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*Tuesday, September 20, 2022*

# AGENDA

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12:00 PM –

## **Opening Remarks**

12:10 PM

**Madalene Xuan-Trang Mielke**

Asian Pacific American Institute for Congressional Studies (APAICS)

**Meredith Attwell Baker**

CTIA

12:10 PM –

## **Enabling Opportunities: 5G and Communities of Color**

1:00 PM

**Sponsored By: Accenture, AT&T, Dell**

Fifth generation (5G) mobile networks are the next big leap in mobile broadband. Peak download speeds as high as 20 gigabits-per-second will enable specialized tasks like remote precision medicine, connected cars, virtual and augmented reality, and a wide array of internet of things applications. For communities of color that often lack reliable broadband access, 5G represents increased economic opportunity through improved access to social services, such as health care, education, transportation, energy, and employment. This panel will explore the potential of 5G and how we ensure communities of color are not left behind.

- **Jefferson Wang, Accenture**
- **Beth Fujimoto, AT&T**
- **Pierluca Chiodelli, Dell**
- **Moderator: John Nakahata, HWG**

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1:05 PM –  
2:00 PM

## **Challenges to Broadband Access: From Infrastructure to Digital Literacy**

**Sponsored By: Comcast, T-Mobile, Verizon**

Access to broadband (high speed Internet) is essential in today's hyper connected online world. Despite decades of private investment and government subsidies, far too many remain on the wrong side of the digital divide faced with either a lack of access (e.g., rural and tribal lands), a lack of digital literacy skills, or the inability to afford the cost of an Internet connection. Achieving sustainable, ubiquitous low-cost Internet access is a significant challenge that, to overcome, will require smart policies, strategic partnerships, and a new vision for getting us there. This panel will discuss the physical and social infrastructure that needs to be considered in order to enable the opportunities that high-speed internet can bring, particularly for underserved communities.

**MOC Remarks: Congresswoman Grace Meng (NY-6)**

- **Alka Patel, Comcast**
- **Emilio Gonzalez, Verizon**
- **Anais Carmona, T-Mobile**
- **Anni Chung, Self-Help for the Elderly**
- **Moderator: Thu Nguyen, OCA-Asian Pacific American Advocates**

2:10 PM –  
3:00 PM

## **Diversifying Career Pathways into the Tech Field**

**Sponsored By: Microsoft, Toyota, Salesforce**

Panelists during this session will share insights, lessons learned and future opportunities/challenges regarding new approaches to recruiting more diverse candidates for tech-related careers and opportunities. From innovative training and apprenticeship programs, to partnerships with MSIs, community colleges, and high schools, the tech field is becoming increasingly accessible to individuals who have previously been excluded. This candid discussion will also highlight the gaps that still exist in the education and tech ecosystems that prevent more widespread participation in tech from the most underrepresented communities.

**MOC Remarks: CAPAC Chair, Congresswoman Judy Chu (CA-27)**

- **Portia Wu, Microsoft**
- **Matthew and Folola Malele, P.I.E.F.E.S.T.**
- **Jennifer Jao, Toyota**
- **Ann Weeby, Salesforce**
- **Moderator: Khánh Vũ, Society of Asian Scientists and Engineers**

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3:10 PM –  
3:55 PM

## **Ethical Frameworks for Artificial Intelligence, Privacy, and Cybersecurity**

**Sponsored By: Accenture, ADL**

Technological progress should promote equity and justice as it enhances safety, economic opportunity and convenience for everyone. But far too often, people subject to historical and ongoing discrimination—including communities of color, religious and ethnic minorities, people living on low-income, the LGBTQIA community, people with disabilities, women, and others—face disproportionate bias, harassment, and surveillance. How do we ensure that these communities do not bear the brunt of harms amplified by new technologies? How do we advance technology and ensure it is used in ways that respect civil rights, preserve privacy, ensure transparency, and hold both governments and companies accountable?

- **Arnab Chakraborty, Accenture**
- **Daniel Kelley, ADL**
- **Emily Chi, Asian Americans Advancing Justice - AAJC**
- **Moderator: Shreya Singh Hernández, Aspen Institute**

3:55 PM –  
4:00 PM

## **Closing Remarks**

**Madalene Xuan-Trang Mielke**

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12:30 PM –

## Opening Remarks

12:40 PM

**Madalene Xuan-Trang Mielke**

Asian Pacific American Institute for Congressional Studies (APAICS)

**Krish Gupta**

Dell

12:40 PM –

## Measuring Your ERG Impact

1:30 PM

**Sponsored By: Apple, Comcast, Doordash, Tiktok**

Employee Resource Groups (ERGs) are critical in the technology field. However, simply having ERGs does not automatically mean they will result in a positive or meaningful impact. Learn about the various initiatives that can contribute to positive outcomes for companies, employees, and their communities. We will discuss efforts to create cross-functional partnerships, leverage executive sponsors, establish key metrics, engage members, partner with community organizations, and more. Learn how to really move the needle and get noticed.

- **Michael Chop, Apple**
- **Alexandra Dailerien, Comcast**
- **Vanessa Chui, Doordash**
- **Belinda Frazier, Tiktok**
- **Moderator: Susan Jin Davis, APAICS Board & AI Roker Entertainment**

1:35 PM –

## Fireside Chat

2:00 PM

**The Honorable Katherine Tai**

United States Trade Representative

*Wednesday, September 21, 2022*

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## **How Technology Affects Social Change**

3:00 PM

**Sponsored By: ADL, Airbnb, Motion Picture Association**

Technology has changed the way communities organize themselves, create content, and share information. Technology therefore has the power to shape opinions, influence trends and styles, and have a profound impact on the norms and values of a society. It also can create mis/disinformation and further fracture our communities. In this session, experts will explore the effects of technology on society, and how it can be used to raise awareness and foster tangible change.

**MOC Remarks: Congressman Kaiuli'i Kahele (HI-2)**

- Eileen Hershenov, ADL
- Nayana Renukumar, Airbnb
- Greg Saphier, Motion Picture Association
- Jenny Liu, Asian Americans Advancing Justice - AAJC
- Moderator: Sonal Shah, United Way

3:10 PM –

## **Exploring How Fintech is Driving Financial Inclusion**

3:55 PM

**Sponsored By: Blockchain Association, Rocket Companies**

Financial Technology not only has the power to transform the way we invest and bank, it can also be utilized for social good and driving financial inclusion in marginalized communities. Financial inclusion implies that individuals & businesses have access to affordable financial products & services that meet their needs ranging from payments, savings, to credit and insurance. This discussion will convene leaders in the financial services community to explore how Fintech can be used to drive social equity as it relates to financial inclusion..

**Remarks: Hon. Don Cravins Jr., Under Secretary of Commerce, Minority Business Development Agency**

- Jae Gnazzo, Blockchain Association
- Dhairya Dholiya, Rocket Companies
- Mayor Farrah N. Khan, City of Irvine, California
- Rakesh Gopalan, McGuireWoods LLP
- Joyce Pisnanont, National CAPACD
- Moderator: Irene Bueno, NVG

3:55 PM –

## **Closing Remarks**

4:00 PM

**Madalene Xuan-Trang Mielke**

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# SPEAKERS



## **Ambassador Katherine Tai**

US Trade Representative

Ambassador Katherine Tai was sworn in as the 19th United States Trade Representative on March 18, 2021. As a member of the President's Cabinet, Ambassador Tai is the principal trade advisor, negotiator, and spokesperson on U.S. trade policy. Prior to her unanimous Senate confirmation, Ambassador Tai spent most of her career in public service focusing on international economic diplomacy, monitoring, and enforcement. She previously served as Chief Trade Counsel and Trade Subcommittee Staff Director for the House Ways and Means Committee in the United States Congress. Additionally, Ambassador Tai is an experienced World Trade Organization (WTO) litigator. She previously developed and tried cases for the Office of the United States Trade Representative, eventually becoming the Chief Counsel for China Trade Enforcement. Before transitioning to federal service, she practiced law in the private sector, clerked for district judges, and taught English in Guangzhou, China.

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## **CAPAC Chair, Representative Judy Chu**

Member of Congress, CA-27

Congresswoman Judy Chu was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in July 2009. She represents the 27th Congressional District, which includes Pasadena and the west San Gabriel Valley of southern California. Rep. Chu currently serves on the powerful House Ways and Means Committee, which has jurisdiction over legislation pertaining to taxes, revenues, Social Security, and Medicare. In that Committee, Rep. Chu is a member of the Subcommittees on Health, giving her oversight over healthcare reform and crucial safety net programs, Worker and Family Support, and Oversight. She also serves on the House Small Business Committee, which has oversight of the Small Business Administration, and is the Chair of the Small Business Oversight Subcommittee. Chu was first elected to the Board of Education for Garvey School District in 1985. From there, she was elected to the Monterey Park City Council, where she served as Mayor three times. She then was elected to the State Assembly and then California's elected tax board, known as the State Board of Equalization. In 2009, she became the first Chinese American woman elected to Congress in history. In 2011, Chu was elected Chair of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus, which advocates for the needs and concerns of the Asian American and Pacific Islander community across the nation.



## Representative Grace Meng

Member of Congress, NY-6

U.S. Congresswoman Grace Meng is serving her fifth term in the United States House of Representatives. Grace represents the Sixth Congressional District of New York encompassing the New York City borough of Queens, including west, central and northeast Queens. Grace is the first and only Asian American Member of Congress from New York State and the first female Congressmember from Queens since former Vice Presidential nominee Geraldine Ferraro. Grace is a member of the powerful House Appropriations Committee and is Vice Chair of its Subcommittee on State and Foreign Operations. She also sits on the Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, and the Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies. The Appropriations Committee is responsible for funding every federal agency, program, and project within the United States government. Grace is also a Senior Whip and Regional Whip for New York, and a founder and Co-Chair of the Kids' Safety Caucus, the first bipartisan coalition in the House that promotes child-safety issues. She helped create and serves as a founding member and former Co-Chair of the Quiet Skies Caucus which works to mitigate excessive aircraft noise that adversely affects communities. Grace has passed several pieces of legislation into law. These include laws about religious freedom, making Queens historic sites part of the National Park Service, striking "Oriental" from federal law and protecting public housing residents from insufficient heat. Also signed into law were her measures to assist veterans and members of the military, and provisions to improve consumer protections and safeguards for children. In addition, Grace has fought to expand opportunities for communities of color, young people and women, and she secured resources to help local small-businesses.



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## Representative Kaiuli'i Kahele

Member of Congress, HI-2

U.S. Representative Kaiuli'i (Kai) Kahele is serving his first term in Congress. He represents Hawai'i's 2nd Congressional District, encompassing the islands of Hawai'i, Maui, Kaho'olawe, Moloka'i, Lāna'i, Kaua'i, Ni'ihau and the rural parts of O'ahu, including Waimanālo, Kailua, Kāne'ohe, the North Shore, and Leeward coast.

Congressman Kahele serves on two House committees, the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, one of the largest committees in Congress that has jurisdiction over all modes of transportation, and the Armed Services Committee, which has jurisdiction over U.S. defense policy, including ongoing military operations.

Congressman Kahele is a combat veteran, pilot and a commissioned officer in the Hawai'i Air National Guard, U.S. Air Force where he continues to serve as a lieutenant colonel at Hickam Air Force Base, Hawai'i. He served in Iraq and Afghanistan as a C-17 Globemaster III and C-130 Hercules pilot in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. In addition to serving the country in Congress and the Armed Forces, Congressman Kahele is an active commercial airline pilot with Hawaiian Airlines where he flies the Airbus A330 wide-body aircraft on both domestic and international routes. Prior to being elected to the U.S. House of Representatives, Congressman Kahele served in the Hawai'i State Senate where he represented the 1st Senatorial District, which encompasses the greater area of Hilo on the island of Hawai'i. During his tenure as a state senator, he served as the Majority Whip and Majority Floor Leader as well as the Chair of the Committees on Higher Education and Water and Land.



## The Honorable Don Cravins Jr.

**Under Secretary of Commerce, Minority Business Development Agency**

Mr. Donald "Don" R. Cravins, Jr. serves as the first Under Secretary of Commerce for Minority Business Development where he leads the Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA) in its service of the nation's 9.7 million minority business enterprises. After more than 52 years in existence, in 2021 President Biden signed the Minority Business Development Act of 2021 expanding and making permanent MBDA as the United States' newest federal agency. Under Secretary Cravins was unanimously confirmed by the United States Senate on August 4, 2022.

Mr. Cravins holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Louisiana State University and a Juris Doctor from the Southern University Law Center, where he served on the Law Review and the Moot Court Board. In 2004, he was elected to the Louisiana House of Representatives and in 2006 elected to the Louisiana State Senate. While in the Louisiana Legislature, he represented hundreds of businesses —many were minority-owned, and many located in rural communities. Following Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, Mr. Cravins served as a voice and champion for business owners, assisting with navigating the challenges related to recovery and rebuilding.

In January 2009, Mr. Cravins left the Louisiana Legislature to serve as Staff Director and Chief Counsel for the United States Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, where he played a vital role in the successful passage of the Small Business Jobs Act of 2010. In January 2013, he became the Chief of Staff to United States Senator Mary L. Landrieu of Louisiana. At that time, he was the only African American Chief of Staff in the United States Senate.

Since leaving the United States Senate in 2015, Mr. Cravins has served in key executive positions for some of America's largest non-profit and for-profit corporations, including the National Urban League where he most recently served as its Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer. As one of the Nation's preeminent Civil Rights Organizations, Mr. Cravins led the National Urban League's entrepreneurial initiatives and spearheaded its corporate Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion program.

In addition to serving as Under Secretary, Mr. Cravins is a United States Army Major in the District of Columbia Army National Guard Judge Advocate General (JAG) Corps. His awards and military decorations include two Meritorious Service Medals, three Army Commendation Medals, the Air Force Commendation Medal, and the Army Achievement Medal. He is also a Life Member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., a Life Member of The Rocks, Inc., and a member of the 100 Black Men of Prince George's County.

His honors include induction into the Southern University Law School Hall of Fame in 2018, recognition as a Distinguished Alumnus of Louisiana State University in 2015, and in 2020 he was named Advocate of the Year by the National Bar Association. Under Secretary Cravins and his wife, Yvette Puckett Cravins, Esq., have three children and reside in Maryland.



## Meredith Attwell Baker

President and CEO | CTIA

Meredith Attwell Baker joined CTIA-The Wireless Association as its President and CEO in June 2014. She brings extensive experience on spectrum issues and wireless policy and a keen understanding of how government and business must work together to drive innovation.

Prior to joining CTIA, Meredith served as the Senior Vice President of Government Affairs at Comcast NBCUniversal where she was responsible for developing policy positions on legislative and regulatory issues and representing those positions before the U.S. Congress, the Administration and government agencies.

Appointed by President Barack Obama in 2009, Meredith served as a Commissioner to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) until June 2011. During her tenure, she championed a forward-looking approach to spectrum management issues as well as a flexible regulatory environment to encourage continued innovation and competition in the technology and telecommunications industries.

Prior to joining the FCC, Meredith served in the Bush Administration as the Acting Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information as well as the Acting Administrator of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA). While at NTIA, she facilitated the nation's historic transition to digital television, which freed commercial spectrum for wireless companies, and promoted market-based policies that encouraged innovation; served on delegations representing the United States at major international telecommunications conferences; and engaged in bilateral discussions with senior level officials from countries around the world to encourage investment in the United States.

Meredith serves on multiple boards, including the Economic Club of Washington, the National Alliance to End Homelessness and St. Christopher's by the Sea. She has received multiple honors and awards including: *Washingtonian's Most Powerful Women in Washington*, *Tech Titans* and *Most Influential People*; *Washington Business Journal's Women Who Mean Business*, *Fierce Wireless' Most Powerful People in Wireless*, *The Hill's Top Lobbyist* and *Washington & Lee University's Distinguished Alumni*.

Meredith holds a B.A. from Washington & Lee University and a law degree from the University of Houston. She is a member of the Texas State Bar. She and her husband Jamie reside in Arlington, Virginia. She has four stepdaughters and one granddaughter.



## Krish Gupta

Senior Vice President - Litigation and Intellectual Property | Dell

Krish leads the litigation and intellectual property teams with global responsibility for managing and resolving business and intellectual property litigation and disputes, providing legal support for and developing the company's policies for patents, trademarks and copyrights, open source and standards, building and managing the patent, trademark and domain portfolios, intellectual property licensing, driving patent and IP policy efforts and IP support for M&A activities and commercial transactions.

Krish serves as President of the Association of Corporate Patent Counsel (ACPC), a membership association of Chief Intellectual Property Counsel of businesses operating in the United States. He serves as Treasurer and is a member of the Board of Directors of the Intellectual Property Owners Association (IPO), a trade association for owners of patents, trademarks, copyrights and trade secrets. Krish also serves on the Board of the Northeast Chapter of the Association of Corporate Counsel, a global legal association that promotes the common professional and business interests of in-house counsel who work for corporations, associations and other private-sector organizations. Krish also serves as Trustee for The Foundation for Advancement of Diversity in IP Law. Krish is frequently asked to speak at legal events and forums throughout the U.S. In addition, he has also testified three times before congressional committees on patent reform legislation.

Krish holds an MS degree in Electrical Engineering from Clemson University and a JD from Suffolk University Law School.

# PANELISTS & MODERATORS



## Pierluca Chiodelli

Vice President Engineering Technology & Edge Portfolio Product Manager and Customer Operations | Dell

Pierluca Chiodelli is currently Vice President Engineering Technology & Edge Portfolio Product Manager and Customer Operations at Dell.

Pierluca's organization is responsible for Edge Enterprise Dell roadmap and vision and strategic technical partners engagement across Dell.

Previously, Pierluca served as VP of Product Management for Storage Portfolio and Customer Operations where his organization oversaw the Portfolio Strategy for the Storage BU and led the technical resources across the major storage products.

Pierluca also serves on the executive leadership board of Dell' Asian in Actions employee resource group.

Pierluca has been with Dell since 1999, with experience in field support and core engineering across Europe and the Americas. Prior to joining Dell, he worked at Data General and as a consultant for HP Corporation. Pierluca holds degrees in Chemical Engineering and Information Technology.



## Beth Fujimoto

Associate Vice President, Public Policy | AT&T

Beth Fujimoto, AVP – Public Policy for AT&T is responsible for state and federal policy development on 21st Century universal service issues including broadband availability, government broadband funds, helping people who have low incomes to afford broadband, and how these programs are funded.

Before joining AT&T, Ms. Fujimoto was an Executive Director of External Affairs for Cingular Wireless; State Regulatory Counsel for AT&T Wireless; a partner in the Honolulu law firm of Watanabe Ing & Kawashima; and Head Researcher and Budget Analyst for the Ways & Means Committee of the Hawai'i State Senate.

Ms. Fujimoto was born and raised in Hilo, Hawai'i. She is a graduate of the Seattle University School of Law and the University of Hawai'i, Mānoa, and lives in Redmond, Washington.



### Jefferson Wang

Senior Managing Director | Accenture

Jefferson leads Accenture's new Global 5G and Networks practice, uniting 8,000+ network resources under a common vision that modern network connectivity is a new competitive differentiator that will improve lives. The practice helps Communication Service Providers and Enterprises with industry-specific network solutions from plan and design through build and run. Digitization, data analytics, and the cloud continuum will accelerate in the era of compressed transformation, but the foundation across these trends and all industries is a modern network. Therefore, digital transformation needs modern network transformation. Jefferson has lived and worked on six continents and across key industries, such as communications, media, utilities, oil and gas, manufacturing, finance, public service, and healthcare to name a few. He spends time with clients to find signal in the noise, crystallize complex business problems, estimate the impact of solving these problems, determine tech and ecosystem partners required and then stitch it all together around new business models. Jefferson is a regular speaker at Mobile World Congress and CES, and is frequently interviewed by Bloomberg, Wall Street Journal, Forbes, CNN and Fortune. His book 'The Future Home in the 5G Era,' made the Amazon best seller list. He also enjoys volunteering at: Multiple Sclerosis Society, Children's Tumor Foundation, KIPP Charter Schools, and Developments in Literacy.



### John Nakahata

Chair | HWG

John Nakahata, Chair of HWG, is widely regarded as one of the leading telecom lawyers in the United States. Ranked by *Chambers USA* in its top "tier one: band for telecommunication, John provides strategic regulatory advice to large and small telecommunications, Internet, hardware, software, terrestrial wireless companies and cable companies. For over two decades, John has advised clients with respect to communications rulemakings, enforcement actions, regulatory compliance and transactional diligence and regulatory approvals. He served as Chief of Staff of the Federal Communications Commission under Chairman William Kennard, and was Senior Legal Adviser to Chairman Reed Hundt. John has had substantial involvement with major FCC competition, intercarrier compensation, and universal service proceedings since 1996. During his FCC tenure, John was one of the principal staff involved in the FCC's implementation of the landmark Telecommunications Act of 1996, including the FCC's "competition trilogy" of interconnection, universal service and interstate access charge orders. After leaving the FCC, John spearheaded the Coalition for Affordable Local and Long Distance Services (CALLS), which developed a comprehensive plan—adopted by the FCC—to reform telecommunications subsidy mechanisms and intercarrier pricing. He later helped a client end a rival's long grip on a telecommunications numbering contract, positioning the client successfully to bid for the contract. John helps many clients that receive FCC support payments navigate compliance, FCC rulemakings and FCC enforcement actions. He also has substantial experience with FCC transaction approvals. While at the FCC, he oversaw consideration of a major telecommunications merger approval. In private practice has also led major merger approvals, including a precedent-setting acquisition of a US carrier by a foreign carrier. John also served as a subcommittee staff director and legislative counsel to United States Senator Joseph Lieberman (D-Connecticut). In that capacity, he helped to shape and to pass the Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992, and he organized Senate hearings that resulted in the development and widespread adoption of a voluntary content rating system for video games. John earned a B.A. from Wesleyan University and a J.D. from Harvard Law School. Mr. Nakahata is recognized as a leading telecommunications lawyer in numerous publications, including *Chambers USA*, *The Legal 500*, *Best Lawyers*, and *Super Lawyers*.



### Anais Carmona

Director of Federal Legislative Affairs | T-Mobile

Anais Carmona serves as Director of Federal Legislative Affairs for T-Mobile. In this capacity, Anais is responsible for representing T-Mobile's federal legislative interest before Members of Congress on issues related to telecommunications and technology. She also specializes in developing strategic partnerships with key third-party stakeholders and key constituencies. Anais is the President of the Hispanic Lobbyists Association and has served on the Board for four consecutive years, where she brings programming, mentorship and networking opportunities tailored to serving the Hispanic professional community in Washington DC. Anais was recognized as part of the Alumni Society's Mission-Driven Class of 2019, City Year's '2018 Idealist of the Year Award' and Prospanica's 2018 '40 Under 40' for her exemplary leadership, service, and commitment to the growth of the Latino community. She participated in the Fundación Carolina Hispanic Leaders Program in Spain in 2017. Anais was also selected to participate in Center for American Progress (CAPs) sixth class of the U.S. -Mexico Leaders Initiative. Prior to her time at T-Mobile, Anais was an Associate at D&P Creative Strategies, where she represented clients in the telecommunications, tech, and energy space. Anais has experience in the U.S. House of Representatives in the office of Congressman Beto O'Rourke, who represents her hometown of El Paso, Texas. There, she worked on issues pertaining to immigration and foreign policy. Anais has also worked on homeland security issues at Obsidian Analysis and interned at the Pew Research Center. Anais has academic expertise in Middle East affairs, international security, and is a published author in the fields of Bitcoin and religious freedom. Anais graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Foreign Service from Georgetown University and is proudly from the El Paso – Ciudad Juarez border region.



### Anni Chung

President and CEO | Self-Help for the Elderly

Anni Chung oversees and manages a Bay Area community-based organization, Self-Help for the Elderly that provides a comprehensive range of health, educational, social and recreational services to over 40,000 seniors a year in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Since 1966, Self-Help provides a comprehensive range of eldercare services that includes Senior Nutrition, Case Management, Senior Escorts, Affordable Housing, Licensed HomeCare and Hospice, Adult Day Services, Emergency IHSS, Employment and Training for Older Workers, HICAP, Transportation, and Residential Care for Alzheimer's patients. Self-Help operates 15 Senior Centers, three Affordable senior housing projects, and the Chinatown One-Stop Career Link Access center for immigrant job seekers.

With a staff of over 300 and an annual budget of \$30 million, Self-Help started in San Francisco Chinatown and now serves seniors in five Bay Area counties: San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Alameda, and Contra Costa Counties. Anni is Self-Help's CEO since 1981.

Anni currently serves on the Steering Committee of API Council. She also serves on the Board of Wildflowers Institute and is the Elder Abuse Chair of the Family Violence Council in San Francisco. In October 2020, she was appointed by Governor Newsom to serve on the California Commission on Aging.

Anni is the Producer of a Public Affairs show called "Chinese Journal" for KTSF-TV 26.



### **Emilio González**

**Executive Director for Public Policy & Strategic Initiatives | Verizon**

Emilio González is the Executive Director for Public Policy & Strategic Initiatives at Verizon where he manages a wide-ranging external affairs portfolio and leads several internal strategic initiatives.

Emilio is a first generation immigrant, a graduate of Harvard University and lives in Washington, D.C. with his wife and daughters.

Emilio joined Verizon in 2004 as Director for Hispanic and Asian American Affairs. For almost three decades, Emilio has been an active supporter and advisor to several of the nation's leading civil rights policy organizations.

Among his recognitions Emilio and Verizon have received the Courage Award from the Asian American Justice Center (AAJC), the Corporate Advocate of the Year from Asian Pacific American Institute for Congressional Studies (APAICS), Business Advocate of the Year from the US Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and a Lifetime Achievement Awards from the Mexican American Legal & Education Defense Fund (MALDEF)

Prior to joining Verizon, Emilio was an appointee in the Clinton Administration focusing on technology and Internet policy issues. As Technology Advisor to the U.S. Secretary of Education, Emilio helped design, develop and implement the E-rate program which is the single largest federal investment in educational technology to date.

Before joining the Administration, Emilio served as Senior Analyst at the U.S. Congress Office of Technology Assessment (OTA) where he advised standing committees of Congress on tech issues and co-authored Making Government Work.

Emilio is an Executive Committee member of the Mexican American Legal and Education Fund (MALDEF) board of Directors. He is also the Secretary of the board of directors for the Congressional Hispanic Leadership Institute (CHLI). Emilio was recently elected to the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) Board of Directors and to the Board of the Asian American Justice Center (AAJC).



### Alka Patel

Vice President of Government & External Affairs | Comcast

Alka Patel, JD, MBA, currently serves as Vice President of Government and External Affairs for Comcast in the Keystone Region focusing on advancing digital equity, having accrued over 20 years of experience working at the intersection of technology, business, and law, across private, academic, and government sectors. Prior to Comcast, Patel was employed as the inaugural Chief of Responsible AI for the U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) Joint Artificial Intelligence Center (and across the federal government) where she led strategic creation, development, and implementation of an enterprise-wide Responsible AI program, providing key leadership and support to drive AI innovation, and advancing national and foreign policy for Responsible AI in defense. Previously, Patel was the inaugural Executive Director of the Digital Transformation and Innovation Center at Carnegie Mellon University, sponsored by multinational professional services provider, PricewaterhouseCoopers. Patel was directly responsible for the operational start-up of this exciting private industry-meets-academia initiative, as well as managing research projects in the field of artificial intelligence, data analytics, and cybersecurity/privacy. In addition to her current role at Comcast, Patel's previous private sector roles include Managing Director and Senior Counsel for The Bank of New York Mellon as well as Senior Intellectual Property Counsel while in private practice. Patel has also been applauded for her social conscience and professional contributions, serving on numerous non-profit boards advocating for gender and racial diversity.

Patel holds a Juris Doctorate and Masters in Business Administration from Duquesne University, and a Bachelor of Science in Materials Science and Engineering from the University of Pittsburgh.



### Thu Nguyen

Executive Director | OCA-Asian Pacific American Advocates

Thu Nguyen serves OCA National as its Executive Director. A graduate from Rice University with degrees in Chemistry and Sociology, Thu found her way into the nonprofit sector through organizing Asian American students on campus and bridging partnerships between student groups and local Houston community organizations. She curated the first Asian American student art gallery at Rice, which pioneered the university's annual underground Asian American art exhibition. Before OCA, she freelanced for non-profits and Asian-owned start-ups to do community outreach and social media marketing.

In her capacity, Thu oversees storytelling, relationships, fundraising, and operations for OCA. She brings a unique understanding of grassroots organizing and design to her work at the national level. She is the chair of the Asian American Media Alliance, member of the Consumer Advisory Panel of AT&T, and the Equity, Diversity, & Inclusion Council of Charter Communications.

With her spare time, Thu focuses on the intersection of advocacy with small businesses. As the daughter of Vietnamese refugees, she was raised in a nail salon (and is a Texas state certified nail technician) and learned the importance of community building as an entrepreneur. This has led to her work freelancing with restaurants, hotels, and museums to create spaces that bridge sociopolitical issues with cultural activities such as supper clubs, zine-making, and more. To read more on the spaces she makes, visit [thudawin.org](http://thudawin.org).

## PANEL 3: Diversifying Career Pathways into the Tech Field



### Jennifer Jao

**General Manager, ITx / Design, Manufacturing, and Supply Chain (DMSC) | Toyota**

Jennifer Jao is a Toyota Motor North America's IT Executive leading the mobility production systems transformation in R&D, Manufacturing, Vehicle and Parts Supply Chain. Jennifer is responsible for delivering world class IT solutions to enable Toyota to run the core business operations and exceed customers' expectations in the highly competitive automotive market. She leverages the Toyota Way foundation, combined with modern technology, data analytics, AI/Machine Learning, and talented people to produce happiness for all.



### Matthew & Folola Malele

**Cofounders | Pacific Islanders Encouraging Fun, Engineering, Science and Technology (P.I.E.F.E.S.T.)**

Matthew and Folola Malele founded Pacific Islanders Encouraging Fun, Engineering, Science and Technology (P.I.E.F.E.S.T.) in South San Francisco, CA. The non-profit organization's mission is to improve Pacific Islander representation and increase access to Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) related careers. As 1st generation Pacific Islander parents raising their children in the Bay Area, they were aware of how the lack of Pacific Islander visibility in STEM can become an additional barrier in supporting pathways to STEM careers, and took action to create an inclusive and supportive community within STEM for Pacific Islander children in grades K-5th.

Matthew was born and raised in Cason, CA by his parents - Malele & Cecilia Malele, and is proud of his American Samoan heritage. He completed his undergraduate degree at the University of California Berkeley and went on to complete his Master's degree from Notre Dame de Namur University in Special Education. Matthew has over 9 years of teaching experience in the Bay Area where he continues to work with high school students.

Folola Malele is the proud Tongan American daughter of Teleisia Fotu and Kapelieli Takapu. She was born and raised in the Bay Area, CA and completed her undergraduate degree in Ethnic Studies from the University of California Berkeley and Masters of Social Work Degree from the University of Southern California. Folola has over 12 years of experience providing direct service to underserved communities and currently works as a medical social worker.

As both P.I.E.F.E.S.T. founders and parents, they are committed to engaging children and youth by sharing educational, hands-on STEM activities, hosting STEM events and partnering with STEM programs to provide access to resources that will continue to nurture and encourage early interest in STEM as children grow into adulthood.

## PANEL 3: Diversifying Career Pathways into the Tech Field



### Ann Weeby

Senior Director of Workforce Innovation | Salesforce

Ann leads the content, product, engineering, and operations teams that power Trailhead, the fun and free way to learn Salesforce. She has been at the company for seven years, working at the intersection of technology innovation and global impact in various roles. She is passionate about workforce development, nontraditional education, and helping underrepresented groups break into tech.

Outside of work, Ann is also the current Board Chair for Technovation, a global nonprofit that inspires girls and families to be leaders and problem-solvers in their lives and communities. She also serves on the Workforce Investment Board for the City of San Francisco. Ann lives in the San Francisco Bay Area and enjoys exploring the East Bay by bicycle or trail with her two young kids.



### Portia Wu

Managing Director of U.S. Public Policy | Microsoft

Portia Wu is Managing Director of U.S. Public Policy for Microsoft, where she oversees a team tackling federal policy issues critical to the technology industry and handles policy regarding workforce, skills, and immigration. During the Obama Administration, Wu served as Assistant Secretary of the Employment and Training Administration at the U.S. Department of Labor, where she oversaw billions of dollars in federal workforce and training investments. Prior to that she served as Special Assistant to the President for Labor and Workforce Policy and as General Counsel and Labor Policy Director to Senator Edward M. Kennedy.



### Khánh Vũ

CEO & Executive Director | Society of Asian Scientists and Engineers

Khánh and his family immigrated to the USA from Vietnam at the end of the Vietnam conflict. Khánh graduated from the Colorado School of Mines with a degree in chemical engineering and 3 minors. He worked for Amoco after graduation as a production engineer. He subsequently went to work for the family businesses: Asian grocery and real estate. He helped grow the family business to become the largest Asian grocer in the region. After selling the retail business, Khánh continued to work in real estate.

His passion for helping young adults and fondness for Mines led him back to accepting the position as the fourth Director of the Multi-cultural Engineering Program (MEP), which Khánh was part of MEP's inception in 1989 as a student and was instrumental in the founding of the Asian Student Association in the early 90's, which later became PASES (Professional Asian Society of Engineers and Scientists), eventually merged with SASE. As a Society of Asian Scientists & Engineers (SASE) volunteer, Khánh helped plan the 2011 National Conference. Khánh joined SASE full time as the Executive Director in late 2011. Khánh oversaw the doubling of the collegiate chapters and tripling its membership during his 1st year tenure with SASE. SASE has become the largest professional Asian American Organization in the US by numbers of chapters, conference size and organizational support. He looks forward to growing SASE to its full potential.

Khánh enjoys spending time with his wife, Uyên, and 4 children: Thiên Ân “JP”, Thiên Sơn “Vincent”, Thiên Hải “Dominic” & Thiên Hà “Teresa”. His hobbies include youth ministry, volleyball and being a foodie.



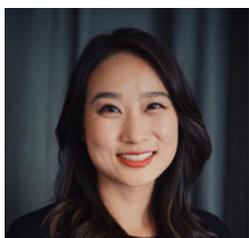
## Arnab Chakraborty

North America Applied Intelligence Lead | Accenture

Arnab Chakraborty is the company's North America Applied Intelligence Lead, where he plays a key role in driving collaboration with AI startups and ecosystem partners along with academic and research institutions to bring AI-led innovation to clients.

Arnab is also on the advisory board of UC Berkeley Institute of Data Science and Stanford Institute of Computational Math and Engineering. He also serves as the national sponsor for the company's collaboration with Upwardly Global to help immigrant communities thrive in the US. Prior to joining Accenture in 2012, Arnab held several roles, including working as a Director of Global Analytics at Hewlett Packard; Analytics Manager at Genpact; and a consultant with KPMG Consulting.

Arnab holds a Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Engineering from the National Institute of Technology Rourkela, as well as an MBA from the National Institute of Industrial Engineering.



## Emily Chi

Assistant Director of Telecommunications, Technology, and Media | Asian Americans Advancing Justice - AAJC

Emily Chi is the Assistant Director of Telecommunications, Technology, and Media at Asian Americans Advancing Justice - AAJC, where she is responsible for developing and providing public policy research, strategies, analysis, and education on telecommunications, technology, and media diversity.

Prior to joining Advancing Justice - AAJC, Emily worked as a researcher on various projects at the Harvard Kennedy School, including Product & Society at the Shorenstein Center on Media, Politics and Public Policy and the Technology and Public Purpose (TAPP) Project at the Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs.

Emily started her career as a paralegal at the U.S. Department of Justice in the Antitrust Division. She went on to work with various Bay Area tech companies to build ethical and consumer privacy-centered products. She has also worked with local government agencies in Toulouse, France and Boston, MA to conduct user research and launch accessible and safe online tools for the community.

Emily received her B.A. in Legal Studies and Political Economy from the University of California, Berkeley. She received her MPP at the Harvard Kennedy School, where she served as Co-Chair of the Asian American Pacific Islander Caucus and contributed to the Asian American Policy Review. Her studies and research in graduate school centered around the social impact of developing technologies, especially in the context of racial equity and workers' rights.



## Daniel Kelley

Director of Strategy and Operations, Center for Technology and Society | ADL

Daniel Kelley (he/him/his) is the Director of Strategy and Operations at the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) Center for Technology and Society (CTS). CTS works through research and advocacy to fight for justice and fair treatment for all in digital social spaces from social media to online games and beyond. Daniel leads the center's work to fight hate and harassment in the games. Since 2019, Daniel has been the lead author of ADL's annual nationally representative survey of hate, harassment and positive social experiences in online games, which will be repeated again for the fourth time this year. He also manages the center's game research and conducts advocacy with the game industry, civil society, government and the broader public to push for an all of society response to ensure that online games become respectful and inclusive spaces for all people. He is the member of the advisory board of Raising Good Gamers and an advisor to the Fair Play Alliance. Find him on Twitter at @danieljkelly.



## Shreya Singh Hernández

Tech Equity Research Manager | Aspen Institute

Shreya Singh Hernández (she/her) is a data and tech equity subject matter expert focused on social impact. Shreya believes that data contains the lived experiences of diverse communities that deserve to be represented accurately and equitably to inform impactful decisions. Shreya is currently working at The Aspen Institute as Aspen Digital's Tech Equity Research Manager. In this role, she works at the intersection of tech, policy, and justice for underrepresented communities. Shreya partners with leaders and academics in the digital technology sector to standardize diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) data from employee engagement to product impact to help hold the tech industry accountable as a whole.

Shreya Singh Hernández's career of over 8 years of cross-industry experience has taken her from the White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, to Edelman Intelligence, and most recently Planned Parenthood Federation of America where she used data and technology to make community engagement, public policy, and advocacy programs more equitable, effective, and efficient. Shreya has independently trained and spoken at over 20 organizations and conferences on employing data and tech equity practices in public policy, organizing, and community engagement. Most recently, Shreya trained over 135 mayoral staff from cities around the world on creating their own data equity strategy in partnership with Johns Hopkins, Bloomberg Philanthropies, and the City Data Alliance.

Shreya is a 1.5 generation Indian immigrant raised in Marietta, GA and is a proud graduate of the University of Georgia's School of Public and International Affairs.



### Michael Chop

Conversational Interaction Designer | Apple

Mike's biggest passion is his belief that culture is an organization's biggest asset. Culture is what can change the world —to build products and develop ideas that improve and change people's lives. As a Conversational Interaction Designer and engineer at Apple for over ten years, he lives this philosophy to help Siri improve the lives of the millions of people who lean on Siri for help with almost everything. In addition, as the AsianPacific@Apple Employee Resource Group co-chair, this perspective helps bring the Asian American and Pacific Islander community together in awareness and connection.

Before joining Apple, Mike's entrepreneurial spirit started years ago with his own IT consulting company and now extends to developing startups. His latest endeavor involves coaching students at the Sutardja Center for Entrepreneurship & Technology at UC Berkeley to help young MBAs pitch their ideas to venture capitalists to start their own companies and change the world.

Mike loves the theater and the arts outside work and teaches Asian performing arts to the kids of the San Francisco Bay Area. He founded the non-profit organization, the Asian Performing Arts Program of San Francisco ([apapsf.org](http://apapsf.org)), to carry on the work in the community, which culminates every year in the participation in the San Francisco Chinese New Year Parade and dragon boat races around the world.

His personal goal is to continue to train so he is no longer the slowest Ironman at Apple.



### Vanessa Chui

Head of Employee Connections | DoorDash

Vanessa Chui leads the Employee Connections team at DoorDash. Her team uses design thinking to creating large scale employee programs that impact 15K+ employees. From Employee Resource Groups to customer obsession programs, like WeDash, she connects the heartbeat of the employee population to each other and the business.

Vanessa joins DoorDash from Leaflink, where she led Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and employee engagement strategies within cannabis marketplace technology. Within her tenure, she led the biggest cannabis tech partnership with non profit, Last Prisoner's Project. to date.

She's passionate in helping organizations scale and design highly engaged cultures and programs. Vanessa is a native Manhattan-nite (no drivers license yet!) and lives in NYC.



### **Alexandra Dailerian**

**Vice President of Impact & Inclusion | Comcast**

Alexandra Dailerian serves as Vice President of Impact & Inclusion at Comcast Corporation, accountable for the employee engagement program portfolio, including volunteerism, employee giving and board service engagement. In addition, she leads the Impact & Inclusion technology transformation, bringing innovative new technology solutions to the organization.

Prior to this role, Alexandra held several other leadership roles within Comcast, including leading the Internal Communications technology revamp and various corporate and field programs. Before joining Comcast, Alexandra held several program management and innovation roles at the City of Philadelphia government as part of the Office of Technology and Innovation, and more than five years of global management consulting experience.



### **Belinda Frazier**

**Global Head of Culture and Diversity | TikTok**

Belinda Frazier is the Head of Culture & Diversity for TikTok North America, LATAM and Australia. For more than a decade, she has driven work in the space of Diversity & Inclusion. Working at TikTok, her responsibilities support designing and leading initiatives that transform company culture and drive Diversity & Inclusion efforts. She leads her team in launching and partnering with Employee Resource Groups, providing D&I learning experiences, and organizing engagements and campaigns to inspire employees and bring TikTok core values to life.

Prior to working at TikTok, Belinda held various leadership roles at The Walt Disney Company such as: Enterprise Diverse Market Engagement where she led philanthropic efforts to strengthen diversity, Multicultural Marketing to drive relevancy and affinity with diverse segments to Disney Parks, and Public Affairs where she led reputation management efforts for the company. Belinda continues external advocacy in D&I as a member of the American Advertising Federation's Mosaic Council, the advertising and media industry's premier think tank on Diversity & Inclusion and is passionate about driving equity for underrepresented groups in tech both in the workplace and on entertainment platforms.



### Susan Jin Davis

APAICS Board Chair & Social Impact Officer | Al Roker Entertainment

Susan Jin Davis has 30 years of experience in the telecommunications, media, entertainment, and technology industries. She currently serves as Social Impact Officer for Al Roker Entertainment, a leading producer of TV, digital, branded programming and entertainment. She is also an advisor for ALO Advisors, a consulting firm specializing in areas of sustainability, diversity, and corporate social responsibility.

She also serves as faculty for the Center for Creative Leadership in the areas of organizational leadership, women's leadership, and diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Most recently, Ms. Jin Davis was a senior executive at Comcast Corporation, where she held a multitude of roles over a 15-year career at the Company, including becoming the company's first Chief Sustainability Officer, creating the framework for the company's Environmental, Social, and Governance disclosures, operationalizing its renewable energy and energy efficiency strategy, and contributing to transforming its fleet to low-carbon vehicles. She also has deep experience in the areas of cyber security, privacy, and online safety and security.

Ms. Jin Davis is a well-experienced and well-respected executive in the area of diversity, equity, and inclusion ("DEI"). While at Comcast, Ms. Jin Davis negotiated a historic Memorandum of Understanding between Comcast and the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) national community as part of the company's acquisition of NBCUniversal. This created ground-breaking diversity commitments in the areas of programming, supplier, employment, and community investment that are the foundation for the company's current DEI strategy.

She led the launch of Comcast's Internet Essentials Program, which offers affordable high-speed internet for low-income households. Now in its tenth year, Internet Essentials is Comcast's largest, most successful community investment initiative, which has connected more than 10 million low-income Americans to all the opportunities of a digital world through low-cost, high-speed internet at home.

An advocate for Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (APIs) in business and corporate America, she is active in the AAPI community nationally. She serves as the Chair of the Board of the Asian Pacific American Institute for Congressional Studies (APAICS) and serves on the Board of the Asian/Pacific Islander American Chamber of Commerce & Entrepreneurship (National ACE). Additionally, Ms. Jin Davis is a past board member of Leadership Education for Asian Pacifics, Inc. (LEAP), the Asian and Pacific American Scholarship Fund (APIA Scholars), and the Juvenile Law Center. She was recently appointed to the Sustainability Advisory Board of Penn State University's Smeal School of Business. Her other volunteer leadership service includes the Board of Directors of Chestnut Hill College and the Board of Trustees of her undergraduate alma mater, Bryn Mawr College where she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science.

She holds a Juris Doctor degree from Penn State University's Dickinson School of Law. The active runner, arts lover, and foodie lives in Kennett Square, Pa. with her daughter, Sophia.



### Eileen Hershenov

Senior Vice President, Democracy Initiatives | ADL

As Senior Vice President, Democracy Initiatives, Eileen Hershenov develops thought leadership and strategies for ADL's fight against authoritarianism and illiberalism in addition to leading ADL's emerging litigation capacity. She also oversees ADL's civil rights team, cross-organizational work on tech policy, the Civil Society Fellowship (a partnership between ADL and the Aspen Institute), and the library and archives work.

Eileen joined ADL in 2018 after serving as General Counsel (GC) for several of the nation's leading mission-driven not-for-profits. Directly prior to coming to the ADL, she served as GC and head of public policy for the Wikimedia Foundation, which operates Wikipedia, one of the top ten global internet sites. Prior to that, she was GC at Consumer Reports and before that, GC at the Open Society Foundations. Eileen began her legal career clerking for a NY federal district court judge, litigated as an attorney with the ACLU, and then spent three years at the law firm Morrison & Foerster, where among other things, she brought cases supporting racial justice and the rights of women, immigrants, and the LGBTQ+ community, and also litigated and lobbied in the intersection of civil rights and national security.

Eileen began her professional career as a campus and community organizer in New York State, working on environmental issues, transit reform, student and worker rights, and ultimately leading a successful access-to-justice legislative campaign on behalf of victims of toxic substances such as asbestos and DES.

Eileen earned a BA from Yale College and a JD from Yale Law School.



### Jenny Liu

Disinformation and Misinformation Policy Manager | Asian Americans Advancing Justice - AAJC

Jenny is the Disinformation and Misinformation Policy Manager at Asian Americans Advancing Justice - AAJC, where she is responsible for developing strategies to combat the spread of mis/disinformation targeting AAPI communities.

Prior to joining Advancing Justice - AAJC, Jenny worked as a consultant within the forensics practice of PricewaterhouseCoopers. She is currently a volunteer at the Literary Council of Northern Virginia.

Jenny is a graduate of Georgetown University, where she studied international business and marketing. During her time at Georgetown, she volunteered at the D.C. Schools Project and took part in a student-run organization providing pro-bono consulting work to local non-profits.



### Nayana RenuKumar

Policy Lead for International Affairs | Airbnb

Nayana RenuKumar is the Policy Lead for International Affairs at Airbnb. She helps shape Airbnb's positions on global tech policy and geopolitical challenges. Previously she led Public Policy for Airbnb Experiences in Americas and APAC and before that the Policy operations for Airbnb in India.

Nayana holds a master's degree in Public Administration from the Harvard Kennedy School, an MBA in Rural Management and a bachelor's degree in Tourism Management. She has been a digitalHKS Practitioner Affiliate with the Harvard University, a cohort of community builders and thought-leaders on the frontline of technology as it relates to policy, government, governance, and society.



### **Greg Saphier**

**Senior Vice President, External Affairs | Motion Picture Association**

Greg Saphier is senior vice president of external affairs at the Motion Picture Association, where he oversees the association's outreach to third party stakeholders. In this role, he educates diverse communities about the creative industries and policy frameworks that support storytellers. Greg also serves on the board of directors of the Copyright Alliance and is a American Council of Young Political Leaders alumnus.

Prior to joining MPA, Greg served as senior director of state government affairs for NCTA – the internet & television association, representing the cable industry before state intergovernmental organizations. He was also manager of government affairs for the Maryland & DC Credit Union Association, and started his career in Washington as a legislative assistant for Congressman Nick Rahall.

Greg received his bachelor's degree in political science from the University of New Hampshire and his master's of public policy from George Mason University. He resides in Falls Church, VA with his wife and three children.



### **Sonal Shah**

**Interim Executive Vice President, Worldwide Network Advancement | United Way**

Sonal Shah serves as Interim Executive Vice President, Worldwide Network Advancement. She leads the U.S. and International Network teams to work with local United Ways to help deliver the greatest impact for UWW's communities. She serves on the UWW Executive Leadership Team.

Ms. Shah is a global leader on social impact and innovation. She has started and led social impact efforts in academia, government, and the private and philanthropy sectors for more than twenty-five years. Most recently she founded and led The Asian American Foundation, raising over \$1billion, the largest philanthropic effort serving the Asian American community. Before TAAF, she started and led Georgetown University's Beek Center for Social Impact and Innovation for over seven years, training students on social impact and leading research on different models of social innovation. In the Obama Administration, Ms. Shah served as Deputy Assistant to the President and Director of the Office of Social Innovation at the White House, leading the efforts across government to introduce social innovation, including financial innovation, impact metrics, and the role of technology. In the private sector, she led the Global Development Initiatives at Google focused on impact investing and technology for social impact. At Goldman Sachs, Shah developed and implemented the firm's environmental strategy.

Ms. Shah also has significant experience working internationally as an economist at the Department of Treasury, setting up the central bank in Bosnia, working for post-conflict reconstruction in Kosovo, and implementing poverty reduction strategies in Africa. She also served as the chief of operations for the Center for Global Development.

Ms. Shah was appointed by President Biden to serve as the Chief Commissioner on the President's Advisory Commission on Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders. She also serves on Homeland Security Advisory Council. Ms. Shah serves on the board of Oxfam America, the UBS Optimus Foundation, The Century Foundation, and the National Democratic Institute. She also serves as an adviser to Pinterest and Apollo Global Management. She is an advisor to the Provost at Georgetown University. In 2019-20, she served as the National Policy Director for Mayor Pete Buttigieg's presidential campaign.



### **Dhairya Dholiya**

Vice President | Rocket Companies

Dhairya Dholiya is a Vice President at Rocket Solar. In his 3 years at Rocket Companies, Dhairya has been integral in the redesign of the Rocket Loans unsecured financing platform. Most recently he has worked with Rocket Solar which aims to make solar possible for millions of clients by driving a better solar experience helping them connect to cleaner, more affordable energy. Dhairya is on the founding team for Rocket Solar and currently leads Product, Engineering, Marketing and Business Intelligence as a key business partner and decision maker. Prior to Rocket, Dhairya was part of transformation of the subprime lending space at Avant and has also launched strategic bank partnerships for Amount. With his roots in consulting at PwC & Kearny, this University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign graduate has always been about leveraging data to inform decisions and create market differentiating experiences to help every client, every time get access to what's best for them.



### **Jae Gnazzo**

Senior Policy Manager | Blockchain Association

Jae Gnazzo is a Senior Policy Manager at the Blockchain Association. Jae Serves as the association's lead on DeFi, DEI, the Metaverse, NFTs, and Web3. Additionally, Jae is a resource for association membership on international, state, and local policy issues. Before joining the BA, Jae earned a B.A. in Public and International Affairs at Princeton University and his Masters in Public Policy from Georgetown University.



### **Rakesh Gopalan**

Partner | McGuireWoods LLP

Rakesh is a technology and securities lawyer, with extensive experience in complex technology and outsourcing deals, public securities issuances (including initial public offerings) and public company reporting requirements, private- and public-company mergers and acquisitions, and other corporate and transactional matters. He is currently co-chair of the firm's fintech practice and formerly co-chair of the firm's institutional banking practice. Rakesh is actively involved in diversity and inclusion efforts within the firm and the legal community, including through his work as a founding member and current board member of the Charlotte Asian Pacific American Bar Association and as chair of the firm's Asian Lawyers Network.

The fintech portion of his practice is focused on structuring and negotiating complicated fintech transactions, including vendor-facing and customer-facing contractual relationships for fintech companies, fintech service providers and financial services clients. Rakesh also counsels fintech clients in complex, high-value financings as well as in middle-market, mission-critical transactions.



### Mayor Farrah N. Khan

City of Irvine, California

Mayor Farrah N. Khan made history in November of 2020 becoming the 23rd Mayor of Irvine. She not only received the highest number of votes for the position of Mayor in the city's history, but also shattered glass ceilings as the first woman of color to hold the position, and the first Muslim woman to lead a large city in the United States.

Mayor Khan is focused on ensuring that the City of Irvine is a leader throughout Orange County and California when it comes to innovation and technology, maintaining a healthy environment, combating climate change, and protecting the health and wellness of Irvine's diverse communities. In her short time as Mayor, she has initiated several new strategies leading to Irvine becoming the first City in Orange County to spearhead COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics in local neighborhoods and senior centers, passed HERO pay for frontline grocery workers, created a new committee focused on Diversity, Equity & Inclusion, and adopted a resolution with strategies to support achieving carbon neutrality by 2030.



### Irene Bueno

Partner | NVG

With decades of experience working in and with the highest levels of government, Irene has developed extensive high-level relationships across government, including in the executive branch; House and Senate Democratic Leadership; Congressional Committees with jurisdiction over health, education, and appropriations issues; and the Tri-Caucus (Congressional Hispanic Caucus, Black Caucus, and Asian Pacific American Caucus). At NVG, Irene draws on her networks and knowledge of the executive and legislative branches to promote clients' policy objectives. And she gets results – most recently, her clients saw their policy priorities reflected with the inclusion of language in the Affordable Care Act and the Higher Education Opportunity Act; and, in every Congress, Irene ensures her clients secure critical funding for medical research and education programs. Before co-founding NVG, Irene served in the Clinton Administration as Special Assistant to the President in the White House Chief of Staff's Office and Domestic Policy Council and as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Legislation at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Early in her career, she worked as a Legislative Assistant for Senator Alan Cranston (D-CA) and Congressman Edward Roybal (D-CA). Irene serves on the Board of Trustees of the Sheridan School and is a leader in the national Asian Pacific Islander American community. She serves on the Asian American Justice Center's National Advisory Council, Asian American Action Fund Board, and previously served on the Board of the Asian Pacific American Institute for Congressional Studies (APAICS). Irene has been recognized for her service to the Asian American and Filipino American communities by the Filipino American Women's Network and the President of the Philippines.

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Founded by former Secretary Norman Y. Mineta in 1994, APAICS is a national non-partisan, nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to building the Asian Pacific American (APA) political pipeline at all levels, from community advocacy to elected office.

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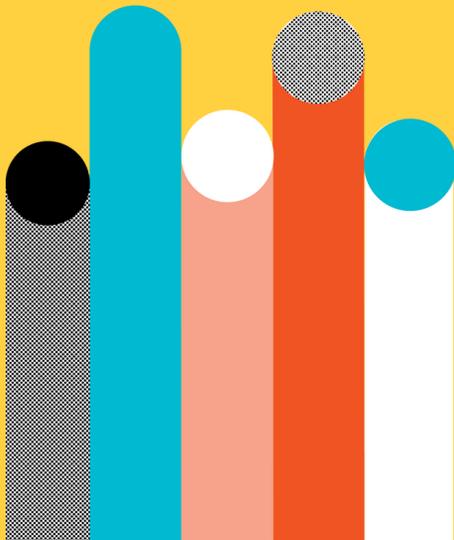
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