of full access to equity and opportunity for Californians. In 2016, Lateefah helped launch the Leading Edge Fund, a new \$2 million fund created to seed, incubate and accelerate bold ideas from the next generation of progressive movement leaders in California.

Prior to joining Rosenberg, Lateefah was Executive Director of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights of the San Francisco Bay Area. Lateefah's passion for supporting low-income young women and girls, and her advocacy for juvenile and criminal justice reform, began at the Center for Young Women's Development (CYWD) in San Francisco. Now called the Young Women's Freedom Center, the grassroots organization is run for and by systems-impacted young women. At age 19, Lateefah stepped into the role of Executive Director for 11 years. Lateefah also led the creation of San Francisco's first reentry services division under the leadership of then District Attorney Kamala Harris.

Lateefah has received numerous awards, including the MacArthur "Genius" Fellowship and the Jefferson Award for extraordinary public service. She was named "California Woman of the Year" by the California State Assembly, and also has been recognized by the Ford Foundation, the National Organization for Women, Lifetime Television and *O Magazine*. In 2016, Lateefah was named one of *The Chronicle of Philanthropy's* 40 Under 40. In 2016, Lateefah was appointed by the Governor of California to the California State University's Board of Trustees, and was elected in November 2016 to serve District 7 on the BART Board of Directors.

When Lateefah isn't working, she spends her time enjoying Oakland's many family friendly spaces with her two daughters.



### Ryan Nicole Peters

Artist, Actress, Athlete, Activist

In her own words, quadruple threat, RyanNicole "utilizes every gift available to her for the liberation of black folks." Affectionately self-titled the "4A," RyanNicole seeks opportunities to empower and inspire by way of her pursuits as an award winning Artist | Actress | Athlete | Activist.

**ARTIST** | RyanNicole is a world renown MC & Poet whose lyrical prowess has been exploited on international stages and web platforms, garnering fans in the thousands across the globe. Her musical compositions include a solo mixtape, entitled *Dis'Onance* and several collaborative efforts with her group Nu Dekades and other artists. RyanNicole has performed with a wide array of artists and persons of influence, most notably President Barack Obama... enough said.

**ACTRESS** | RyanNicole has led several productions of the most reputable theater companies in the Bay Area to include *The Story* (SF Playhouse), *XTigone* (African American Shakespeare Theater), *Hamlet: Blood In The Brain & Raisin In The Sun* (California Shakespeare Theater/Intersection for the Arts), among many others. For 2017, Ryan has been short-listed for the San Francisco production of the Tony Award winning Broadway play *Hamilton*, and will star in Marin Theater Company's production of *Native Son*.

**ATHLETE** | Ryan is a longstanding record holder & California State Champion in high school track & field, and maintains accolades in her hometown of Oakland for the fastest yet recorded time for the 300MIH & 400MIH (hurdles), respectively. Ryan was offered scholarships to several universities and accepted full rides to University of Arizona & San Diego State University, where she received degrees in Sociology & Political Science, and held the distinction of Big Red Scholar Athlete (GPA of 3.5 and above). RyanNicole has expanded her talents and interests in athleticism to training personal clients and is in the process of launching an innovative media platform called FITTRIP.

**ACTIVIST** | RyanNicole has served her community as an organizer and activist for nearly 2 decades. She holds the distinction of becoming one of the youngest non-profit executive directors in the Bay Area, where she received a 2-year fellowship a prestigious leadership master's level cohort called Leader Spring. Currently, RyanNicole supports various community organizations and initiatives as a business consultant, providing counsel in capacity building, fundraising, marketing/ branding and program development.



**Matt Haney**

Commissioner, San Francisco Board of Education

Matt is a Commissioner on the San Francisco Board of Education and the immediate past President. As a Commissioner, Matt has fought to close the racial opportunity gap and been a national leader in working to end the school to prison pipeline. He is the author of San Francisco's landmark "Computer Science for All" policy, as well as the "Safe and Supportive Schools" policy. In 2016, Matt was the only school board member in the country endorsed by President Barack Obama.

Matt is National Political Director at The Dream Corps, where he leads the organization's broader political and policy strategy to close prison doors, and open doors of opportunity. He is the co-founder of #cut50, a national initiative to cut the prison population in half in ten years, and the former Executive Director of the UC Student Association where he worked to ensure access and affordability in public higher education.

Matt has a BA from UC Berkeley, an MA from Stanford University School of Education, a JD from Stanford Law School, and an LLM in Human Rights from National University of Ireland. He previously served as Adjunct Faculty at the Stanford Design School. Matt was a Greenlining Academy Summer Law Associate in 2008.



**Kim Carter**

CEO, Center for Housing Advancement & Motivational Projects

Since 2002, Kim has embarked upon an amazing journey following God's call in her life. It started with creating the Time for Change Foundation in 2002 for homeless women wishing to recreate their lives. Since then, Kim has been a powerful force of change, compassion, and empowerment. Her personal experiences and unique talents have catapulted her as one of the most dynamic effective leaders of our times.

To whom much is given, much is required! Recognizing that her success was only meant to be a pathway for others to succeed, she created CHAMP! A much sought-after speaker and trainer, Kim also co-authored "Invisible Bars — Barriers to Women's Health and Well-Being During and After Incarceration" for the Justice Center of the Council of State Governments.

She is a member of the Interagency Council on Homelessness, serves on the board of the African American Health Initiative and is a member of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation's Gender Responsive Strategy Commission, among many other affiliations. Her passion is helping others to succeed.



**Jane Kim**

Member, San Francisco Board of Supervisors

As a member of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, Jane serves as Chair of the Government Audit and Oversight Committee and is a member of the Transbay Joint Powers Authority, San Francisco County Transportation Authority, Budget and Finance Committee, Metropolitan Transportation Commission, and the Treasure Island Mobility Management Agency.

Prior to being Supervisor, Jane was a community organizer at Chinatown Community Development Center, a civil rights attorney at Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights, and served as President of the San Francisco Board of Education. She received a dual B.A. in Political Science and Asian American studies from Stanford University and her J.D. from the U.C. Berkeley School of Law.

Currently, Jane represents a diverse district that includes the lowest-income residents and the wealthiest zip code in San Francisco, while absorbing close to 80 percent of all the city's residential and commercial development.

Her landmark initiatives include leading San Francisco to be the first city in the nation to make community college free for all residents; the Fair Chance Act (removing unnecessary barriers to employment and stable housing for the millions of Californians who have a conviction record); passing the strongest and most progressive minimum wage law in the nation raising our minimum wage to \$15/hour by 2018; securing full-time nurses for homeless shelters and establishing a medical respite shelter for aging and sick homeless residents; Supervisor Kim is a fierce affordable housing advocate who has fought to increase the affordable housing requirement from 12 percent to 25 percent and has won an unprecedented 40 percent affordable housing requirement in two major development projects in her district. She is proud to have authored and passed the strongest and boldest tenant protection ordinance in the country stemming frivolous evictions.

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**David C. Lizárraga**

LHD, Chairman, TELACU Education Foundation

During his tenure as President & CEO of TELACU for more than 35 years, Dr. David C. Lizárraga grew the company into the largest community development corporation in the nation, which today focuses its more than \$700 million in assets on empowering individuals and families in the communities it serves. Lizárraga created the innovative business model upon which TELACU is structured. The parent non-profit owns and operates TELACU Industries — its for-profit holding company. The 13 for-profit businesses create jobs; provide hard working families and businesses with access to capital; and build quality, affordable homes and community assets. Every TELACU business generates a double bottom line — profitability that is inseparable from social impact. As Chairman and Founder of the TELACU Education Foundation, he ensures that sufficient resources are available to annually support 500 full-time college students and 1,600 middle through graduate school students, and veterans.

Internationally renowned as an expert in economic empowerment and community development, Lizárraga has received numerous presidential and gubernatorial appointments, the most recent of which was to the U.S. Treasury Department's Community Development Advisory Board by President Obama. He is also former National Chairman of the U.S. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

Lizárraga's honors and awards include: the 2015 Ellis Island Medal of Honor; Entrepreneur of the Year from *Entrepreneur Magazine* and Ernst & Young; Minority Business Advocate from the U.S. SBA and MBDA; the NAACP Thurgood Marshall Award; and Spirit of Life Award from the City of Hope.



**Samuel A. Nuñez**

Executive Director, Fathers & Families of San Joaquin

Samuel Nuñez, Executive Director of Fathers & Families of San Joaquin is a state and nationally recognized expert in the field of youth development, violence prevention and community organizing. He has coordinated a nationally recognized male involvement program and was the 2010 California Peace Prize recipient from the California Wellness Foundation.

Samuel founded FFSJ as a catalyst for policy and systems change, reaching out to thousands of vulnerable, at-risk youth, and struggling parents. His work applies race and gender as a filter to better understand the root causes and develop solutions for boys and men of color and practical ways that organizations and communities can build stronger multicultural youth/family movements that promote community empowerment and social change focused on reducing societal violence.

Recipient of the 2010 San Joaquin County Architect of Peace Award as well as many other recognitions, Samuel has organized multiple programs and events, including the 2009 Youth Initiative Strategic Planning that involved over 50 local, regional and state agencies and over 25 youth from the community; Youth Empowerment Summits in 2005, 2008, and 2009 that attracted over 400 youth and adult allies each year; and 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014 San Joaquin County Alliance for Boys and Men of Color Summits.

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**Leslie Miley**

President, West Coast, Venture for America

Leslie Miley is a Silicon Valley native who has worked in engineering leadership roles at Slack, Twitter, Apple, and Google. He got his start in technology taking apart cable TV set top boxes, moving on to building his own computers and teaching himself programming languages. He is currently working with Venture For America on a program to enable Silicon Valley tech professionals to spend a year in cities such as Baltimore, Cleveland, Denver, Detroit, Miami, Nashville, New Orleans or Philly, working with VCs and Innovation Centers on growing their respective tech communities.



**Idalin Bobé**

Senior IT Consultant, ThoughtWorks

As a Senior IT Consultant at ThoughtWorks, Idalin Bobé works on the company's global social justice initiatives. Understanding that diversity alone does not mean social justice, she has leveraged her platform to spearhead several tech literacy and empowerment programs to help hard-to-reach populations master technology tools for self-determination. Her most recent work was launching "Hutton 2.0," a free six-week intensive program named after the youngest member of the Black Panther Party, "Lil Bobby Hutton," that teaches coding, digital storytelling, and political education to youth in Oakland and Berkeley currently in — or at-risk of entering — the juvenile justice system.

Idalin has spearheaded several other initiatives, including supporting Ferguson, Missouri, activists with technology tools through Hands Up United's Roy Clay Sr. Institute. The program trains young community leaders to gain 21st century technology skills. She also helped build a computer lab for a school in South India serving people of the lowest castes, led fundraising campaigns to teach 2,000 girls of color through Black Girls CODE, and organized social justice hackathons with Qeyno Labs Hackathons and #YesWeCode.

An Afro-Latina hailing from North Philly, Idalin is a rising thought leader whose work has positioned her at the forefront of innovation in technology, activism, and community development.



**Ronnie Cho**

Vice President of Public Affairs, MTV

Ronnie Cho is a New York based, Emmy Award-winning producer and Vice President and Head of Public Affairs for MTV. In this role, Cho oversees the strategic direction and implementation of all pro-social campaigns across MTV, MTV2, VH1, LOGO and mtvU's television, digital and social properties.

Previously, Cho was the Associate Director of the White House Office of Public Engagement, where he served as President Obama's chief liaison to young Americans and advanced the President's youth agenda on issues like increasing Pell Grants, cutting student loan interest rates, improving education outcomes and supporting youth entrepreneurship. Prior to joining the White House, he was an editor at the *Newsweek* Daily Beast Company.

Cho has worked on several political and issue campaigns, including John Kerry's 2004 presidential campaign, former Arizona Gov. Janet Napolitano's 2006 gubernatorial race and the Obama for America campaign beginning in Iowa in 2007.

In 2014, Cho led a successful effort to connect every American classroom with world-leading broadband speeds and increased access to 21st century education technology for schoolchildren including over 1,700 public schools in New York City.

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**Shahid Buttar**

Director of Grassroots Advocacy,  
Electronic Frontier Foundation

Shahid leads EFF's grassroots and student outreach efforts. He's a constitutional lawyer focused on the intersection of community organizing and policy reform as a lever to shift legal norms, with roots in communities across the country resisting mass surveillance.

From 2009 to 2015, he led the Bill of Rights Defense Committee as Executive Director. After graduating from Stanford Law School in 2003, where he grew immersed in the movement to stop the war in Iraq, Shahid worked for a decade in Washington, D.C. He first worked in private practice for a large California-based law firm, with public interest litigation projects advancing campaign finance reform, and marriage equality for same-sex couples as early as 2004, when LGBT rights remained politically marginal. From 2005 to 2008, he helped build a national progressive legal network and managed the communications team at the American Constitution Society for Law & Policy, and in 2008 and 2009 he founded the program to combat racial and religious profiling at Muslim Advocates.

Outside of work, Shahid DJs and produces electronic music, writes poetry & prose, kicks rhymes, organizes guerilla poetry insurgencies, plays capoeira, speaks truth to power on Truthout, occasionally elucidates legal scholarship, and documents counter-cultural activism for the *Burning Man Journal*.



**Patrick Brown**

Leadership 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 Brown-fields 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. 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.



**Chinaka Hodge**

Poet, Educator, and Performer

Chinaka Hodge is a poet, educator playwright and screenwriter. Originally from Oakland, she graduated from NYU's Gallatin School of Individualized Study in May of 2006. Chinaka was a 2012 Artist in Residence at The Headlands Center for the Arts in Marin. In early 2013, she was a Sundance Feature Film lab Fellow for her script, *700th&Int'l*. Chinaka has served in various capacities at Youth Speaks/The Living Word Project, the nation's leading literary arts non-profit, since its early days. During her tenure there, Hodge served as Program Director, Associate Artistic Director, and worked directly with Youth Speaks' core population — as a teaching artist and poet mentor. Her poems, editorials, interviews and prose have been featured in Newsweek, San Francisco Magazine, Believer Magazine, on PBS, NPR, CNN, C-SPAN, and in two seasons of HBO's Def Poetry.

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