

The logo for 'funding our future' is a vibrant, abstract composition. The word 'funding' is in a large, bold, black sans-serif font. Below it, the word 'our' is written vertically in a smaller, bold, black sans-serif font. To the right of 'our' is a large, bold, black sans-serif font for the word 'future'. The text is set against a background of colorful geometric shapes: a yellow semi-circle on the left, a pink semi-circle behind 'our', a yellow circle behind 'funding', a red semi-circle behind 'future', and a blue square on the right. Three green curved lines on the right side suggest a rainbow or a path. On the left side, there are three horizontal green lines. The entire logo is set against a white background with a red bar at the top and a blue bar on the left and a yellow bar on the right.

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# **SPEAKERS**



**AMY ABRAMS**

Chief Community Health  
Officer, Grossmont Healthcare  
District

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Amy Abrams holds a joint Master of Social Work and Master of Public Health from San Diego State University. She worked for many years in aging life care management, supporting people with chronic conditions and their caregivers. She later directed the education and community outreach programs for a local nonprofit organization, and in 2022 joined the executive team at the Grossmont Healthcare District, a public agency that aims to address the unmet health needs of the residents of eastern San Diego County.

In her current role, Amy oversees the district's community health programs and partnerships, including the operations of a public Health & Wellness Library; health programs, outreach and communications; health career scholarships; and a community grants program.



**AMY CORTON**

Private donor

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**CARL EIBL**

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Amy is a retired development professional. She is the Vice Chair of the Board of Planned Parenthood Federation of America.

Carl is a retired venture capital investor. Together with his spouse, Amy Corton, they are private donors.



**CONSUELO MARTINEZ**  
Councilmember – District 1, City  
of Escondido

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Consuelo was elected to the Escondido City Council in 2018 where she served as deputy mayor her first two years in public office. The second Latina elected to Escondido City Council in 130 years, Consuelo was recently re-elected by an overwhelming majority in November 2022 to serve her second term as Councilmember for Escondido City Council - District 1. In her governance role, she also serves on regional boards - the San Diego County Water Authority and San Diego Air Pollution Control District.

In addition to her role as a public official, Consuelo is the Leadership and Advocacy Director for the San Diego Food System Alliance - a regional nonprofit with a mission to cultivate a healthy, sustainable, and just food system in San Diego County. Additionally, she is a small business owner of Hidden City Finds, a vintage and modern home goods and accessories shop. Consuelo is passionate about serving the neighborhoods and city she grew up in. She believes representation matters and we all have a role and duty to get involved in our own backyards.



**DIMPLE ABICHANDANI**  
Fellow, National Center for  
Family Philanthropy

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Dimple Abichandani has spent two decades resourcing movements for justice and transforming philanthropy. Dimple is a philanthropic advisor and a 2023-2024 Fellow at the National Center for Family Philanthropy and serves on the Solidaire Network Board and Trust-Based Philanthropy Project Steering Committee. As Executive Director of General Service Foundation from 2015-2022, Dimple led efforts to align the foundation's grantmaking, investments and governance with justice values. These efforts to shift power and resources earned her the prestigious Council on Foundations Scrivner Award for Creative Grantmaking in 2021.

A lifelong student of social change and a passionate advocate, Dimple has advanced justice as a funder, lawyer and educator. Dimple served as the Executive Director of the Thelton E. Henderson Center for Social Justice at UC Berkeley School of Law, the founding program officer of the Rise Together Fund at the Proteus Fund, a staff attorney and then later Director of Program Development at Legal Services NYC.

Dimple has served on the boards of Grantmakers Concerned with Immigrants and Refugees, Northern California Grantmakers, Third Wave Foundation, Asian Law Caucus and Forward Together. She earned a JD at Northeastern University School of Law, and a BA in English with Honors at the University of Texas at Austin.



**DOLORES HUERTA**  
President and Founder, Dolores  
Huerta Foundation.

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Dolores is a living legend whose lifelong commitment to social justice, labor rights, and equality has left an indelible mark on the world. She will share her compelling journey, passion, and wisdom. Her story of grassroots organizing, advocacy, and unyielding determination serves as an incredible source of inspiration for us all as we come together to transform wealth, power, and community. Navigate to our keynote speaker tab to learn more about Dolores and The Dolores Huerta Foundation.



**EDWARD JONES**

Vice President of Programs and  
Philanthropic Advising Services,  
ABFE - A Philanthropic  
Partnership for Black  
Communities

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Edward Jones is the Vice President of Programs and Philanthropic Advising Services at ABFE – A Philanthropic Partnership for Black Communities, where he deeply embraces the organization’s vision. In his role, he leads philanthropic professional development & convening activities as well as supports the design and implementation of the organization’s racial justice and equity program initiatives for over 1,000 members and partners across the globe.

Jones is a board member of The Weissberg Foundation, which “envisions a world that recognizes inequities and actively seeks to dismantle structural racism by continuously building access, opportunity, and power so that all can thrive”. Additionally, he’s served on the Washington Regional Association of Grantmakers Racial Equity Working Group, and an active member of Zion Church and was a founding member of Zion’s “Justice League”. Edward was a founding member of Black Benefactors, a social investment club/giving circle comprised of individuals, local businesses and organizations that are dedicated to addressing the societal ills facing Black people in the DC region. He is also a founding member of Black Philanthropic Alliance and a board member of Us Helping Us, People into Living, Inc. a regionally focused HIV/AIDS prevention, treatment, overall health, and well-being organization. Edward served as commissioner of Mayor Muriel Bowser’s Serve DC Commission for volunteerism. Prior to joining ABFE, he was the Director of Conference Programming at the Council on Foundations. Edward is a graduate of the University of Akron, OH.



## **KARINNA GONZALEZ**

Climate Justice Policy Manager,  
Hammond Climate Solutions  
Foundation

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Karina found her passion in the climate justice and clean energy space in 2018. She began her career as a Project Associate at the Center for Sustainable Energy where she worked on a number of programs to help expand renewable energy access to communities of concern across the state and helped to launch the statewide Solar on Multifamily Affordable Housing Program.

At Hammond Climate Solutions Foundation, she works to track important energy and climate justice legislation and policies, advocating for good policies that help create a more just and livable future. Karinna is also involved in various San Diego climate coalitions, working with local activists to influence policies that stop climate injustices and reduce impacts of the climate crisis. Karinna serves as a Steering Committee member for the California Alliance for Community Energy and the San Diego Green New Deal Alliance.





**STANLEY RODRIGUEZ**  
President, Kumeyaay  
Community College

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Dr. Stanley Ralph Rodriguez is a citizen of the Santa Ysabel Band of the Iipay Nation. His leadership roles include serving as President of Kumeyaay Community College, a board member for Advocates for Indigenous California Language Survival, a California Indian Heritage Commissioner, and a U.S. Navy Desert Storm Veteran. Dr. Rodriguez is an instructor at Kumeyaay Community College, a faculty member at Cuyamaca Community College, and adjunct faculty at California State University San Marcos. He was also an instructor with the Navy Drug and Alcohol Counselor School.

Dedicated to educating indigenous communities about Kumeyaay history, culture, and language, Dr. Rodriguez is an educator and mentor to Native students of all ages. His passion for revitalizing the Kumeyaay language and Kumeyaay culture inspires his students to carry on their Kumeyaay traditions. Dr. Rodriguez is a constant advocate for cultural preservation and is a renowned Kumeyaay Bird Singer, Wildcat song singer, Yuman song singer, and rattle player.

Dr. Rodriguez has won numerous prestigious awards and completed his Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership in 2019. His dissertation, Kumeyaay Language Loss and Revitalization, contained vital research that has been shared with numerous higher education institutes. Dr. Rodriguez also holds a Master of Science in Human Behavior and a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology.



**STEPHEN MINIX**

Sr. Director of Community  
Strategy, UpMetrics

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Stephen is a former educator who now uses his low-key super-powers to influence the Impact space (philanthropy, impact investing and nonprofits) to a more harmonious existence rooted in true collaboration and partnership vs whack power dynamics that perpetuate all kinds of nonsense.

He attributes much of what he currently knows to being formed while he was a high school PE teacher in Watts. He brings that energy with him wherever he may go now.

He is a believer that perpetual positivity pays off and lending yourself (time, talent and treasure) to others to aid in their success is what this world needs more of.



**VANESSA CARTER  
FAHNESTOCK**

Project Manager, USC Equity  
Research Institute

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Vanessa Carter Fahnestock has been a Project Manager at the USC Equity Research Institute, since 2008. She focuses on economic inclusion, climate justice, and racial justice.

She worked closely with Manuel Pastor and Chris Benner on *Solidarity Economics: Why Mutuality and Movements Matter* (2022) and with Pastor, *State of Resistance: What California's Dizzying Descent and Remarkable Resurgence Mean for America's Future* (2018).

As part of the environmental justice research portfolio that she manages for USC ERI, she is currently co-managing an equity analysis of the California Climate Investments. She sits on the board of Rise Economy.