



2019 LEADERSHIP SUMMIT



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Danielle Garcia



Danielle Garcia earned her Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and master's in leadership & management at the University of La Verne. She currently works for the Anaheim Ducks in Corporate Partnerships. She has worked in the sports industry for over five (5) years where she started out as one of the first ever Dodgers Ball girl in 2014-15. Since then she has worked for teams such as Los Angeles Clippers, San Diego (now) Los Angeles Chargers and the Ontario Reign. When she is not working at the Anaheim Ducks, she is running her own business and non-profit called Ballers Philanthropy where she helps professional athletes use their platform to give back to the community. She works with athletes such as Los Angeles Chargers player, Denzel Perryman, Damion Square and non-profits such as Snoop Youth Football League, Children's Hospital Los Angeles and more! Danielle was honored as Entrepreneur of the Year and a finalist of Woman of the Year

with the Los Angeles Sparks. Danielle is involved in a number of Sports networking groups but is passionate about WISE (Women in Sports & Entertainment). She continues to mentor and help the youth get their start in the sports industry.

Arlis Reynolds



Council Member Arlis Reynolds was elected in November of 2018 to represent Costa Mesa District 5, one of two westside Costa Mesa districts. She is the first person elected to represent District 5 as part of the City of Costa Mesa's historical first District Elections and was sworn in on December 4, 2018.

Arlis grew up in the Freedom Homes neighborhood of Westside Costa Mesa and attended all local schools, including A Child's Place, Pomona Elementary, Victoria Elementary, TeWinkle Middle School, and Estancia High School (where she captained the varsity volleyball and soccer teams). Arlis earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and is a member of the Executive MBA Program at the UCI Paul Merage School of Business. She

works as a consultant in the clean-energy industry, specializing in impact evaluation of energy efficiency and clean energy projects and technologies.

Prior to joining the City Council, Arlis served as Vice Chair of Costa Mesa's Parks and Recreation Commission and as Commission liaison to the Fairview Park Steering Committee. She is committed to protecting our parks and public spaces and supports protecting Fairview Park as a passive, public nature park. Arlis is committed to broader sustainability and environmental efforts, and in 2016, was recognized in the Daily Pilot's "Unsung Hero" series for her approach to sustainable living and my contributions to stopping the development project at Banning Ranch.

Her priorities for Costa Mesa include improving public safety, making our neighborhoods more walk- and bike-friendly, enhancing our local parks, and protecting the charm and creative spirit that defines Costa Mesa.

Arlis comes from a long line of public service, as her grandfather worked in law enforcement, and her grandmother was a school principal for more than 40 years with the L.A. Unified School District. Both her parents had 30-year careers as public-school teachers, and her brother, also an Estancia High School graduate, is a Deputy Attorney General with the California Department of Justice.

Council member Reynolds lives in the Freedom Homes neighborhood of District 5 with her pup Zoe and her cat Peanut and hosts a Little Free Library to share books and notes with her neighbors.

Kristie Hernandez



For over 15 years, Kristie Hernandez has led a life in public service with a passion for government relations, legislative affairs, policy advocacy and community engagement. Kristie's professional experience extends into every level of government - local, state, federal and the executive branch. She has worked in the classroom with students at the Los Angeles Unified School District; advocated with the national Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund; and represented the first female Senate Majority Leader of the California State Legislature. On the horizon of national health care reform, she tirelessly advocated for medically underserved communities as the Manager of Legislative and Advocacy Affairs at AltaMed Health Services - the largest federally qualified health center organization in the country.

In 2014, Kristie was appointed by former President Barack Obama to serve at the Department of Defense (DoD) in the Office of Legislative Affairs as a legislative liaison to the United States Congress. While working at the Pentagon, she advised the Office of the Secretary of Defense and DoD senior leadership on sensitive military personnel and readiness portfolios including: military sexual assault prevention, suicide prevention, diversity management and equal opportunity, military dependent education, DoD and Veteran Affairs collaboration, and the Transition to Veterans Program. Kristie facilitated meetings with DoD and Congress, prepared DoD leadership for Congressional hearings, and communicated closely with the United States Senate and House Armed Services Committees to uphold the department's legislative and budget priorities.

In 2017, Kristie continued serving in the Obama Administration as the Deputy Director of Congressional Relations at the Peace Corps Headquarters in Washington, D.C. She advised the Peace Corps Director and senior leadership on legislative priorities and strategies. She facilitated congressional engagements with Members of Congress and staff on the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee and House Foreign Affairs Committee. Kristie was also tasked with internally evaluating the congressional requirements pertaining to the agency's sexual assault prevention and response program to develop recommendations for agency wide action.

In her current capacity as Director of Program and Operations for UCLA's Veterans Affairs Relations office, Kristie is the liaison for UCLA and the Greater Los Angeles Veterans Affairs Healthcare System (VAGLAHS). Kristie oversees and promotes the Chancellor's recent veteran-related initiative, which expands UCLA's commitment to military veterans and their families with the implementation of three new programs on the VAGLAHS campus – the Veteran Family Wellness Center, UCLA School of Law Veterans Legal Clinic, and the

Center of Excellence for Veterans with a focus on homelessness, substance abuse and mental health recovery. This includes coordination with UCLA Athletics and UCLA Recreation to host veteran centric events and recreational classes. Kristie works directly with leadership at UCLA and VAGLAHS to facilitate communication, engagements and collaboration while ensuring compliance with the VA lease agreement pursuant to the West LA Leasing Act of 2016 in which UCLA committed \$16.5 million to provide veteran-related services over the next ten years.

Kristie carries over her passion and advocacy to promote civic engagement, youth empowerment, safe neighborhoods and a healthy quality of life for her local community and hometown of East Los Angeles. She sits on several boards and committees in the Los Angeles area, including the Weingart East Los Angeles YMCA, the LA County Greater East Los Angeles Advisory Committee, and her Neighborhood Community Advisory Committee. She collaborates with local leaders and law enforcement to help residents and stakeholders find their voice, advocate for change, and navigate the government process to improve neighborhood safety, youth programming, access to healthcare, allocation of resources, and overall quality of life.

Kristie earned her master's degree in Public Administration with a Certificate in Public Policy at the University of Southern California (USC) and completed her Bachelor of Arts at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA). She is a California native from Unincorporated East Los Angeles where she currently resides and is an active community member.

Irene Klepp



Ms. Klepp is a Non-Profit Executive with a demonstrated history of innovation, P&L management and creation of mission-based programs. As Chief Financial Officer of the Richard Nixon Foundation, Ms. Klepp manages the finance, and administrative operations that support over 150,000 annual visitors to the Presidential Library. She successfully bootstrapped an outsourced CFO practice specializing in Life Sciences and Technology. Her corporate finance and accounting career include finance and program management roles at Western Digital Corporation and Verizon Wireless.

Pratik Zaveri



Pratik has 18 years of experience helping emerging and large companies grow. Recognized by peers, senior executives and stakeholders as a trusted leader and collaborative thought-partner/advisor driving results, innovation, and growth, while helping teams realize importance of being good stewards of resources. Diverse background with a unique blend of managerial, analytical and relationship management experience to drive financial strategy and team accountability.

