

Announcing the Boards and Commissions Leadership Institute First Cohort

The Sacramento Housing Alliance, and its project the Coalition on Regional Equity, are proud to present the graduates of the Boards and Commissions Leadership Institute. The First Cohort of the Boards and Commissions Leadership Institute has just graduated from the five month, 80 hour leadership development program. The cohort includes eleven leaders from the region who have been trained in the skills and expertise that will enable them to effectively serve on boards and commissions throughout the Sacramento region related to land use, health, housing, transportation, and similar issues important to their communities.

RONALD COLEMAN

Resides: City of Sacramento District 7, Sacramento County District 2

Nominated by: California Rural Legal Assistance Foundation

Employment: Statewide Policy Analyst for the California Immigrant Policy Center

Leadership Positions: Chair, Latino Health Alliance

Previous Experience: Over 5 years experience advocating on a wide-range of issues to protect the interests of low income communities and working families.



ANA ESTRADA

Resides: City of Sacramento District 4, County of Sacramento District 1

Nominated by: USC State Capital Center in Sacramento

Employment: Director of Programs and Customer Relations for the Kiely Group

Leadership position: Board Member, American Society of Public Administration – Sacramento Chapter and AmeriCorps Alumna

Previous Experience: Program Administrator for USC State Capital Center where she designed, delivered and evaluated health leadership programs.



TERA FLORES HANNAH

Resides: City of Sacramento District 4, County of Sacramento District 1

Nominated by: Sacramento Habitat for Humanity

Employment: Research Associate at Legislative History and Intent

Leadership Positions: Member of Family Selection Committee for Sacramento Habitat for Humanity, the Asian Pacific Islander Capitol Association, and the Guam Women's National Soccer Team.



JESUS HERNANDEZ

Resides: City of Sacramento District 7, County of Sacramento District 2

Nominated by: Sacramento Habitat for Humanity

Employment: Lecturer and PhD candidate in Sociology at UC Davis

Previous Experience: Over 28 years of policy, regulation, legislative analysis and program oversight experience in social services and forensic mental health programs; over 28 years of experience in real estate sales, financing and consulting in the Sacramento area.



RUTH IBARRA

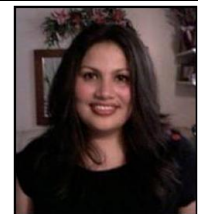
Resides: City of Sacramento District 6, County of Sacramento District 1

Nominated by: SEIU Local 1000

Employment: Associate Government Program Analyst for the California Dept. of Housing and Community Development, Division of Codes and Standards

Leadership Positions: Officer in her union.

Previous Experience: Social studies teacher for middle and high school students.



The Sacramento region's Boards and Commissions Leadership Institute is modeled after Urban Habitat's BCLI. Urban Habitat's Boards and Commissions Leadership Institute identifies, trains, places, and supports low-income people and people of color for priority boards and commissions seats in the San Francisco Bay Area. Priority seats are those that influence equity in terms of transportation, land use, housing, jobs, and the environment. This "seats first" model is the first of its kind in the nation.

JULIO LAMAS

Resides: City of Sacramento District 1, County of Sacramento District 1

Nominated by: Rural Community Assistance Corporation

Employment: Housing Coach for Visionary Home Builders of California

Leadership Positions: Board of Natomas Community Association, Member of Latino Democratic Club

Previous Experience: Loan Administration Specialist for Rural Community Assistance Corporation, and 2011 graduate of the City of Sacramento Management Academy.



EDWARD T. LEWIS

Resides: City of Sacramento District 1, County of Sacramento District 1

Nominated by: New Millennium Foster Family Agency

Employment: Adjunct Lecturer in the CSUS Division of Social Work - Title IV-E Project

Leadership Positions: Member of Sacramento County Public Health Advisory Board, Natomas Community Planning Advisory Council

Previous Experience: Nearly twenty years of experience in the social work and mental health fields; extensive involvement in health-focused advisory boards, non profits, and professional organizations, especially in relation to health disparities and education for communities of color.



TAM MA

Resides: City of Sacramento District 7, County of Sacramento District 2

Nominated by: Legal Services of Northern California

Employment: Legal Fellow at Legal Services of Northern California

Leadership Positions: Board of The Women's Foundation of California, Past President & Advisory Board of My Sister's House

Previous Experience: Six years as Policy Consultant for State Senator Sheila Kuehl, advising on legislative and budget issues relating to land use, housing, consumer protection, women's issues, public safety and the judiciary.



EDITH MARTINEZ

Resides: City of Sacramento District 4, County of Sacramento District 1

Nominated by: River City Food Bank

Employment: CalFresh Outreach Coordinator for River City Food Bank

Leadership Positions: Member, Food Stamp Advocacy Task Force, Sacramento Hunger Coalition Steering Committee



SHANNON MCKINLEY

Resides: City of Sacramento District 6, County of Sacramento District 1

Nominated by: Assemblymember Sandre Swanson

Employment: Senior Consultant for Assemblymember Swanson

Leadership Positions: Co-Founder and Chair of the California Capitol Black Staff Association, Vice President of Programs for the Black Youth Leadership Project

Previous Experience: Served as the first Chapter Director for New Leaders Council-Sacramento and was a 2008 New Leaders Council-San Francisco Fellow.



MINDY ROMERO

Resides: City of Davis, Yolo County District 4

Nominated by: Sacramento Yolo Mutual Housing Association

Employment: PhD candidate in Sociology at UC Davis, Researcher for UCD Center for Regional Change

Leadership Positions: Chair of the Board of Directors of Sacramento Yolo Mutual Housing Association, Member of Board of Directors for the Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Center of Yolo County



Further information on BCLI is available here: <http://equitycoalition.org/leadership/>

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