



Latinx Speaker Series
Then and Now: The Latino Report Card
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Guest Speaker Bios



Daniel Cedeño

As the child of two immigrants - having a Brazilian mother and Nicaraguan father - I grew up passionate about the intersection of government and Latinx affairs. I now serve in a Chief of Staff role supporting a Regional Vice President at PG&E, supporting the implementation of a new Regional Service Model & Lean Operating System. I am fascinated by corporate non-market strategy, and strongly believe that businesses should care about their communities as much as they care about their customers. I have deep experience with the California State Legislature and have worked at all levels of government: local, state, federal, and international levels. Currently on the Board of Directors for SPUR & Latino Leadership Alliance, and Member Deputy for Silicon Valley Leadership Group.



Leslye Corsiglia

Leslye Corsiglia has spent her professional career in the affordable housing field, working for the State of California, the City of San Jose, and most recently the nonprofit community. Now consulting on housing issues, Leslye recently stepped down from her job as the founding Executive Director of SV@Home, a policy and advocacy organization working to increase affordable housing opportunities in high-cost Santa Clara County, in September.

Leslye served the City of San Jose for 14 years as the Director of the Department of Housing, and ten years as the Department's first Assistant Director. While with the City, she oversaw a program that developed and improved 21,000 affordable housing units, leveraging the City's funds with more than \$2.7 billion from public and private sources. Leslye began her career at the State Department of Housing and Community Development, where she held several positions before taking on the challenge of overseeing the day-to-day activities of the State's housing loan and grant programs. In that capacity, she worked to pass and then implement the first affordable housing bond initiatives, which made \$550 million available for the construction and rehabilitation of affordable housing throughout the State.

Leslye has served on a number of federal, State, and regional housing boards, and recently was the Co-Chair of CASA—the Committee to House the Bay Area, a nine-county regional effort to respond to the Bay Area's housing crisis. She currently serves on the Santa Clara County Commission on the Status of Women and is in the process of considering other opportunities to serve the community!



Gina Dalma

As executive vice president, community action, policy and strategy, Gina is responsible for leading Silicon Valley Community Foundation's impact team to ensure Silicon Valley is a place where all people can lead financially secure, safe and fulfilling lives. As a member of the Executive Leadership team, Gina helps ensure that the principles of equity are applied to all the initiatives SVCF pursues in fulfillment of its mission.

Prior to her appointment as EVP, Gina served as senior vice president for public policy and special advisor to the CEO, driving SVCF's public policy agenda at the regional, state and national levels. SVCF's California lobbying work is centered around affordable housing, education, immigration, economic security, equity and justice. With Gina's leadership, SVCF became a leading voice in Washington, D.C., on topics that advance the philanthropic sector. Gina was pivotal in the passage of the California Mathematics Placement Act of 2015, signed into law by Gov. Jerry Brown in October 2015, and sponsored by Silicon Valley Community Foundation. She serves as a member of the Council on Foundations' Policy Committee, the League of California Community Foundations' Policy Committee and Chair of its Housing Committee. Previously, Gina was SVCF's director of grantmaking. She also led SVCF's education grantmaking strategy, as well as the Silicon Valley Common Core Initiative.

Prior to joining SVCF, Gina was director of innovation at the Silicon Valley Education Foundation. Before moving to the United States, she held several positions related to urban economic development and regulatory economics in the federal and state public sector in Mexico. She holds a Bachelor of Science in economics from ITAM in Mexico City, a Master of Science in economics from the University of London and a Master of Arts in international policy studies from Stanford University. She is an American Leadership Forum Fellow. She resides in Palo Alto with her husband and has two wonderful children.



Mary Ann Dewan, Ph.D.

Mary Ann Dewan, Ph.D. is the Santa Clara County Superintendent of Schools. She has served in education for over 30 years. Dewan believes that all students deserve high quality, equitable, and inclusive education. She serves on a number of committees and boards and promotes effective system's change at local, county, and state levels.

Dewan is recognized for her work in early learning, data driven decision-making, special education, education reform, change leadership, and for her commitment to serve the community and underserved, vulnerable youth. She is passionate about diversity, inclusion, equity, and social justice. She is a champion of youth, whose leadership is driven by a commitment to ensuring all youth have quality educational opportunities. Dewan is an experienced educator having served in a variety of leadership roles.

Dewan earned her doctorate in educational administration from Indiana State University. She received a master's degree in educational administration and elementary education from Butler University, and a bachelors' degree in elementary education, with a minor in special education, from Marian University.



Karla Rodriguez Lomax.

Ms. Lomax joined Kaiser Permanente after previously serving as the Government Relations Manager at Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E). During her time at PG&E she developed and implemented complex strategies and programs and served as the primary point of contact with elected and appointed officials and community leaders regarding emergency response, programs and services.

Prior to her service at PG&E, Karla was an Account Executive at Business Wire, A Berkshire Hathaway Company, where she consulted with corporate communication teams on their public relations techniques and tools and worked to maximize the value of public relations strategies and their public profile.

She was also the principal of her own public relations consulting firm, managing corporate and product communication, providing media training, and producing print and online collateral and material. Her firm served such Bay Area clients as Porter Novelli, IDT, NEC and Actel.

In her role with Kaiser Permanente, Ms. Lomax facilitates, directs, and oversees the South Bay Public Affairs Department -- Communications, Community Benefit, and Government Relations -- that covers the Santa Clara and San Jose Medical Centers, as well as all satellite locations including the Central Coast. She is also responsible for the development and implementation of strategic communications and public affairs' programs that demonstrate Kaiser Permanente's commitment to its mission and promotes and protects the organization's reputation.