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## **Top Business Leaders to be Recognized for Their Professional Success at 7<sup>th</sup> Annual California Diversity & Leadership Conferences**

The California Diversity Council is hosting their 7<sup>th</sup> Annual California Diversity and Leadership Conferences on June 7 in Long Beach and June 9 in San Francisco. This event is designed to educate and create dialogue that contributes to the improvement of diversity and inclusion in the workplace. In addition to offering valuable workshops and discussion sessions, the California Diversity Council will also honor multiple business leaders for their extraordinary success in their professional careers. The theme of this year's conference is "Diversity & Inclusion 2.0: Aligning Purpose, People, & Performance."

"It is an honor to recognize such deserving leaders for their hard work and dedication," said Dennis Kennedy, Founder & Chair of the National Diversity Council. "We hope that highlighting these exceptional professionals motivates others to continue striving for their own professional success."

The awards to be presented during this conference include the Most Powerful & Influential Women Award, the Multicultural Leadership Award, the Multicultural Leader of the Year Award, and the DiversityFIRST™ Award. Each award is reserved for outstanding business leaders who have made a difference through their achievements and exemplify the ability to excel in their field. In addition to their professional accomplishments, these awardees also demonstrate a commitment to the advancement of workplace diversity through inclusion and positive leadership.

Registration for the California Diversity and Leadership Conference is currently ongoing and can be completed at: [www.cadiversityconference.com](http://www.cadiversityconference.com).

### **Northern California Awardees**

#### **Most Powerful & Influential Women Award**

**Ana Corrales**

*Chief Financial Officer & Chief Operating Officer  
Nest*

**M. Bridget Duffy, M.D.**

*Chief Medical Officer  
Vocera Communications, Inc.*

**Nancy Hur**

*VP, Sales  
PeopleFluent*

**InaMarie Johnson**

*Senior VP & Chief Human Resources Officer  
Plantronics*

**Fiona Grandi**

*Partner  
KPMG*

**Catherina Min**

*Partner  
Reed Smith*

**Mary O'Hara**

*Chief Human Resources Officer & Senior VP of  
Internal Communications  
Blue Shield of California*

**Joanna Riley**

*CEO  
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**Marty Réaume**

*Chief People Officer  
FitBit*

**Pat Wadors**

*Senior VP, Global Talent Organization  
LinkedIn*

**Sonja Wilkerson**

*VP, Human Resources  
Hewlett Packard Enterprise*

**Karen Xie, Ph.D.**

*VP, Enterprise Architecture  
Blue Shield of California*

**Karen Warren**

*Sr. Regional VP  
Robert Half*

**Multicultural Leader of the Year**

**Richard (Dick) D. Daniels**

*Executive VP, Chief Information Officer  
Kaiser Permanente*

**Multicultural Leadership Award**

**Govind Balakrishnan**

*VP, Product Development  
Adobe Systems, Inc.*

**Michael Mathias**

*Senior VP & Chief Information Officer  
Blue Shield of California*

**Gautam M. Shah**

*VP, Product Management  
Vocera Communications, Inc.*

**Todd Walthall**

*Senior VP, Customer Experience  
Blue Shield of California*

**Catrina Simbe**

*Senior Regional VP  
Robert Half*

**André K. Campbell**

*Partner  
Hanson Bridgett LLP*

**Emily Ward**

*VP & Deputy General Counsel  
Paypal*

**Astha Malik**

*VP, Marketing  
Pager Duty*

## Diversity Leadership Award

**Shveta Miglani**

*Director of Corporate Learning  
SanDisk*

## DiversityFIRST™ Award

**Deborah J. Broyles**

*Partner, Labor & Employment, Director  
of Global Diversity & Inclusion  
Reed Smith LLP*

**Women's Innovation Network**

*SanDisk*

**Tony Tenicela**

*Global Leader, Workforce  
Diversity & LGBT Markets  
IBM Corporation*

## Southern California Awardees

### Most Powerful & Influential Women Award

**Cindy Ballard**

*Senior VP, Human Resources  
Tribune Publishing Company*

**Marissa M. Dennis**

*Partner  
Allen Matkins Leck Gamble & Natis LLP*

**Monica Bouldin**

*VP  
R&R Partners*

**Lily Yan Hughes**

*Senior VP, Chief Legal Officer, Corporate Secretary  
Public Storage*

**Suzy Lindblom**

*Executive VP, National Fulfillment  
Stearns Lending*

**Dawn Maroney**

*Chief Medicare & Corporate Communications Officer  
Care1st Health Plan*

**Julie Min**

*President  
Harvest West Consulting LLC*

**Nita Parikh**

*Principal  
Jackson Lewis P.C.*

**Anita Ortiz**

*VP, Global Strategy  
Viacom/Paramount Pictures*

**Debra E. Pole**

*Partner  
Sidley Austin LLP*

## Multicultural Leadership Award

**Dino Elizardo Barajas**  
*Partner*  
*Akin Gump Strauss & Feld LLP*

**Aimee Contreras-Camua**  
*Partner, Real Estate Group, Los Angeles Office*  
*Sidley Austin LLP*

**Alma Derricks**  
*VP, Sales & Marketing*  
*Cirque de Soleil*

**Maribel Hines**  
*VP, Learning & Organization Development North America*  
*Universal Music Group*

**Brian A. Sun**  
*Partner*  
*Jones Day*

**Naomi Werner**  
*VP, Human Resources*  
*Össur*

## DiversityFIRST™ Award

**Teresa Beck**  
*Partner*  
*Lincoln Gustafson & Cercos*

**Denise Banuelos**  
*Sr. Diversity Consultant*  
*City of Hope*

**Neal Morrison**  
*Diversity Outreach Director*  
*City Career Fair.*

## About the California Diversity Council

A non-profit organization committed to fostering a learning environment for organizations to grow in their knowledge of diversity. The council affords opportunities for organizations to share best practices and learn from top corporate leaders in the areas of diversity and inclusion.

More information about the California Diversity Council is available at <http://californiadiversitycouncil.org>.

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