The Latino Community Foundation (LCF) is the premier Latino fund in California. The mission of the Latino Community Foundation is to build a better future for California by investing in Latino children, youth, and their families. LCF envisions a future where all families are educated, healthy, and empowered to be full participants in the civic and economic life of California. LCF fulfills this mission by investing in community-based solutions, sharing knowledge, uniting leadership, and inspiring philanthropy among Latinos. With initiatives like the Latina Giving Circle, LCF is igniting a new generation of philanthropists with the tools they need to make positive changes.

The Latino Community Foundation is a supporting organization of The San Francisco Foundation. Since 2008, LCF has invested $3 million in 50 Latino-based community partners that have served more than 75,000 children, youth, and their parents. From Fresno to Sonoma, LCF makes grants in 14 counties of Northern California and Central Valley. Grant Program pillars include: education, promoting healthy communities, connecting families to technology, and civic engagement.

To maximize impact, LCF has launched the California Latino Agenda to strengthen the Latino voice and participation in policy. LCF seeks to bring issues that affect the Latino community to the forefront and to unite alliances for a collective advocacy agenda. LCF is connecting philanthropy, business, and community leaders to lead and advocate for lasting solutions for change. For more information, please visit our website: www.latinocf.org

SACRAMENTO SUMMIT
MAY 8, 2014 > SACRAMENTO CONVENTION CENTER
10AM—4PM > RECEPTION TO FOLLOW AT CAFETERIA 15L
9:30 AM  REGISTRATION & BREAKFAST

10:00 AM  WELCOME
Special Guest

10:30 AM  OPENING ADDRESS: THE POWER OF THE LATINO VOTE
Raquel Donoso, CEO, Latino Community Foundation

11:00 AM  COMMUNITY TOWN HALL
Latino community leaders will discuss implementation of key 2013-2014 policy initiatives alongside Latino Caucus members who will share their legislative perspective and insight.

Community Leaders
Lorena Huerta, Executive Director, Familias Unidas
Topic: The Affordable Care Act
Sammy Nunez, Executive Director, Fathers and Families of San Joaquin
Topic: Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF)
Davin Cardenas, Lead Organizer, North Bay Organizing Project
Topic: Trust Act & Driver Licenses
Jose Ivan Arreola, Outreach and Organizing Manager, Educators for Fair Consideration
Topic: Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals and Dream Act

Confirmed California Legislators
Senator Kevin de Leon, 22nd Senate District
Senator Ricardo Lara, 33rd Senate District
Assembly Member Cristina Garcia, 58th District

Moderator
Tyche Hendricks, NPR, The California Report

1:00 PM  LUNCH & KEYNOTE SPEAKER: THE CALIFORNIA BUDGET
California Senator Mark Leno, 11th Senate District

1:45 PM  MAKING CONNECTIONS: AFTERNOON MEET & GREET

2:15 PM  WHAT'S HAPPENING IN SACRAMENTO?
Education: Deborah Kong, President, Early Edge California
Immigration: Reshma Shamasunder, Executive Director, California Immigrant Policy Center
Health: Xavier Morales, Executive Director, Latino Coalition for a Healthy California

3:15 PM  CALIFORNIA LATINO AGENDA: INTERACTIVE POLL
A real-time interactive poll to determine CLA policy and funding priorities. Results will be used to shape the California Latino Agenda.

4:00 PM  RECEPTION TO FOLLOW AT CAFETERIA 15L
1116 15th Street, Sacramento
Senator Mark Leno
(D-San Francisco, 11th District)
Mark Leno was elected to the California Senate in 2008. He currently represents the 11th Senate District of California. Senator Leno chairs the Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committees. From 2002-2008, Senator Leno served in the California State Assembly, representing the 13th District, which encompasses the eastern portion of San Francisco. Prior to his election to the Assembly, he served for four and a half years on the San Francisco Board of Supervisors. During his tenure in the Legislature, Senator Leno has fought for better schools and access to higher education, foster youth, a cleaner and sustainable environment, single-payer universal health care, improved transportation, renewable energy, safer streets and equal rights for all Californians.

A native of Wisconsin, Senator Leno attended the University of Colorado at Boulder, then went on to become valedictorian of his graduating class at the American College of Jerusalem, where he earned his Bachelor of Arts Degree. He also spent two years in Rabbinical Studies at The Hebrew Union College in New York. Senator Leno is the owner of Budget Signs, Inc., a small business he founded in 1978 and operated with his life partner, Douglas Jackson. Together, the two entrepreneurs steadily grew their sign business until Jackson passed away from complications relating to HIV/AIDS in 1990. This deep loss would not deter Leno. Instead, he rededicated his efforts in community service.

Samuel Huizan: Fathers & Families of San Joaquin (FFSJ), Executive Director
Samuel Huizan is a state and nationally recognized expert in the field of youth development, violence prevention and community organizing. He has coordinated a nationally recognized Male Involvement programs and was the 2010 California Peace Prize recipient from the California Wellness Foundation. Samuel founded FFSJ as a catalyst for policy and systems change, reaching out to thousands of vulnerable, at-risk youth and struggling parents. Sammy works with inspiration, creativity, persistence, and a desire to promote peace, harmony and health for every day to get at the underlying structures and systemic factors that must be addressed in order to make genuine progress toward well-being. Sammy’s work applies race and gender as a filter to better understand the root causes and develop solutions for boys and men of color. He focused on promoting practical ways that communities can build stronger multicultural youth/family movements that promote community empowerment and social change focused on reducing societal violence.

Reshma Shamasunder: California Immigrant Policy Center (CIPC), Executive Director
Reshma Shamasunder has been with CIPC since 2003. Under Reshma’s leadership, CIPC has helped to advance several successful campaigns at the state level, including preserving important health and human service programs, supporting survivors of human trafficking and domestic violence, stalling abusive employment verification practices, and furthering important immigrant integration efforts. Reshma currently serves on the board of Health Access California and previously served as co-chair of the South Asian Network in Los Angeles. Reshma was most recently an inaugural fellow with the Rockwood Fellowship for a New California, a leadership program for California’s immigrant rights leaders. She was previously Director of Benefits, Policy and Government Affairs at the Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coalition, and also worked for several years on child labor issues in India. Reshma holds a Bachelor’s Degree from UCLA and a Masters in City Planning from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT).

Xavier Morales: Latino Coalition for a Healthy California, Executive Director
Xavier Morales is a longtime advocate for health equity and Reshma Shamasunder was honored to have you join us in our State Capitol and thrilled that you are part of this important discussion. Our leadership and civic participation is crucial. Working together, we can build a better California for Latino families. Together, the two entrepreneurs steadily grew their sign business until Jackson passed away from complications relating to HIV/AIDS in 1990. This deep loss would not deter Leno. Instead, he rededicated his efforts in community service. WELCOME The Latino Community Foundation welcomes you to our 2nd annual Sacramento Summit. We are honored to have you join us in our State Capitol and thrilled that you are part of this important discussion. Our leadership and civic participation is crucial. Working together, we can build a better California for Latino families.

The Latino Community Foundation envisions a future where Latino families are educated, healthy, connected and empowered to lead community solutions for equitable policies. In 2014, LCF will seek to give greater visibility for key Latino issues, strengthen our statewide partnerships, and increase the advocacy capacity for partner organizations.

As you know, 2013 was a groundbreaking year for pro-immigrant policies. California led the way by passing several key initiatives to improve the lives of Latino families across the State. California adopted a new school finance formula, the Local Control Funding Formula, expanded health access through Covered California, and passed several immigration policies that protect Latino families, including The Trust Act, The Domestic Worker Bill of Rights, and Driver’s Licenses for undocumented residents.

The day will begin with a Community Town Hall to discuss how these policies are being implemented in the Latino community. The lunch conversation will feature Senator Mark Leno and an insightful and dynamic analysis of the California Budget. In the afternoon, California policy leaders will provide greater information about current legislation related to education, health, and immigration issues.

Several years ago, the Latino Community Foundation set out on a mission to build a better future for California. Our mission was bold and it relied on you — our community - to inform and partner toward common goals. Today, we are proud of the accomplishments and continue to push the boundaries. Join us as we unite a diverse coalition of leaders to do more.

We are energized by your unyielding commitment to empower and create greater opportunities for Latino children and their families. Now is the time to unite voices, develop a shared agenda, and to ignite a new generation of civic leadership.

Thank you for joining us today and for being part of this important movement forward.
Jose Ivan Arreola

Educaters for Fair Consideration Outreach and Organizing Manager

Jose Ivan Arreola was born in Durango, Mexico and came to the United States when he was three years old. As the unconditional love and support of his family and the guidance of many mentors along the way, Jose studied Political Science, History and Ethnic Studies at Santa Clara University—where he received a full scholarship. During his college career, Jose was an outspoken leader on campus on racism, prejudice, and injustice. He was a Down Home Fellow, served as Chair of the University Student Advisory Council on Inclusive Excellence, and served as Executive Director of the University’s Multicultural Center in his final year in college. Upon graduating, Jose was trained as a community organizer for racial and economic justice by the Center for Third World Organizing in Oakland.

Jose currently serves as the Outreach and Organizing Manager for Educators for Fair Consideration (E4FC), a San Francisco non-profit dedicated to supporting and advocating for undocumented young people in their pursuit of college and citizenship. In 2013, Jose worked with Congressman Nan Hayashi to secure a Special Excursion Visa for a New California, a recognition he shares with some of California’s largest immigrant rights advocates. As an undocumented immigrant himself, Jose utilizes his experiences, training, and skills to empower others. He has become a voice for the lives of other undocumented young people across the country.

Davin Cardenas

North Bay Organizing Project Lead Community Organizer

Davin Cardenas was born in Orange County and moved to Sonoma County in 1999 to study at Sonoma State University where he graduated with a Bachelor’s degree in Political Science. His leadership career has been marked by a few key “firsts.” In 2013, he became the first Latino to chair the powerful Senate Appropriations Committee and he chaired the Assembly Appropriations Committee, making him the first Latino Chair of that fiscal committee in the past 100 years.

In 2004, he began working as an organizer with the Gaton Labor Center after having served on their Board of Directors. He initiated the first organized day labor center in Sonoma County, spending three years fine-tuning the job distribution process, the general assemblies, leadership development, and the services for workers, before moving into the actual day labor center, where the organization has resided for the last three years.

Davin is currently the Lead Organizer for the North Bay Organizing Project in Sonoma County, which is composed of 20 institutions from the Faith, labor, environmental, and student sectors, and seeks to unite workers to build leadership and gain power for social, economic, racial and environmental justice.

Senator Kevin de León

(D-Long Beach, 22nd District)

Senator Kevin de León is a California leader who embodies the spirit of the Golden State. De León’s career has been marked by a few key “firsts.” In 2013, he became the first Latino to chair the powerful Senate Appropriations Committee and he chaired the Assembly Appropriations Committee, making him the first Latino Chair of that fiscal committee in the past 100 years.

Prior to his election to the Assembly, Cristina Garcia taught statistics at the University of Southern California, mathematics at Los Angeles City Community College, and has taught middle school and high school students through the Jaime Escalante Program at East Los Angeles Community College and Huntington Park High School.

Garcia was raised in the South-East Los Angeles community of Bell Gardens and attended local schools. She went on to earn a Bachelor’s Degree from Pomona College, a Master’s Degree and a Secondary teaching credential from Claremont Graduate University and is presently a doctoral candidate at USC.

Last year, Cristina Garcia was recognized by California Forward with the distinguished California Forward Thinkers Award, Demo bration of the Year and earned the Distinguished Woman of the Year award from the California State Assembly.

Tyche Hendricks

Politics and Governance Editor, KQED Public Radio

Tyche Hendricks is politics and governance editor at KQED Public Radio and The California Report, where she’s responsible for an on-air and online coverage of elections and a range of California public policy issues, including immigration.

Hendricks spent more than a dozen years in newspapers, most of them at the San Francisco Chronicle, where she covered immigration, demographics and immigrant communities. She has also reported on local government, transportation, urban planning, cops and courts and schools.

She has worked at the Heart-owned San Francisco Examiner, the San Jose Mercury News and the Seattle Times.

Hendricks reported extensively on the U.S.-Mexico border and her book, The Who Doesn’t Need a Passport: Stories from the U.S.- Mexico Borderlands, was published by the University of California Press in 2010. She directs an immigration reporting fellowship at the UC Berkeley Graduate School of Journalism, The Changing Face of America Institute.

Hendricks has won awards from the Radio Television News Directors Association, the Society for Professional Journalists, the Best of the West and the National Federation of Community Broadcasters, the rights from Wesleyan University, and an MA in Latin American Studies and an MJ in Journalism, both from UC Berkeley.

Lorena Huerta

Familias Unidas Executive Director

Lorena Huerta is the Executive Director of Familias Unidas and has been with the agency since 2002. In her capacity as Executive Director, Ms. Huerta oversees key organization functions, including program development and evaluation, financial management and development, information systems, and day to day operations. She comes from a for-profit background and brings business model, including human resources and fiscal management to the agency. Ms. Huerta holds her undergradu- e degree from U.C. Berkeley and is bilingual and bicultural.

Deborah Kang

Early Edge California President

As Early Edge California’s president, Deborah heads the organization’s day-to-day work and collaborates closely with senior staff on strategy. She has worked for more than six and a half years as a key member of Early Edge California’s leadership team as it successfully advanced an early education agenda. The mother of a 2 year old, she has a real-time appreciation for the current sense of urgency and opportunity for dramatically expanded and improved early childhood education. After 25 years as a journalist, including a position as a national editor for the Associated Press, and as a reporter for the San Jose Mercury News and Philadelphia Inquirer, Deborah pursued a Masters of Public Policy degree at UC Berkeley’s Goldman School of Public Policy so that she could take a more active role in affecting change. She also received her bachelor’s degree in English with a specialization in Asian American Studies from UCLA. The eldest daughter of a Chinese immigrant who came to America in the 1950s without any knowledge of its lan- guage and culture, and who ended up graduating from UC Berkeley, Deborah carries a special value for the critical role education can play in helping families achieve the American Dream.

Senator Ricardo Lara

(D-Huntington Park/ Long Beach, 33rd District)

The son of Mexican immigrants, Senator Ricardo Lara understands the struggles and sacrifices that working families must make in order to help their children succeed. While in office Ricardo has passed laws that address disparities within the Latino community, protect working families and jobs, and integrates underserved communities in our state. Since his election in 2010, Ricardo has demonstrated an expertise and political tenacity that garnered him important ap- pointed positions in the Senate, including the powerful Senate Rules and Appropriations Committees. Before he was elected, Ricardo worked on AB 540 as a legislative staff mem- ber for then-Assemblymember Marco Firebaugh. This historic bill allows undocumented youth to pay in-state tuition if they meet certain criteria and has served as a model for other states nationwide.

In his first term, Ricardo was elected to chair the 25 member Latino Legislative Caucus. On November 7, 2012, Ricardo made history when he was elected with more than 80% of the vote to represent the 33rd district in the California State Senate. This same year he was unanimously re- lected to chair the caucus for an additional two-year term. This year, Ricardo has introduced multiple groundbreaking bills that would strengthen California’s economy by better integrating the state’s undocumented and diverse communities. He introduced the Health for All Act, which would expand Medi-Cal and create a mirror exchange program for undocument- ed Californians to access quality, affordable health care coverage. To assist students in their pursuit of higher education, Ricardos intro- duced the California DREAM Loan Program which would provide AB 540 students at the University of California and California State University the opportunity to take out loans to subsidize gaps in their educational funding.