



Women's Leadership Policy Summit



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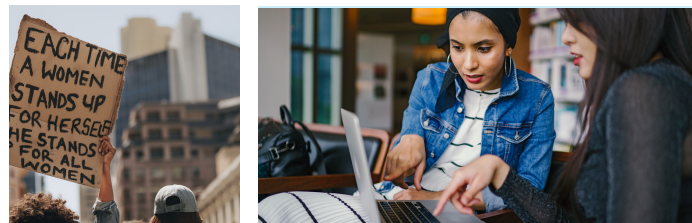
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Supervisor Cindy Chavez and the Valley Medical Center Foundation invite you to join a coalition of Silicon Valley leaders in government, healthcare, education, the private and nonprofit sectors, and youth leaders at this year's 4th virtual summit.

Program

- 9:00** Yoga and Mindful Breathing
- 10:00** Opening Ceremonies
- 10:23** Keynote by Aisha Bowe
- 11:00** Session 1 Panels
- 12:20** Lunch & Chat: Plenary Panel
- 1:40** Session II Panels
- 2:50** Share Corner, Call to Action
- 3:20** Closing Ceremonies
- 3:30** Raffle & Zumba
- 4:00** End



This engaging and empowering summit will be filled with mindful activities, educational workshops, and interactive platforms to discuss and share resources for equitable policy changes, powerful leadership development, and innovative tools to navigate the COVID-19 pandemic.

Session 1 11:00am - 12:00 pm

Women's Health

Facilitator:

Dr. Brandi Sinkfield

Speakers:

Dr. Nirmaljit Kaur Dhani

Rev. Alicia Partee

Women's Health (Spanish)

Facilitator:

Veronica Guzman

Speakers:

Yadeel Lopez

Victoria Partida

Lupe Yepiz

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Laura Diaz

Alejandra Aranzubia

Melinda Zen

Luz Robles

Maria Ochoa

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Facilitator:

HaNhi L. Tran

Speakers:

Iris Dinh

Michelle Vu

Women as Frontline Workers Response and Recovery

Facilitator:

Betty Duong

Speakers:

Jessie Yu

Maria Noel Fernandez

Women as Frontline Workers: Response and Recovery (Spanish)

Facilitator:

Zelica Rodriguez-Deams

Speakers:

Maria Maldonado

Yasmeen San Juan

Women as Frontline Workers: Response and Recovery (Vietnamese)

Facilitator:

Ly Vo

Speakers:

Linda Do

Ngoc-Van Le

Women in the Environmental Movement During COVID-19

Facilitator:

Teresa Alvarado

Speakers:

Hon. Hope Cahan

Andrea Mackenzie

Women Leading the Way: Public Service Opportunities and How to Get Engaged

Facilitator:

Hon. Rebeca Armendariz

Speakers:

Hon. Nora Campos

Hon. Ellen Kamei

Hon. Marico Sayoc

Hon. Karina Dominguez

Hon. Yvonne Martinez-Beltran

Youth Action: Activism

Facilitator:

LaToya Fernandez

Speakers:

Lily Arangio

Audin Leung

Desiree Victor

Cristina Solano

Lunch & Chat: Plenary Panel

12:20 - 1:20pm

Promoting Equity and Inclusion in the Workplace

Facilitator:

Aileen Casanave

Speakers:

Sera Fernando

Anna Dapelo-Garcia

Tamika Van Den Akker

Sameena Usman

Session 2

1:40 - 2:40 pm

Women's Health

Facilitator:

Christina Salvatier

Speakers:

Sonya Tetnowski

Dr. Brandi Sinkfield

Women's Health (Spanish)

Facilitator:

Dr. Dayani Nualles-Percy

Speakers:

Victoria Partida

Lupe Yepiz

Carmen Castillo

Women's Health (Vietnamese)

Facilitator:

Mikelle Le

Speakers:

Dr. Phuong Nguyen

Christine Pham

Housing for Women

Facilitator:

Jennifer Loving

Speakers:

Consuelo Hernandez

Claudine Sipili

Gabriela Chavez-Lopez

Childcare and Education during COVID-19

Facilitator:

Supervisor Susan Ellenberg

Speakers:

Hon. Kathleen King

Dr. Mary Ann Dewan

Melissa Hong

Childcare and Education during COVID-19 (Spanish)

Facilitator:

Hon. Magdalena Carrasco

Speakers:

Hon. Sylvia Arenas

Dr. Hilaria Bauer

Childcare and Education during COVID-19 (Vietnamese)

Facilitator:

Quyen Vuong

Speakers:

Le Tran

Tien Nguyen

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Women in the Arts and Survival during COVID-19

Facilitator:

Tamara Alvarado

Speakers:

Viera Whye

Anjee Helstrup-Alvarez

Trami Cron

Women in the Environmental Movement During COVID-19

Facilitator:

Teresa Alvarado

Speakers:

Hon. Hope Cahan

Andrea Mackenzie

Youth Action: Self-Care during COVID-19

Facilitator:

Sera Fernando

Speakers:

Casey Kamali

Lauryn Mineta

KEYNOTE: AISHA BOWE FOUNDER AND CEO, STEMBOARD



Aisha Bowe

Aisha Bowe is a former NASA Aerospace Engineer, and the founder and CEO of STEMBoard, an engineering solutions company that recently ranked in the top half of the 2020 Inc. 5000 fastest growing company list. As an aerospace engineer who started her degree with pre-algebra in a community college, Aisha is on a mission to help youth break stereotypes, stop internalizing false narratives and believe in themselves, and pursue careers in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math).

In response to COVID-19, Aisha and her team designed and launched LINGO. A self-paced, at-home coding kit, LINGO enables learners to explore and enhance their STEM skills in a fun and engaging way through hands-on instruction. The home version and a school edition support the new remote teaching model imposed by the pandemic. Clients include tech giants such as Microsoft, GE, HBCUs and Non-Profit institutions like Southern University, Bowie State, and Howard Middle School.

Aisha holds a B.S.E in Aerospace Engineering and an M. Eng. in Space Systems Engineering, from the University of Michigan.

Before COVID, Aisha traveled the world sharing her personal story of triumph to inspire students from disadvantaged communities, especially girls, to pursue a career in STEM. Today, she does the same virtually.

PERFORMANCES:



LaToya Fernandez

LaToya Fernandez is a community leader and activist. LaToya is the author of " Truth- an Empowerment Guide For Youth and Allies", a book that supports students' journey with self confidence, social issues, and healthy relationships.

LaToya founded Youthhype; a community based organization that inspires youth to be civically engaged and self aware. LaToya works in education supporting schools to create alternatives to suspension and cultivate a climate of restorative practice, accountability, and cultural responsiveness. LaToya is an advocate for youth in underserved communities and uses her platform to support and amplify youth voice.



Janice Lobo Sapigao

Janice Lobo Sapigao (she/her) is a daughter of immigrants from the Philippines. She is the author of two books of poetry, *microchips for millions* (Philippine American Writers and Artists, Inc., 2016) and *like a solid to a shadow* (Nightboat Books, 2017).

She was a VONA/Voices Fellow and was awarded a Manuel G. Flores Prize, PAWA Scholarship to the Kundiman Poetry Retreat. She is a Poetry Editor at *Angel City Review*, and co-founder of *Sunday Jump* in Los Angeles's Historic Filipinotown. Her work has been published in various anthologies. She is the 2020-2021 Santa Clara County Poet Laureate.



HEALING THROUGH THE ARTS

Shine MSD

It is during our darkest moments that we shine the light. Following the tragic mass shooting that took place at Stoneman Douglas High School, the world came to know the students of this high school were a bit different. Some jumped to action in the political arena. Others turned their efforts toward the arts. Many from both sides had significant roots in the drama department at Stoneman Douglas High School.

Two of those drama students, Sawyer Garrity and Andrea Peña, channeled their pain and anger into writing an original song called *Shine* days after the tragedy. What started as a personal healing journey quickly grew into an anthem met with an overwhelming response from Parkland and those who saw them perform at the CNN town hall on February 21, 2018. Sawyer, Andrea, their families and friends realized the power of healing through artistic expression, and the positive impact the arts has in inspiring hope and unity in the aftermath of tragedy.

Women's Health

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Dr. Brandi Sinkfield, MD

Brandi Sinkfield is a practicing Anesthesiologist with over ten years of clinical experience. She completed her residency at the Cleveland Clinic, which inspired her interest in clinical innovation. Dr. Sinkfield also completed a Digital Health and Perioperative Management fellowship at Stanford's Anesthesia Informatics and Media Lab. While continuing clinical practice, she also serves as Assistant Medical Director of Quality of Anesthesiology at O'Connor Hospital in San Jose, California. She has spoken at multiple conferences, including Doctors 2.0 in Paris, France, and Stanford Medicine X. She seeks to have open conversations to support populations who could significantly benefit from digital health platforms.



Rev. Alicia Partee

Rev. Alicia Partee is the Executive Pastor at Maranatha Christian Center and a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist at Two Chairs. She is a spearheading leader whose underlying mission is to break down barriers, build bridges, and empower people to live out their lives authentically. Her previous work focused on the development of women through her work at the Professional Women's Network, Oslo. There she designed and implemented international mentoring programs. After the launch of the mentoring workshops, she moved into the role of president where she led and coordinated the strategies for continued growth of the network.



Dr. Nirmaljit Kaur Dhani, MD

Dr. Nirmaljit Dhani is the medical director of the MOMS (maternal outreach mood services) program at El Camino Hospital. She has been with the program since its inception in April 2008. She was instrumental in incorporating a novel, video-based mother baby attachment intervention in the program. She has created a new and comprehensive MOMS self-assessment tool. She is the past board member of the International Perinatal Marce society and has served as a panel member on the California Perinatal Mortality Task Force (CA- PMR). She completed her residency in adult psychiatry from UCSD. She has completed a California Health Care Foundation sponsored fellowship in health care leadership from UCSF. Her interests include assessment and treatment of psychotic disorders in pregnancy and postpartum and perinatal suicide. She enjoys spending time with her family and swimming with US masters.

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Veronica Guzman



Veronica Guzman grew up in Santa Clara County. Born to parents who emigrated from Mexico, Veronica was raised in a wonderful Latino (Mexican) community. Known to her beloved community as “Vero”, she has been fortunate to give back to her community in various ways, including supporting and advocating for families to access special education services as well as mental health services and resources. She is part of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention’s local chapter where she helps organize the “Out of the Darkness Walk” to raise community awareness to prevent suicide. Veronica has over 15 years of experience in mental health, parent education, special education, school-based programs, and community resources.

Victoria Partida



Victoria Partida tiene un año y medio trabajando en Community Health Partnership (CHP), pero empezó en CHP como Trabajadora Comunitaria de Salud en el 2016. Victoria hoy es la coordinadora para los programas de cobertura médica. Victoria tiene más de seis años de experiencia ayudando a personas a inscribirse en cobertura médica.

Victoria Partida has been working at Community Health Partnership (CHP) for a year and a half, but she started at CHP as a Community Health Worker in 2016. Today, Victoria is the coordinator for CHP’s health coverage programs. Victoria has over six years of experience helping people enroll in health coverage.



Yadeel Lopez

Yadeel es una de las Trabajadoras Comunitarias de la Salud de Community Health Partnership. Ella tiene más de diez años sirviendo a nuestras comunidades con el programa de Cada Mujer Vale (EWC).

Yadeel is a Community Health Partnership Community Health Worker (CHW). She has more than ten years serving our communities with the Every Woman Counts (EWC) program.



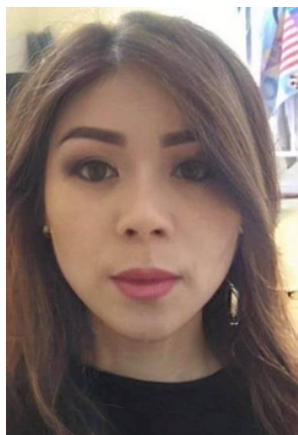
Lupe Yepiz

Lupe Yepiz es la Educadora de Salud de COVID-19 para Community Health Partnership. Ella tiene 8 años de experiencia trabajando con organizaciones sin fines de lucro, planificación de programas, e impartiendo educación de salud sobre una variedad de temas como nutrición, salud infantil, y prevención de enfermedades infecciosas.

Lupe Yepiz is the COVID-19 Health Educator for Community Health Partnership. She has 8 years of experience working with non-profit organizations, planning programs, and delivering health education on a variety of topics such as nutrition, child health, and infectious disease prevention.

Women's Health (Vietnamese)

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Mikelle Le, MA, LMFT

Mikelle Le, M.A., LMFT, is a Division Director for Consumer and Family Affairs at the Santa Clara County Behavioral Health Services Department. Ms. Le has experience in managing the Office of Consumer and Family Affairs, the Cultural Community Wellness Program, Mental Health Urgent Care, Mental Health Call Center, Mobile Crisis Services, Suicide and Crisis Services, and the Central Wellness and Benefit Center. In total, she has over 20 years of experience working in the County mental health system and in a wide variety of settings spanning the entire continuum of care. She is an experienced clinician, a successful manager, and a respected leader and mentor for other clinical professionals in the community.

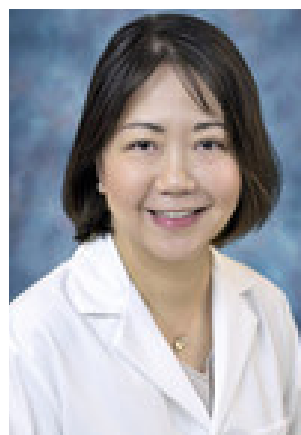
She also has previous experience in Santa Clara County Juvenile Probation Department as a Probation Counselor and served as a Buddhist Chaplain for the jail system.



Dr. Phuong Thuy Le, MD

Phuong Thuy Le, MD is a bilingual, bicultural Vietnamese psychiatrist who has been in practice in San Jose for over 30 years.

She has been active in bringing awareness to mental health issues through public speaking, television, and radio. She has also published books in Vietnamese on parenting, relationships, and women's mental health.



Dr. Phuong Nguyen, MD

Dr. Phuong Nguyen is the Interim Enterprise Chief Medical Officer of Santa Clara Valley Medical Center (SCVMC) and the recently acquired O'Connor Hospital (OCH) and St. Louise Regional Hospital (SLRH). Dr. Nguyen is a practicing obstetrician-gynecologist with over 20 years of clinical experience and over 15 years of medical leadership experience. Prior to her current role, Dr. Nguyen served as the Chief of Gynecology at SCVMC, Chair of various Medical Staff quality committees, and President of SCVMC Medical Staff.

Intimate Partner Violence During COVID-19

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Tracy Tefertiller, MBA, J.D.

Tracy Tefertiller is the Supervising Deputy District Attorney of the Family Violence Unit at the Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office. Tracy has been with the District Attorney's Office since 2013, and has served on a variety of teams, including Juvenile Justice, Violent Felonies, and Gangs. Prior to becoming a prosecutor, Tracy worked as a management consultant in the technology industry. Tracy received a BA in Economics and Women's Studies from Harvard in 1994; she earned an MBA from the Stanford Graduate School of Business in 1999 and a JD from UC Berkeley Law School in 2012.



Adriana Caldera Boroffice

Adriana Caldera Boroffice is a non-profit leader with a wealth of knowledge and expertise in the movement to eliminate violence against women. For the past eleven years, she has developed and resourced comprehensive domestic violence and sexual assault services to meet the unique needs of survivors in Santa Clara County.

She currently serves as the Interim Chief Executive Officer for the YWCA Golden Gate Silicon Valley.



Erin O'Brien, LCSW

Erin O'Brien, LCSW, President & CEO of Community Solutions, has dedicated the past 20 years to creating positive and lasting changes in the human services arena in Santa Clara County and beyond. She is a passionate and tireless champion for survivors of domestic violence, human trafficking, and sexual assault, as well as children, families, and individuals who face mental health and substance abuse challenges.



Zakia Afrin, LL.B, LL.M, SJD

Zakia Afrin is an advocate for immigrant women of color who suffer abuse. She manages the Helpline, Peer Counseling, Immigration Assistance and Legal Advocacy programs at Maitri in San Jose Bay area. She is a senior fellow and Adjunct professor of International Law at Golden Gate University in San Francisco and teaches Introduction to Islamic Law and Intra-State Conflicts and Peace building and other courses. A social justice Activist at heart, Zakia has served on the Board of CPEDV (2013-2016). Zakia authored numerous peer reviewed Articles on international criminal court and Gender sensitivity; domestic violence and international law, Domestic Violence in Bangladesh among others. An alumnus of The Hague Academy of international law, Zakia has an LL.B from Dhaka University in Bangladesh, LL.M and an SJD specializing in public international law from Golden Gate University.



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Perla Flores

Mi nombre es Perla Flores. Dirijo programas de violencia doméstica, asalto sexual, y trata de personas para Community Solutions, una agencia sin fines de lucro que apoya a individuos y familias con respecto a una variedad de temas. Pienso que la información y prevención son la mejor manera de combatir la violencia de género. Nadie merece ser abusado de cualquier forma. Si usted o alguien que conoce necesita ayuda, por favor marque al 1-877-363-7238 para hablar con una consejera confidencial.



Alejandra Aranzubia

Mi nombre es Alejandra Aranzubia, soy de Michoacán, México. Tengo dos hijos y soy sobreviviente de violencia doméstica. He sido Promotora con Community Solutions por casi tres años. En mi papel como Promotora, participo en alcance comunitario y campañas educativas sobre violencia de género. Creo que es muy importante que la comunidad entienda lo que es la violencia de género, y sobre todo que sobrevivientes sepan como conectarse con los proveedores de servicios.



Luz Robles

I am a deputy district attorney at the Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office. I am currently assigned to the Domestic Violence Unit. Prior to becoming a prosecutor, I attended UC Irvine and UC Hastings College of the Law. I was born and raised in Los Angeles but moved to the Bay Area about six years ago.



Melinda Zen

Detective Melinda Zen began her career in law enforcement 23 years ago as a Reserve Police Officer with the Arroyo Grande Police Department. Detective Zen was employed by the Morgan Hill Police Department as a full time Police Officer in 1997. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice Management. Throughout her career, Officer Zen has worked various assignments throughout the organization. During her role as a Domestic Violence Detective she investigated Domestic Violence cases for both the Gilroy and Morgan Hill Police Departments, and she was instrumental in the development of the South County Family Justice Center located in Morgan Hill. As a court recognized Domestic Violence and Strangulation expert she trained law enforcement officers and domestic violence practitioners on issues of Domestic Violence, Strangulation, Stalking, Dominant Aggressor Analysis, Lethality Assessment, and Domestic Violence laws. Officer Zen is a recipient of the Blue and Gold Award, the Unsung Hero Award, and the inaugural Melinda Zen Award for her exceptional work within the Domestic Violence field as well as her commitment to helping Domestic Violence survivors and to holding batterers accountable.



Laura Diaz

Laura Diaz has worked in the Domestic Violence field for 25 years; at Next Door Solutions to Domestic Violence (NDS), she is the Outreach and Volunteer Coordinator, part of the prevention team, where she provides outreach and training with a focus on raising awareness about the dynamics of intimate partner violence, its impact on individuals and community, and in changing community norms as it relates to gender based violence. She oversees El Comité de Mujeres Fuertes, a committee of Latinx women survivors of Domestic Violence that advocates reducing violence in the community and who serve as an advisory group to NDS. In addition, she is a multidisciplinary artist and writer who incorporates her art and writings into healing work in her community.



Maria Ochoa

Mi nombre es María Ochoa y soy una representante acreditada del DOJ para la Fundación Step Forward. Como Representante Acreditado representó a clientes que han sido víctimas de un delito en casos de inmigración, como Visa U, VAWA, DACA o Naturalización entre otros.

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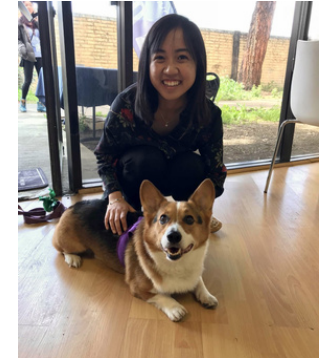
HaNhi Tran

HaNhi Tran currently serves as a Deputy District Attorney for the Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office. As a community-based prosecutor, HaNhi focuses on crime prevention initiatives serving the Vietnamese community, including efforts to prevent domestic violence. The daughter of working-class Vietnamese refugees, HaNhi was born and raised in the Little Saigon community of Orange County, California.



Michelle Vu

Michelle Vu is the Shelter Support Staff at Asian Americans for Community Involvement. She is also currently with the Santa Clara County Superior Court. Michelle graduated in 2017 from San Jose State University with a degree of Bachelor of Arts in Sociology.



Iris Dinh

Iris Dinh - Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Mental Health Therapist, and Clinical Supervisor, currently working at ICAN and Gardner. 20 years of experience working with the Vietnamese community. As an IPV survivor, Iris is a passionate community advocate raising awareness and support for IPV and mental health services.



Women as Frontline Workers: Response and Recovery

Gender-responsive recovery to COVID-19 is essential for sustainable and inclusive growth, especially for women in the frontlines. Learn about current recovery policies and share recommendations and resources for others that should be considered.



Betty Duong, JD

Betty Duong is the interim Supervisor for the Division of Equity and Social Justice while also serving as the lead coordinator of the Vietnamese American Service Center - opening this fall.

Prior to joining the Office of the County Executive, Betty served as Budget and Policy Director to Santa Clara County Supervisor Cindy Chavez. In 2016, Betty took a personal leave of absence to manage the successful Measure A \$950 million housing bond campaign. Betty received a Juris Doctorate from the University of California, Davis – King Hall, School of Law, a Bachelor's Degree in Asian American Studies from the University of California, Berkeley, and is a proud graduate of De Anza College. A lifelong resident of Santa Clara County, Betty currently resides in San Jose. Betty and her husband have two children, Nikolas and Harper, and a labrador who goes by the name of Bunny.



Jessie Yu

Program Manager, Office of Labor Standards Enforcement. Jessie Yu joined the County of Santa Clara Office of Labor Standards Enforcement (OLSE) in 2019 and oversees the Food Permit Enforcement Program. Prior to joining OLSE, Jessie managed international worker engagement programs at both Elevate Limited, a sustainability and supply chain management consulting firm, and Good World Solutions, a social enterprise with a mission to use data to create safe and respectful workplaces. As part of the capacity building team, she focused on providing worker survey data to clients on topics such as working hours, wages, and forced labor to better understand factory working conditions and opportunities for improvement activities.



Maria Noel Fernandez

Maria Noel brings over a decade of organizing experience to the movement for a just economy. As Deputy Executive Director, she oversees Working Partnerships USA's organizing, communications, and operations departments, building coalitions and community power to win groundbreaking change for working families.

She is the campaign director for Silicon Valley Rising, a coordinated regional effort that's inspiring an inclusive tech-driven economy. As Working Partnerships USA's organizing director from 2014 to 2017, Maria Noel was instrumental in developing organizing and campaign strategies that won a \$15/hr minimum wage in eight Silicon Valley cities, the first-in-the-nation Opportunity to Work ballot initiative, and other policies that are improving the lives of working people and their families. She led the organization's non-partisan civic engagement programs that are building a strong grassroots base of low-income voters of color in Silicon Valley.

Previously, she worked with the South Bay AFL-CIO Labor Council. She spent three years teaching English and Social Studies in Bogota, Colombia after having spent several years working for then-City of San Jose Vice Mayor Cindy Chavez.

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Zelica Rodriguez-Deams

Zelica has nearly 20 years of experience in the non-profit field as a community organizer, advocate and community builder. Her prowess is in research and analysis, strategy development, and program impact. For the past 8 years, Zelica has served on the leadership team at SOMOS Mayfair, first as Director of Programs and then as Associate Director, designing a comprehensive program strategy that puts residents at the center of community change and transformation. She is both an internal and external thought partner, helping craft organizational vision and policies, facilitating strategic partnerships, and serving as a media spokesperson for immigration rights and policies. In July 2020, Zelica was appointed to lead the office of immigrant relations for SCC.



Yasmeen San Juan

Yasmeen was born and raised in east San Jose. She comes from a family of powerful women that organize fast food workers. Due to the pandemic she was laid off from her job at Sizzler but continued her activism supporting fast food workers across the region. She currently lives in one of the zip codes in San Jose that was most affected by Covid-19 and has first hand experience dealing with the brutality of this virus. She felt a responsibility to be part of the solution and is working for the WPUSA CARES team educating our community about getting vaccinated.



Maria Maldonado

Maria Maldonado was born in Veracruz. She is a proud mother of two young boys. She is passionate about the labor movement and an organizer with Fight for \$15 since January 2015. She has learned so much organizing this last year and is excited for the next chapter on this campaign.

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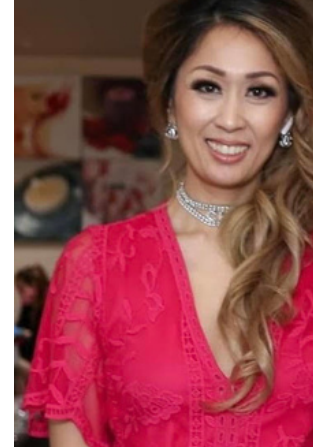
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Ly Vo

As of 2019, more than 140,000 people of Vietnamese descent live in Santa Clara County; however, there is a high percentage of Vietnamese people considered non-English proficient, delivering culturally appropriate and linguistically competent information is more important than ever.

COVID-19 information is constantly evolving, and Ly Vo serves as the Lead for the Vietnamese Language Access Team to make sure that there are no language barriers to resources and information the County has created. As part of her scope of work, she serves as the liaison between Vietnamese media; translates County documents for schools, parents, businesses; leads weekly forums where the Vietnamese community can ask questions, etc.



Linda Do

Linda Do is a mother, wife, Vietnamese American Woman, and proud owner of Blossom Nail Spa, the first Santa Clara County Certified Healthy Nail Salon. Providing the highest level of service and safety has been her obsession for over 10 years.



Ngoc-Van Le

Ngoc-Van Le. I am a para-educator at Franklin McKinley School District and currently teach Transitional Kindergarten for students from 4 to 5 years old. I also teach at VeNguon Vietnamese Language School on Sunday as a volunteer.

Recently I graduated from the Career Online High School program and completed Child Care Development Certification. I am working on my credential.

Women in the Environmental Movement During COVID-19

The County, State, and Nation are seeing increases in negative environmental impacts at an accelerated rate. These impacts are causing an increase in food insecurity, a decrease in water protections, a loss of animal habitat, and an increase in air pollution. Learn ways to decrease negative impacts to a healthy environment by preserving Coyote Valley and increasing remote work options.



Teresa Alvarado

Teresa Alvarado is Principal of Morado Consulting where she works closely with executive leaders, boards of directors and key stakeholders to shape more resilient and successful companies and thriving communities. Teresa serves as a Gubernatorial appointee and chair of the California Water Commission, a public body which serves as the primary public forum for discussing water issues in the state. She previously served as a commissioner of the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission chairing its Environmental Justice Commissioner Working Group.

Teresa holds an M.S. degree in civil and environmental engineering from Tufts University, a B.S. degree in environmental studies and a Minor degree in technical writing from San Jose State University. She is an American Leadership Forum Silicon Valley senior fellow.



Andrea Mackenzie

Andrea Mackenzie is General Manager of the Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority, where she works to protect and steward the region's open spaces, natural areas, and working lands to support healthy ecosystems, communities, and economies. Andrea has worked in land use planning, conservation policy and finance, and open space protection for county, regional, state, and national agencies. She successfully passed open space funding measures in Sonoma and Santa Clara Counties generating over \$600 million for land conservation. She is a past fellow of the National Conservation Leadership Institute, and serves on the Board of Together Bay Area as well as the SPUR San Jose Policy Board.



Hon. Hope Cahan

Hope Cahan is a Public Policy Consultant for Supervisor Cindy Chavez. After living in the Bay Area for 20 years, Hope moved to Falmouth, Maine to be closer to aging family members. Hope was an early adopter of remote work and provides staff support for Supervisor Chavez's work with the Bay Area Air Quality Management District, Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG), Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), Caltrain, and the Valley Transportation Authority (VTA). Hope is also a Town Councilor for Falmouth, Maine, President of the Greater Portland Metro Bus Board of Directors, Vice President of the Portland Area Comprehensive Transportation System, and sits on the Greater Portland Council of Governments.

Women Leading the Way: Public Service Opportunities and How to Get Engaged



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Youth Action: Activism and Staying Engaged during COVID-19

LaToya Fernandez

LaToya Fernandez is a community leader and activist. Latoya is the author of "Truth- an Empowerment Guide For Youth and Allies", a book that supports students' journey with self confidence, social issues, and healthy relationships.

Latoya founded Youthhype; a community based organization that inspires youth to be civically engaged and self aware. Latoya works in education supporting schools to create alternatives to suspension and cultivate a climate of restorative practice, accountability, and cultural responsiveness. Latoya is an advocate for youth in underserved communities and uses her platform to support and amplify youth voice.



Audin Leung

Audin Leung (they/them) is the co-founder and Political Director of Free The Period, a student-led coalition and campaign fighting to end period poverty in California. They are a Senior at UC Davis whose experience with intimate partner violence earlier in college led them to political organizing as a form of healing. Since then, their work has produced AB367: The Menstrual Equity for All Act of 2021, which would make free menstrual products available in bathrooms of nearly all public buildings in California.



Lily Arangio

Lily Arangio is a sophomore at Saint Francis High School. She is involved in organizations focused on gun control advocacy, healthcare equality, international youth empowerment, environmental justice, and women's representation in politics. In her spare time, she enjoys bingeing Netflix shows and playing with her golden retriever.



Desiree Victor

Desiree stands in her power as a self-identified Xicana, born and raised in San Jose with roots in Sahuayo Michoacan. She brings her lived experience, a Master's degree in Mexican American Studies/Education, and 15+ years of community work to her role as Site Director for Santa Clara County at YWFC. Grounded in community knowledge and ancestral wisdom, she uses the critical lens of a feminist of color to contextually call out injustices that oppress communities of color, specifically those that affect young women. As a pregnant high school push-out by the age of 15, Desiree returned to school at 19 (then with 2 sons) to pursue her G.E.D. She attended community college, transferred to San Jose State University and went on to acquire her Master's. Through it all, she learned that she was not the labels and lies placed on young women like her. She is working to build a world where all young women feel in their spirits that they are capable and they are worthy, just as they are. She is a committed mother of 3, loves writing poetry, and has a passion for Chicanx and family history. Desiree has been working with the YWFC since January 2019.



Cristina Solano

Cristina is from Gilroy and recently graduated from Mount Madonna High School with a 4.0 GPA. Currently, she is an intern with CARAS/Project Evolve and while she has only been with them for a short period of time, her activism in South County began when she was in middle school.

Lunch & Chat: Promoting Equity and Inclusion in the Workplace

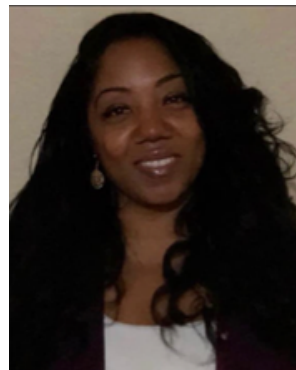
Aileen Casanave, JD

Aileen Casanave is Vice President, Head of Legal at SingleStore, Inc., a Data Analytics Database company with offices/business in UK, Portugal, India, Canada, & the Ukraine, where she manages the company's global Legal and Immigration matters, regulatory compliance and the company's Diversity and Inclusion efforts. Aileen has been General Counsel or has held senior legal positions at many Silicon Valley companies such as Jiff, Alation, TIBCO, Sun Microsystems and Lockheed Martin. Aileen is currently founder and CEO of Casanave Legal Services which provides pro-bono legal services to the many minority community service organizations such as the African American Community Service Agency (AACSA), where she is General Counsel and the Minority Business Consortium and Jamii Technologies. Ms. Casanave serves on the Board of Governors of University of San Francisco School of Law, is past President of the National Association of 100 Black Women-Silicon Valley Chapter, and President-Elect of the California Association of Black Lawyers. She received her Bachelors from Vassar College and her Juris Doctorate from the University of San Francisco School of Law.



Tamika Van Den Akker

Tamika N. van den Akker is the Racial Equity and Social Justice Senior Coordinator for the Department of Social Services Agency. Additionally, she is the Chair of the African Ancestry Committee (AAEC), a member of the Santa Clara County Racial Equity Advisory Committee, and a member of the Black Leadership Kitchen Cabinet (BLKC) whose missions are to foster equity, equality, empowerment, and change in the community and throughout the Santa Clara County system.



Sameena Usman

Sameena Usman serves as Senior Government Relations Coordinator for the San Francisco Bay Area office of the Council on American-Islamic Relations. She is a board member for Secure Justice and Sacred Heart Community Foundation and an Advisory Member for the Santa Clara County Hate Crimes Task Force. She advocates for legislation impacting civil rights, privacy protections, and an equitable society. In her meetings with Bay Area elected officials, she highlights issues facing the Muslim community, including hate incidents and civil right complaints received by the office. She actively works to build bridges with communities, conducts interfaith dialogue, educates youth, and empowers the American Muslim community.



Sera Fernando (she/her/siya)

Sera Fernando is a Senior Management Analyst for the Santa Clara County Office of LGBTQ Affairs. As an independent D&I communications consultant and social activist, she also serves as Chief Diversity Officer for Silicon Valley Pride, Board of Governor for the Human Rights Campaign Bay Area, and California District 28 Assembly Delegate. Sera leverages her platform in advocating for queer, transgender intersectionality and social justice, speaking at multiple institutions and community organizations, driving home the importance of equity and lifting up the voice of LGBTQ+ storytellers worldwide



Anna Dapelo-Garcia

Anna is the Founder and President of Lean In Latinas and an Inclusion, Diversity and Health Equity Leader at Stanford Health Care. Anna has received numerous awards for her work and has been featured in the New York Times, Wall Street Journal, and National Public Radio.



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Christina Salvatier

Christina Salvatier is the Chief Financial Officer of the Valley Medical Center (VMC) Foundation and recent graduate of SJSU's Master's of Public Administration program. The VMC Foundation has been at the front-lines assisting the County of Santa Clara in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic. In her role, Christina is tasked with tracking financial contributions and donated personal protective equipment (PPE), creating inventory systems, and overseeing funding to continue supporting the County's COVID-19 response efforts.



Dr. Brandi Sinkfield, MD

Brandi Sinkfield is a practicing Anesthesiologist with over ten years of clinical experience. She completed her residency at the Cleveland Clinic, which inspired her interest in clinical innovation. Dr. Sinkfield also completed a Digital Health and Perioperative Management fellowship at Stanford's Anesthesia Informatics and Media Lab. While continuing clinical practice, she also serves as Assistant Medical Director of Quality of Anesthesiology at O'Connor Hospital in San Jose, California. She has spoken at multiple conferences, including Doctors 2.0 in Paris, France, and Stanford Medicine X. She seeks to have open conversations to support populations who could significantly benefit from digital health platforms.



Sonya Tetnowski

Sonya Tetnowski is a Makah Tribal Member and was raised and went to school on her reservation in Neah Bay, Washington. Sonya is the Chief Executive Officer of the Indian Health Center of Santa Clara Valley serving over 22,000 patients through a team of 250 employees. Upon completion of her high school education, she attended Concordia University in Portland, Oregon where she received her Bachelor of Science degree in Business Management and a Master's in Business Administration and Finance, and is currently working on her PhD in Behavioral Science. She was also in the U. S. Army where she served as a Special Operations Sergeant and U. S. Paratrooper (Airborne). Sonya has spent her career advocating for American Indian and Alaska Native rights, as well as Autism Awareness and Veteran Suicide Prevention.



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Dr. Dayani Nualles-Percy

Dr. Nualles-Percy graduated from the University of California San Francisco School of Medicine and completed her residency training in Internal Medicine at Santa Clara Valley Medical Center. She is originally from Havana, Cuba and currently works as a teaching physician at Santa Clara Valley Medical Center. She is passionate about working with immigrant and underserved populations and her interests include health disparities, global health, and implementation of quality improvement projects. She is also a new mom and enjoys cooking and outdoor activities when not working.



Victoria Partida

Victoria Partida tiene un año y medio trabajando en Community Health Partnership (CHP), pero empezó en CHP como Trabajadora Comunitaria de Salud en el 2016. Victoria hoy es la coordinadora para los programas de cobertura médica. Victoria tiene más de seis años de experiencia ayudando a personas a inscribirse en cobertura médica.

Victoria Partida has been working at Community Health Partnership (CHP) for a year and a half, but she started at CHP as a Community Health Worker in 2016. Today, Victoria is the coordinator for CHP's health coverage programs. Victoria has over six years of experience helping people enroll in health coverage.



Lupe Yepiz

Lupe Yepiz es la Educadora de Salud de COVID-19 para Community Health Partnership. Ella tiene 8 años de experiencia trabajando con organizaciones sin fines de lucro, planificación de programas, e impartiendo educación de salud sobre una variedad de temas como nutrición, salud infantil, y prevención de enfermedades infecciosas.

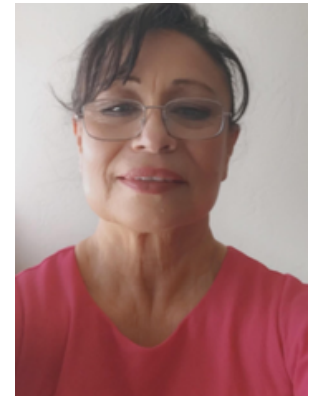
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Carmen Castillo

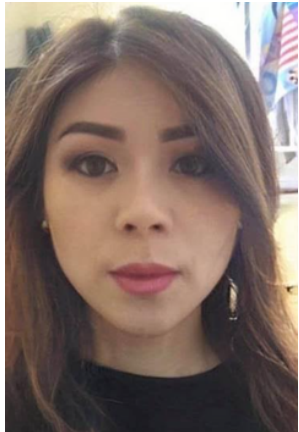
He trabajado con CHP por 4 años, como una Trabajadora de la Comunidad de Salud. Educando y proveyendo servicio a las mujeres que necesitan sus exámenes de mujer bajo el programa de Cada Mujer Vale. Este trabajo en particular es lo hago con el corazón, ya que yo soy una sobreviviente de Cancer de Mama. Mi meta es que todas las mujeres con las que tengo contacto reciban su examen como es necesario.

Carmen has been working with CHP as a Community Health Worker for four years educating and providing services to women under the Every Woman Counts program. This role in particular is very close to her heart as she is a Breast Cancer Survivor. Carmen's goal is to make sure all women she encounters get their screenings as needed.



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Mikelle Le, M.A., LMFT

Mikelle Le, M.A., LMFT, is a Division Director for Consumer and Family Affairs at the Santa Clara County Behavioral Health Services Department. Ms. Le has experience in managing the Office of Consumer and Family Affairs, the Cultural Community Wellness Program, Mental Health Urgent Care, Mental Health Call Center, Mobile Crisis Services, Suicide and Crisis Services, and the Central Wellness and Benefit Center. In total, she has over 20 years of experience working in the County mental health system and in a wide variety of settings spanning the entire continuum of care. She is an experienced clinician, a successful manager, and a respected leader and mentor for other clinical professionals in the community.

She also has previous experience in Santa Clara County Juvenile Probation Department as a Probation Counselor and served as a Buddhist Chaplain for the jail system.



Dr. Phuong Nguyen, MD

Dr. Phuong Nguyen is the Interim Enterprise Chief Medical Officer of Santa Clara Valley Medical Center (SCVMC) and the recently acquired O'Connor Hospital (OCH) and St. Louise Regional Hospital (SLRH). Dr. Nguyen is a practicing obstetrician-gynecologist with over 20 years of clinical experience and over 15 years of medical leadership experience. Prior to her current role, Dr. Nguyen served as the Chief of Gynecology at SCVMC, Chair of various Medical Staff quality committees, and President of SCVMC Medical Staff.



Christine Pham

By day, Christine serves as a deputy chief counsel for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration at Ames Research Center, where she advises on agreements and contracts for aerospace technologies and unmanned aerial systems. Since starting her career, she has been active in a number of community organizations and non-profit organizations, such as the Vietnamese American Roundtable, PIVOT, and the VABANC Law Foundation. She and her husband recently welcomed their first-born daughter during Summer 2020.

Housing for Women

Conditions on the ground and policies that should be pursued. Discuss local efforts to house women and children during the pandemic, and resources, recommendations, and creative solutions to reduce risk of displacement and homelessness.



Jennifer Loving

With more than 20 years working in a variety of shelter, street, and housing programs, Jen has spent her career spearheading efforts to better serve the needs of homeless individuals and families in Silicon Valley. Since joining Destination: Home in 2010, she has brought together public officials, government agencies, private sector leaders, and nonprofit executives to implement a collective impact model in Santa Clara County which has collectively leveraged more than \$1B in new funding for permanent housing and resources to end homelessness in Santa Clara County. In addition, Jennifer serves on the Santa Clara County Housing Authority and State of California Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council.



Consuelo Hernandez, AICP

As Director of the Office of Supportive Housing, Consuelo Hernandez's team works to support the County's mission of promoting a healthy, safe, and prosperous community by ending and preventing homelessness. The Office of Supportive Housing administers the County's \$950M Affordable Housing Bond and other housing development programs, coordinates the countywide network of supportive housing programs, and serves as the lead agency for the local Continuum of Care.

Born and raised in southern California, Consuelo earned a Bachelor's Degrees in Art History and Chicano Studies from UC Santa Barbara, a Master of Arts in Urban Planning with a concentration in Economic Development from the University of Southern California, and a Master of Arts in Public Administration with a concentration in Local Government Finance from the University of Southern California. Consuelo is a certified planner and a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP). In 2019, Consuelo received an Impact Award from SPUR for her efforts to advance deeply affordable housing development throughout Santa Clara County. Consuelo grew up in South East Los Angeles with her parents and five siblings. While at UC Santa Barbara, Consuelo developed a passion for social justice and found a platform for change working in housing and community development.



Claudine Sipili

Claudine oversees the San Jose and Oakland CityTeam @ Work locations. She is also a Board Member for Destination: Home and the Santa Clara County CoC. Claudine is a founding member of the Lived Experience Advisory Board (LEAB). She develops and implements programs to help optimize employability and provide opportunities for clients to earn a living wage and find stable housing. In addition to her management role, Claudine works directly with clients individually to empower them, foster their career interests, and launch them into career paths that were once out of reach. Claudine was born and raised in American Samoa.

Before her nonprofit career, she served in the United States Navy and the Army National Guard. Having experienced addiction and homelessness first-hand, she has a passion for being an active part of the solution for ending homelessness in the Silicon Valley.



Gabriela Chavez-Lopez

Gabriela "Gabby" Chavez-Lopez is the Communications and Membership Manager at Silicon Valley at Home (SV@Home), a local affordable housing policy and advocacy organization. A self-proclaimed "houser", she is responsible for fostering strong relationships with housing advocates and executing on an effective communications strategy that supports SV@Home's mission. Gabby is also active in her Delmas Park neighborhood with her mother and 2 ½ year old son, Jaycius David in tow.

In 2020, Gabby was appointed to the Santa Clara County Planning Commission. In 2021, she was honored as an Extraordinary Women of Santa Clara County by the SCC Commission on the Status of Women. Gabby is the Board President of the Latina Coalition of Silicon Valley. She is a proud graduate of Eastside Union High School District. She later attended Santa Clara University and graduated with a degree in Political Science with an emphasis on Public Sector Studies. At her core, Gabby is a community catalyst passionate about uplifting and championing voices and communities that are often unseen and unheard. She believes that Santa Clara County is a special place—and that housing is the #1 quality of life issue we are facing today.

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Santa Clara County Supervisor Susan Ellenberg represents the residents of unincorporated Burbank and Cambrian, the cities of Campbell and Santa Clara and West San Jose. Supervisor Ellenberg was sworn into office January 2019 and serves as the Chair of the County's Public Safety and Justice Committee and the Vice Chair of the Children, Seniors, and Families Committee. She currently serves as chair on FIRST 5 Santa Clara County, and sits on the boards of Joint Venture Silicon Valley and Silicon Valley Clean Energy. Supervisor Ellenberg focuses her work on prioritizing children, supporting mothers, empowering youth and stabilizing families.



Dr. Mary Ann Dewan

Dr. Dewan is the Santa Clara County Superintendent of Schools. She has served in education over 32 years in a variety of leadership roles. Dr. Dewan believes that all students deserve high quality, equitable, and inclusive education. She serves on a number of committees and boards to promote equity focused system's change at local, county, and state levels. Dr. Dewan is recognized for her leadership and her commitment to serve the community and underserved, vulnerable youth. She is passionate about diversity, inclusion, equity, and social justice.



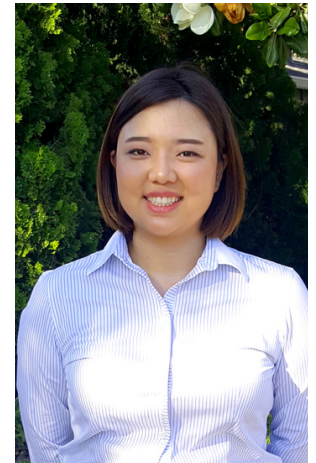
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Kathleen King retired from Applied Materials, Inc. after twenty years and is currently the CEO of the Healthier Kids Foundation (HKF), a non-profit foundation focused on the health needs of low income residents of Santa Clara and San Mateo County. Kathleen became a Santa Clara County Board Trustee in February 2018 and is currently Vice President. Kathleen was elected to the Saratoga City Council in November of 2002 and served as Mayor of the city in 2005 and again in 2010. Ms. King finished her term on the California State Dental Board and is a board member of Santa Clara Family Health Plan, Trustee of the Lincoln Law School of San Jose, and a member of American Leadership Forum (ALF) class XVII.



Melissa Hong

Melissa Hong is the Director of Early Learning for FIRST 5 Santa Clara County. For the past 7 years, she has been instrumental in the implementation of Santa Clara County's high quality child care initiative, QUALITY MATTERS...a STRONG START for kids (QUALITY MATTERS). The QUALITY MATTERS initiative brings Santa Clara County partners together around quality early learning, inspiring early educators, strengthening families, and uniting the community around the critical goal of ensuring high quality early learning opportunities are accessible by all children. Prior to joining FIRST 5, Melissa was an evaluation consultant for the New York City of Department of Education and worked in various administrative roles for the Berkeley Unified School District. Melissa received a bachelor's degree in Cognitive Science from the University of California, Berkeley and obtained a master's degree in Sociology and Education from Teachers College, Columbia University in New York City.



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Dr. Hilaria Bauer

Hilaria Bauer, Ph.D., was appointed Superintendent of the Alum Rock Union Elementary School District in June 2014, returning to the District where she had previously served for ten years earlier in her illustrious career in education. Dr. Bauer obtained her bachelor's degree and teacher's certificate from St. Mary's University in San Antonio, her master's degree from the University of Texas in San Antonio, her State of California administrative credential from San Jose State University, and her doctorate in philosophy in educational administration from Texas A&M University in College Station.



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Being born and raised in Oakland, Le Tran developed a passion for education because she recognized the power of multiculturalism. Currently, she is the proud principal of Ben Painter Elementary School in East Side San Jose where she is dedicated to growing the Vietnamese Dual Immersion Program.



Tien Nguyen

Tien is a Community Outreach Specialist with the Universal Access Pilot program for the County of Santa Clara, since 2019. Prior to that she was the Program Director for 4 years at ICAN, a non-profit Vietnamese organization dedicated to providing services to support the Vietnamese Community.

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Women in the Arts and Survival during COVID-19

A survey by Americans for the Arts, a nonprofit organization based in Washington, D.C., found that 62 percent of artists were fully unemployed, and more than 94 percent had experienced a loss of income from the pandemic. Get resources and recommendations to help governments address the challenges artists and cultural professionals are facing during the pandemic, and tips to uplift and support local artists and culture.



Tamara Alvarado

Tamara serves as a Program Officer in the David and Lucile Packard Foundation's Local Grantmaking Program leading the cultural and civic investments in the Vibrant Communities portfolio spanning the five Bay Area counties that the program serves: San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Monterey, and San Benito. Tamara joins the Packard Foundation after serving as executive director of the Leo M. Shortino Family Foundation, a San José, California-based foundation that focuses on youth and arts. Tamara has held executive, board, and director positions at various local, regional and national arts and community organizations, including the School of Arts and Culture at Mexican Heritage Plaza; the Multicultural Arts Leadership Institute at 1stAct Silicon Valley (now SVCREATES); MACLA/Movimiento de Arte y Cultura Latino Americana; and WESTAF (Western States Arts Federation). Tamara holds a bachelor's degree in Spanish Literature with an emphasis in Chicano Studies from Stanford University. She has been a traditional Aztec dancer for over 20 years and is a member of Calpulli Tonalehqueh Aztec Drum and Dance.



Viera Whye

Viera has been an active member of the San Jose community for more than forty years. She is Co-Founder and has been the Producing Artistic Director for Tabia African American Theatre Ensemble and San Jose Multicultural Artists Guild for more than 35 years. She earned her BA in Theatre and Sociology from Towson University in Baltimore; and her Masters in Theatre from San Jose State. Viera is a Director, Actor, Poet, Educator, Administrator, and Leader. She has numerous stage, film, and commercial credits as a professional theatre practitioner. Viera successfully combines art and technology in her current role as a Diversity and Inclusion Business HR Partner at Intel Corporation, and was employed as a Telecommunications professional for 32 years at Siemens Communications. She is a past President for the National Coalition of 100 Black Women - Silicon Valley (NCBW-SVC), a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority - Eta Rho Omega Chapter, and the San Jose Chapter of The Links, Inc. She has served on committees with the San Jose African American Community Service Agency, the SJ Mayor's Task Force, and several other organizations. She was one of the inaugural Black Legends Award recipients in 2015, and the Whye-Piper Arts award continues to be presented in her and David Piper's name. In 2020 she was selected as one of SV Biz Journals' 2020 100 Women of Influence. Other recognition includes Alpha Kappa Alpha Farwest Regional Arts Award, Community Service Award from the Santa Clara County Alliance of Black Educators (SCCABE), the SC Human Relations Award for her work in building community through the Arts, an "Excellence in Leadership" Award from the SJ NAACP, "Woman of the Year Award" from NCBW-SVC, and her work with Tabia and SJMAG has been recognized by numerous other organizations.

Under Viera's leadership Tabia and SJMAG have provided quality, affordable, and professional theatre to the San Jose community. She is the proud parent of two handsome and witty sons, Copeland Bryan and Courtney Bryan. Viera is passionate about her work in the community and uses theatre arts as a means of human connection and creative expression to "stir the soul," unite, educate, and celebrate community and culture.



Trami Cron

Trami is a longtime resident of Northern California and Executive Artistic Director of Chopsticks Alley Art. CAA is a non-profit promoting Southeast Asian cultural heritage through the creative expression of art to foster greater understanding, support, and celebration among individuals with differing abilities, the LGBTQ community, elders, and youth. She is also the Chief Editor of Chopsticks Alley Publication, an online multi-media platform seeking to unite and empower Vietnamese and Filipino Americans, emphasizing emerging young leaders and cultural trends. Trami is the author of VietnamEazy, a novel about mothers, daughters, and food. She is a cultural organizer, producer, and host of talk shows and podcasts. Trami has a Business Marketing degree from the University of Utah and currently serves as City of San Jose Arts Commissioner.



Anjee Helstrup-Alvarez

Anjee Helstrup-Alvarez is the Executive Director of MACLA/Movimiento de Arte y Cultura Latino Americana located in downtown San José, CA. She's led transformative efforts at MACLA to build organizational capacity, secure a permanent facility, launch a youth digital media lab, and deepen engagement programs while ensuring artistic excellence and community relevance. As a lifelong arts advocate, she is a frequent advisor to the philanthropic field and cultural sector. Anjee's areas of expertise include creative placemaking, commissioning artwork, program development, board development, capacity building, economic and real estate development, fund development, and participatory evaluation. In 2009 Anjee was recognized for her dynamic leadership with the "40 Under 40" award from the Silicon Valley Business Journal. She is a senior fellow in American Leadership Forum - Silicon Valley Class XXXVII. She currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Silicon Valley Council of Nonprofits and the San Jose Downtown Association. Anjee earned an MA in Visual Criticism from California College of the Arts and a BFA in pictorial arts from San Jose State University.

Women in the Environmental Movement During COVID-19

The County, State, and Nation are seeing increases in negative environmental impacts at an accelerated rate. These impacts are causing an increase in food insecurity, a decrease in water protections, a loss of animal habitat, and an increase in air pollution. Learn ways to decrease negative impacts to a healthy environment by preserving Coyote Valley and increasing remote work options.



Teresa Alvarado

Teresa Alvarado is Principal of Morado Consulting where she works closely with executive leaders, boards of directors and key stakeholders to shape more resilient and successful companies and thriving communities. Teresa serves as a Gubernatorial appointee and chair of the California Water Commission, a public body which serves as the primary public forum for discussing water issues in the state. She previously served as a commissioner of the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission chairing its Environmental Justice Commissioner Working Group.

Teresa holds an M.S. degree in civil and environmental engineering from Tufts University, a B.S. degree in environmental studies and a Minor degree in technical writing from San Jose State University. She is an American Leadership Forum Silicon Valley senior fellow.



Andrea Mackenzie

Andrea Mackenzie is General Manager of the Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority, where she works to protect and steward the region's open spaces, natural areas, and working lands to support healthy ecosystems, communities, and economies. Andrea has worked in land use planning, conservation policy and finance, and open space protection for county, regional, state, and national agencies. She successfully passed open space funding measures in Sonoma and Santa Clara Counties generating over \$600 million for land conservation. She is a past fellow of the National Conservation Leadership Institute, and serves on the Board of Together Bay Area as well as the SPUR San Jose Policy Board.



Hon. Hope Cahan

Hope Cahan is a Public Policy Consultant for Supervisor Cindy Chavez. After living in the Bay Area for 20 years, Hope moved to Falmouth, Maine to be closer to aging family members. Hope was an early adopter of remote work and provides staff support for Supervisor Chavez's work with the Bay Area Air Quality Management District, Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG), Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), Caltrain, and the Valley Transportation Authority (VTA). Hope is also a Town Councilor for Falmouth, Maine, President of the Greater Portland Metro Bus Board of Directors, Vice President of the Portland Area Comprehensive Transportation System, and sits on the Greater Portland Council of Governments.

Youth Action: Self-Care during COVID-19

The phrase "self-care" is used broadly but generally describes intentional activities that promote one's own physical, mental, social, emotional, and spiritual well-being. Practicing self-care can improve confidence and self-esteem and serve as an important reminder that your own needs are just as important as your responsibilities and the needs of those around you. While people of all ages are impacted by the pandemic, teens are experiencing unique challenges as a direct result of the pandemic and actions taken to prevent the spread of infection.



Sera Fernando

Sera Fernando (she/her/siya) - Sera Fernando is a Senior Management Analyst for the Santa Clara County Office of LGBTQ Affairs. As an independent D&I communications consultant and social activist, she also serves as Chief Diversity Officer for Silicon Valley Pride, Board of Governor for the Human Rights Campaign Bay Area, and California District 28 Assembly Delegate. Sera leverages her platform in advocating for queer, transgender intersectionality and social justice, speaking at multiple institutions and community organizations, driving home the importance of equity and lifting up the voices of LGBTQ+ storytellers worldwide.



Lauryn Mineta

Lauryn Mineta is a freshman at West Valley Community College. She is an intern for the Behavioral Health Contractors Association, working on the current community mobile response team for Santa Clara County. She was the founder and president of Bring Change to Mind Club at Leigh High School, as well as an Allcove Youth Advisory Group, and Stanford Youth and Adolescent Mental Wellness Conference member.



Casey Kamali

Casey Kamali is the host of "Mind in Pieces," a podcast where teens and young adults anonymously discuss their experiences growing up. Through honest and unscripted dialogue, listeners hear directly from young people about their experiences with mental health battles, drugs and alcohol, family struggles, academic pressures, body image, and much more. Casey graduated from Los Gatos High School in 2020 and is currently studying criminal justice and psychology at Northeastern University in Boston. A former athlete who suffered multiple concussions leading to physical and mental disabilities, Casey relates to her guests from a unique perspective bringing to light intimate conversations that benefit both the guests and the listeners.

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