



ANN O'LEARY

Director of the Children and Families Program,
Next Generation

Ann O'Leary directs the Children and Families Program at Next Generation, which includes spearheading “Too Small to Fail”—Next Generation’s joint initiative with the Clinton Foundation to help parents and businesses take meaningful actions to improve the health and well-being of children ages zero to five — developing a national research portfolio, and leading policy activities in California.

Ann also serves as a Senior Fellow at the Center for American Progress where she writes about work-family policies. Ann previously served as a lecturer in health law at UC Berkeley School of Law, Executive Director of the Berkeley Center on Health, Economic & Family Security at UC Berkeley School of Law, a Deputy City Attorney for the city of San Francisco, Legislative Director to Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton, and led the children and family policy team on the White House Domestic Policy Council under President William J. Clinton. She also served as a member of the Obama-Biden Presidential Transition Team, advising the incoming administration on early childhood education issues.

Ann is a member of the board for KQED, Northern California’s public news provider, and the East Bay Community Law Center, a legal aid clinic for low-income community members in Berkeley, California. She earned a bachelor’s degree from Mount Holyoke College, a master’s in education policy from Stanford University and a law degree from the University of California, Berkeley, School of Law.

Ann is a resident of Oakland where she lives with her husband, Goodwin Liu, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of California, and their two children, Violet and Emmett.



JOHN ARENSMEYER

CEO, Small Business Majority

John Arensmeyer has used his long experience as a business owner to build Small Business Majority into a nationally recognized small business organization and the leading advocate for critical public policy issues facing America's entrepreneurs—particularly healthcare, clean energy, access to capital, immigration, financial reform and numerous workforce issues. The organization is focused on ensuring small businesses' success as a critical component of our economy.

John was the founder and CEO of ACI Interactive, an award-winning international ecommerce company. Information Week named ACI's signature product one of the nation's top 100 e-business innovations, and the company was cited by the San Francisco Business Times as one of the top 100 fastest growing private companies in the Bay Area. Earlier, John was the chief operating officer of a pioneering multimedia business and an attorney in New York.



EILEEN APPELBAUM
Senior Economist, Center for
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Eileen Appelbaum is Senior Economist at the Center for Economic and Policy Research and a Visiting Professor at the University of Leicester, UK. Previously she held tenured full professor positions at Temple University and at Rutgers University, where she directed the Center on Women and Work.

Dr. Appelbaum's research focuses on implications of public policy, company governance and workplace practices for organizational effectiveness and employee outcomes. Her most recent books are *Unfinished Business: Paid Family Leave in California and the Future of U.S. Work-Family Policy*, coauthored with Professor Ruth Milkman (2013) and *Private Equity at Work: When Wall Street Manages Main Street*, coauthored with Professor Rosemary Batt (2014).

She is a member of the Board of Directors of the Industry Studies Association and is a former President of the Labor and Employment Relations Association. She holds a PhD in economics from the University of Pennsylvania.



JAMES FREEMAN
CEO and Founder,
Blue Bottle Coffee

James Freeman is founder, CEO, and co-owner of Blue Bottle Coffee. Prior to opening Blue Bottle, he was a San Francisco-based freelance clarinetist. He has degrees in philosophy and clarinet performance from UC Santa Cruz and the San Francisco Conservatory of Music, respectively.

He opened Blue Bottle Coffee in the summer of 2002 in a 186 square foot converted potting shed in Oakland, California. Blue Bottle now has cafes, kiosks and roasteries split between the Bay Area and New York City (and soon to be Los Angeles), and has been featured in national and international press including ABC and NBC TV, The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, GQ, and Casa Brutus.

James is the author of The Blue Bottle Craft of Coffee, which was published by Ten Speed Press in 2012. James is Imbibe Magazine's 2012 coffee professional of the year and one of Fast Company Magazine's 100 most creative people in business for 2013.

James lives a block from Alamo Square in San Francisco with his son, Dashiell, and his wife Caitlin, whom he met while making coffee at the Berkeley farmers market.



**JODY GREENSTONE
MILLER**

Founder, Chairwoman and
CEO, Business Talent Group

Jody Greenstone Miller is the Founder, Chairwoman, and Chief Executive Officer of Business Talent Group, the leading firm bringing top independent talent to companies for consulting and project-based work. With offices in New York, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Austin, Chicago and Boston, BTG is pioneering new models to get work done flexibly and cost-effectively and was recently called out by Clay Christensen in the Harvard Business Review as a “disrupter” of consulting.

Ms. Miller has served in senior roles in business, government, media, law, and the non-profit world. Prior to founding BTG, Ms. Miller was a venture partner with Maveron, the Seattle-based venture capital firm, from 2000 to 2007. She was previously executive vice president and later acting president and COO of Americast, the digital television and interactive services partnership of The Walt Disney Company, SBC, Bell South, and other regional telephone companies. Ms. Miller also served in the White House as Special Assistant to President Bill Clinton, where she was Deputy to David Gergen, Counselor to the President.

Earlier in her career she helped launch a successful documentary television division for Time-Life Television; established a Lehman Brothers investment banking office in South Carolina; was selected as a White House Fellow and served in the Department of the Treasury under President George H. W. Bush; and served as Legal Counsel to South Carolina Governor Richard Riley. Ms. Miller began her career as a lawyer at Cravath, Swaine & Moore in New York.

Ms. Miller serves on the board of directors of TRW (NYSE) and Capella Education Company (NASDAQ). Ms. Miller is also a co-founder and board member of the National Campaign to Prevent Teenage and Unplanned Pregnancy and is on the advisory board of the Drucker Institute. She writes extensively including an influential Wall Street Journal piece in March 2013 on restructuring work. With her husband, Matt Miller, she has written The Big Idea feature in the May 2012 Harvard Business Review, “The Rise of the Supertemp,” the November 2005 cover story for Fortune, “Get a Life!” about the relationship between companies and senior business talent, and an April 2004 New York Times Magazine article about the need for better health care solutions for independent professionals. As a leading thinker on the future of work, she has also been featured in outlets such as The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, the Huffington Post, Business Week, The Economist, CNN, and CNBC and has spoken at conferences such as the Milken Institute’s Global Conference and The Huffington Post’s Third Metric Conference.

She holds a BA from the University of Michigan with highest distinction and a JD from the University of Virginia School of Law, where she was Order of the Coif and winner of the Lile Moot Court competition. Ms. Miller resides in Los Angeles with her husband and teenage daughter.



JUDY PATRICK

President and CEO, Women’s
Foundation of California

Judy Patrick, President and CEO of the Women’s Foundation of California, is an accomplished leader who is dedicated to increasing the economic security of low-income women and families in California. She combines the strategies of collective philanthropy, movement building, and advancing women’s leadership in public policymaking in California. In 2003, Judy created the Foundation’s Women’s Policy Institute (WPI) to fill a void – not enough women were participating in statewide public policy. To fill that void, WPI, now a nationally renowned program, has trained more than 300 grassroots women leaders to influence state policymaking, and has resulted in 20 new laws benefitting women and children. In 2012, she launched the Women’s Foundation of California’s “Stand With Women” advocacy and public engagement program, which champions the rebuilding of comprehensive safety net programs for women and families—subsidized childcare, cash assistance and higher education—which provide a launch pad for women to escape poverty and achieve economic security.

Prior to coming to the Foundation, Judy directed the work of several nonprofits. She was executive director of the San Francisco-based Women’s Philharmonic and director of Girls Count, a Colorado initiative to change systems that impact girls’ educational achievement and career planning. She also led *Mi Casa* Resource Center for Women, a Denver organization that advances self-sufficiency primarily for low-income Latinas and youth.

She has served on the faculty of the University of Colorado at Denver and Regis University, where she taught program development and evaluation. Judy has worked as a researcher and program evaluator in both the public and private sectors. She serves on numerous boards of directors, and recently made *Broads Circle’s* list of Top 150 Women of Influence Los Angeles.



THOMAS E. PEREZ
U.S. Secretary of Labor

Thomas E. Perez was nominated by President Obama to serve as the nation's 26th Secretary of Labor, and was sworn in on July 23, 2013.

Previously Perez served as Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights at the U.S. Department of Justice. The Civil Rights Division enforces federal laws that prohibit discrimination and uphold the civil and constitutional rights of all who live in America. During his tenure of nearly four years, Perez oversaw the effort to restore and expand the division's achievements. Under his leadership as Assistant Attorney General, the division successfully implemented the Shepard-Byrd Hate Crimes Prevention Act; expanded equal housing opportunity by bringing and settling the largest fair-lending cases in history; protected schoolchildren from discrimination, bullying and harassment; dramatically expanded access to employment, housing and educational opportunities for people with disabilities; protected the right to vote for all eligible voters free from discrimination; took record-setting efforts to ensure that communities have effective and democratically accountable policing; and safeguarded the employment, housing, fair lending and voting rights of service members. He also expanded the division's partnerships across federal agencies to address cross-cutting challenges in human trafficking, employment discrimination and fair lending, among others.

He previously served as the Secretary of Maryland's Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation. Maryland's DLLR protects consumers through the enforcement of a wide range of consumer rights laws, including the mortgage setting; enforces workplace safety laws that provide critical safeguards to workers and communities; enforces wage and hour and other worker protection laws that ensure wage security; and collaborates with businesses and workers to address critical workforce development needs and build a world-class workforce. Perez was a principal architect of a sweeping package of state lending and foreclosure reforms to address the foreclosure crisis in Maryland. He worked closely with business leaders, community colleges and nonprofits on a dramatic overhaul of Maryland's workforce development system to ensure that workers have the skills to succeed, and employers have the workforce to thrive in the 21st century economy. Perez co-chaired the Governor's Council for New Americans, which designed a comprehensive blueprint for ensuring that immigrants living and working in Maryland are a vital component of the state's economic engine.

Perez has spent his entire career in public service. From 2002 until 2006, he was a member of the Montgomery County Council. He was the first Latino ever elected to the Council, and served as Council president in 2005. Earlier in his career, he spent 12 years in federal public service, most as a career attorney with the Civil Rights Division. As a federal prosecutor for the division, he prosecuted and supervised the prosecution of some of the Justice Department's most high profile civil rights cases, including a hate crimes case in Texas involving a group of white supremacists who went on a deadly, racially-motivated crime spree.

He later served as Deputy Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights under Attorney General Janet Reno. Among other responsibilities, he chaired the interagency Worker Exploitation Task Force, which oversaw a variety of initiatives designed to protect vulnerable workers. He also served as special counsel to the late Senator Edward Kennedy, and was Senator Kennedy's principal adviser on civil rights, criminal justice and constitutional issues. For the final two years of the Clinton administration, he served as the Director of the Office for Civil Rights at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Perez was a law professor for six years at the University of Maryland School of Law and was a part-time professor at the George Washington School of Public Health. He received a bachelor's degree from Brown University in 1983. In 1987 he received both a master's of public policy from Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government, and a juris doctorate from Harvard Law School. He lives in Maryland with his wife, Ann Marie Staudenmaier, an attorney with the Washington Legal Clinic for the Homeless, and their three children.



DONNA LEVITT
Division Manager,
City and County of San
Francisco Office of Labor
Standards Enforcement

Donna Levitt was hired to lead the City & County of San Francisco's Office of Labor Standards Enforcement in 2002, bringing over 20 years of experience in the construction industry. Ms. Levitt was among a group of pioneering tradeswomen when she began her carpenter apprenticeship in 1980. She worked in the trade for ten years and went on to be a widely respected union representative, the only woman to head a major construction local in the United Brotherhood of Carpenters & Joiners of America. She has served on the California Building Standards Commission, the San Francisco Landmarks Advisory Board, and the executive board of the San Francisco Labor Council.

Ms. Levitt is proud to serve under Mayor Edwin Lee as San Francisco leads the country in the implementation of groundbreaking municipal labor laws including minimum wage, the country's first paid sick leave ordinance, an employer mandate for health care benefits, an ordinance allowing employee requests for workplace flexibility to attend to caregiving responsibilities, and an ordinance limiting how employers ask job applicants about criminal history. She is committed to ensuring that all of San Francisco's workers have the benefits and protections of the City's labor laws, and that her office serves as a resource for businesses that need information or assistance in order to comply.



Julia Parish is a Project Attorney with the Work and Family and SURVIVE Projects. Julia assists with the project helplines and provides legal advice, know-your-rights workshops, and direct legal services for workers struggling with family and medical crises. She received her J.D. from the University of California, Berkeley, School of Law in 2011 as well as her B.A. in Political Science and Spanish from the university. She also has a M.S. in Teaching from Pace University.

JULIA PARISH

Project Attorney, Legal Aid
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VICKI SHABO

Vice President, National Partnership for Women & Families

Vicki Shabo was recently named Vice President at the National Partnership for Women & Families after serving for more than four years as the Director of Work and Family Programs. Ms. Shabo is responsible for the strategic direction of the National Partnership for Women & Families' work to promote family friendly workplaces. She leads the organization's work on paid sick days, paid family and medical leave, Family and Medical Leave (FMLA) expansions, and workplace flexibility, and she serves as the organization's primary contact on work-family policy issues for key national allies, researchers, businesses, and state and local advocates.

Ms. Shabo's commentary and analysis on work-family issues has appeared in leading media outlets, including the New York Times, Associated Press, USA Today, The Washington Post, The Philadelphia Inquirer, Business Week, MSNBC, and CNN.

Under Ms. Shabo's leadership, the National Partnership's Work and Family team has worked closely with advocates in states such as Connecticut, Rhode Island, New York City, Portland (Ore.) and Seattle and to secure public policy advances for workers and their families.

Ms. Shabo graduated summa cum laude with a B.A. in Politics and American Studies from Pomona College in Claremont, CA, holds a M.A. in Political Science from the University of Michigan and earned her law degree with high honors from the University of North Carolina, where she served as Editor in Chief of the North Carolina Law Review.



Margaret Rowley was born in Panama City and moved Provo, Utah to attend Brigham Young University through a start-up scholarship in 1963. She received her B.S in Child Development Cal State Hayward and later obtained her Masters in Education Administration from San Francisco State University. Margaret is a homemaker and cares for Beatrice Richardson, a 79 year elderly woman in San Francisco and is a member of SEIU United Healthcare Workers (UHW) West executive board. She is active with National Council of Negro Women and Madame C J Walker Home for Girls and Women. Her role as executive board member of SEIU UHW and community organizations gives her the opportunity to advance the quality of life of her consumer, women and the community at large.

MARGARET ROWLEY

Home Care Worker,
SEIU UHW



MARY IGNATIUS

Statewide Organizer,
Parent Voices

Mary Ignatius is the Statewide Organizer of Parent Voices, a parent-led grassroots organization fighting to make quality child care accessible and affordable for all families. As the Statewide Organizer since August 2005, she coordinates the work of its 17 chapters and implements the leadership development model Parent Voices has crafted for nearly 20 years. As a mother of 2 and a second generation immigrant who grew up in the Bay Area and is committed to social and economic justice, Mary brings passion and inspiration to her peers in Parent Voices. She holds a Master of Social Work, Administration and Social Planning from Temple University and a Bachelor of Social Work from Rutgers University. Her previous experience includes work with the Kensington Welfare Rights Union, Community Legal Services in Philadelphia, Instructor- City College of San Francisco, and Project SURVIVE. Mary loves to travel and is inspired by the curiosity and wonder that her sons bring to this world.



**CAROLYN
CARPENTER**

Child Care Worker, SEIU

Carolyn Carpenter is a mother of four and licensed family child care provider in Oakland, California; she previously worked at Lakeshore Children’s Center in Oakland and has worked in early care and education for almost 25 years. Carolyn’s family child care home serves 17 children ages 2-5 and currently has a waiting list of more than a year. Carolyn sees firsthand the struggles parents face who lack paid sick days when their children are sick--and herself experienced being unable to take time off when her own children were sick--so she has gone to great lengths to support parents and their children while keeping the other children in her facility healthy. As a business owner, Carolyn was unable to take time off after her youngest son was born, and balanced visiting her son in the ICU, visiting her other 3 children who her family was helping care for, and running her child care business for the Oakland families who were still relying on her child care for their children. Carolyn is active in organizing a union of family child care providers in California to help win investment and policies that better support families, educate all of California’s children, and win crucial support for child care professionals like herself who are doing essential work yet lack need financial and other supports to be successful.



JARED HUFFMAN

U.S. Representative
California's 2nd District

Representative Jared Huffman (D-San Rafael) was sworn in as a member of the 113th Congress on January 3, 2013 to represent California's second district. The district spans from the Golden Gate Bridge north to the Oregon border, covering six counties including all of Marin, Mendocino, Humboldt, Trinity, and Del Norte, and much of Sonoma Counties.

Huffman is a member of the Committee on Natural Resources and the House Budget Committee.

Prior to his election to Congress in November of 2012, Huffman served six years in the California State Assembly where he authored more than 60 pieces of successful legislation and received numerous awards for his legislative leadership. Huffman chaired the Water, Parks, and Wildlife Committee, served on the Budget Committee and was co-chair of the Legislative Environmental Caucus.

In the Assembly, Huffman distinguished himself as a legislator who tackles complex public policy challenges, works tirelessly, and gets results – often by forging bipartisan consensus on difficult issues. He played a leading role in crafting and passing the historic package of water reforms in 2009. Other notable laws authored by Huffman include California's pioneering lighting efficiency standards (AB 1109) which were subsequently adopted into federal law; the nation's largest programs for solar hot water heating (AB 1470) and paint recycling (AB 1343); reforms that improve California's State Parks system (AB 1589) and Department of Fish and Wildlife (AB 2402); and creation of a new voluntary type of corporation, California Benefit Corporations, to promote corporate social responsibility (AB 361).

Prior to his election to public office, Huffman was a Senior Attorney for the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC). One of his proudest accomplishments at NRDC was helping forge an agreement to restore a 153-mile stretch of the San Joaquin River in California's Central Valley.

Before he joined NRDC, Huffman was a successful public interest attorney whose victories included several major jury verdicts in gender discrimination and race discrimination trials. He also served 12 years in local government as a Director of Marin County's largest special district, the Marin Municipal Water District (MMWD), from 1994 to 2006.

Huffman graduated magna cum laude from the University of California at Santa Barbara, where he was also a three-time NCAA All-American volleyball player. He went on to play for the USA Volleyball Team in 1987 when the team was ranked #1 in the world, before attending and graduating cum laude from Boston College Law School.

Huffman lives in Marin with his wife Susan and their two children, Abby (age 12) and Nathan (age 9). In his free time, Huffman enjoys all types of fishing, as well as tennis and home winemaking.



NANCY PELOSI

U.S. Representative
California's 12th District

For 25 years, Nancy Pelosi has represented California's 12th District in the House of Representatives. The 12th District includes most of the City of San Francisco including the Bayview, Chinatown, the Mission, North Beach, Presidio, SOMA, the Sunset and many of the diverse neighborhoods that make San Francisco a vibrant and prosperous community.

As the Democratic Leader of the U.S. House of Representatives for the 113th Congress, Pelosi is focused on strengthening America's middle class through job creation, reforming the political system to create clean campaigns and fair elections, enacting comprehensive immigration reform, and ensuring safety in America's communities, neighborhoods and schools. From 2007-2011, Pelosi served as Speaker of the House, the first woman to do so in American history. She first made history in November 2002 when House Democrats elected her the first woman to lead a major political party in Congress. Pelosi has led House Democrats for a decade and previously served as House Democratic Whip.

SPEAKER PELOSI

Under the leadership of Pelosi, the 111th Congress was heralded as "one of the most productive Congresses in history" by Congressional scholar Norman Ornstein. President Barack Obama called Speaker Pelosi "an extraordinary leader for the American people," and the Christian Science Monitor wrote: "...make no mistake: Nancy Pelosi is the most powerful woman in American politics and the most powerful House Speaker since Sam Rayburn a half century ago."

Working in partnership with President Obama, Pelosi led the House effort to pass the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act in early 2009 to create and save millions of American jobs, provide relief for American families, and provide a tax cut to 95 percent of working Americans.

With the House Democratic Caucus, Pelosi continues to focus on the need to create jobs in America and prevent them from being shipped overseas.

Pelosi spearheaded passage of historic health insurance reform legislation in the House which establishes a Patients' Bill of Rights and will provide insurance for 30 million more Americans while lowering health care costs over the long term. The new law provides patients with affordable insurance choices, curbs abuses by the insurance industry, strengthens Medicare, and will reduce the deficit by more than \$100 billion over the next 10 years.

In the 111th Congress, Pelosi also led the Congress in passing strong Wall Street reforms to rein in big banks and protect consumers as well as the Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act, which expands educational opportunities and reforms the financial aid system to save billions of taxpayers' dollars.

Additional key legislation passed into law included the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act to restore the ability of women and all workers to access our judicial system to fight pay discrimination; legislation to provide health care for 11 million American children; national service legislation; and hate crimes legislation. In late 2010, Pelosi led the Congress in passing child nutrition and food safety legislation as well as repealing the discriminatory "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy, which prohibited gays and lesbians from serving openly in the military.

Pelosi has made energy security her flagship issue, enacting comprehensive energy legislation in 2007 that raised vehicle fuel efficiency standards for the first time in 32 years and making an historic commitment to American home grown biofuels. In 2009, under her leadership, the House passed the landmark American Clean Energy and Security Act – a comprehensive bill to create clean energy jobs, combat climate change, and transition America to a clean energy economy. The legislation was blocked by Republicans in the United States Senate, but sent a strong signal to the world about the United States' commitment to fighting the climate crisis.

In continuing to push for accountability and transparency in government, under Speaker Pelosi, the House passed the toughest ethics reform legislation in the history of the Congress, including the creation of an independent ethics panel, and increased accountability and transparency in House operations, including earmark reforms. As Speaker, Pelosi led the fight to pass the DISCLOSE Act in the House, which fights a corporate takeover of U.S. elections and ensures additional disclosure.

Additional key accomplishments signed into law under the leadership of Speaker Pelosi include: an increase in the minimum wage for the first time in 10 years; the largest college aid expansion since the GI bill; and a new GI education bill for veterans of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars; and increased services for veterans, caregivers, and the Veterans Administration.

LEGISLATIVE RECORD

As a senior member of the House Appropriations Committee, Pelosi fought for America's families. She has been a leader in increasing educational opportunity, protecting workers, and promoting health care, including women's health and the creation of a nationwide health tracking network to examine the links between environmental pollutants and chronic disease. She has been a strong proponent of increased investments in health research, and has secured funding to double the budget for the National Institutes of Health. Pelosi also has successfully defeated repeated attempts to reduce funding for international family planning programs.

One of Pelosi's first legislative victories was the creation of the Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS program. She has also worked to accelerate development of an HIV vaccine, expand access to Medicaid for people living with HIV, and increase funding for the Ryan White CARE Act, the Minority HIV/AIDS Initiative and other programs vital to people living with or at risk for HIV/AIDS.

Pelosi also successfully increased access to health insurance for people with disabilities by ensuring continuation of their health care coverage. She was instrumental in passing legislation to assist nonprofit organizations in the creation of affordable housing.

As a member of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence for 10 years (the longest continuous period of service in the committee's history) including two years as the Ranking Democrat, Pelosi worked to ensure that policymakers and military commanders are provided with the timely and accurate intelligence necessary to guide diplomatic initiatives, succeed in combat, and protect U.S. military forces.

In meetings around the world with U.S. and foreign intelligence leaders, Pelosi has urged greater attention to the threats to international security posed by the proliferation of technologies associated with weapons of mass destruction and global terrorism.

In the wake of the September 11 terrorist attacks, Pelosi led congressional reviews of the U.S. intelligence and security agencies and authored legislation to create an independent national commission to assess the overall performance of the federal government before, during, and after the attacks.

Pelosi has long been an advocate for human rights around the world. She has fought to improve China's human rights record, attempting to tie trade to increased human rights standards. She has also been a leader on efforts to free the people of Tibet.

A leader on the environment at home and abroad, Pelosi secured passage of a provision in the International Development and Finance Act of 1989 which requires the World Bank and all the regional multilateral development banks to review the potential environmental impacts of development projects for which they provide funding and to make these environmental assessments publicly available. Known as the "Pelosi Amendment," it has become a significant tool for indigenous peoples and nongovernmental organizations around the world.

Pelosi has also served on the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct (Ethics) and the Banking and Financial Services Committee. She has chaired the Congressional Working Group on China and has served on the Executive Committee of the Democratic Study Group.

PERSONAL STORY

Pelosi hails from a strong family tradition of public service. Her father, Thomas D'Alesandro, Jr., served as Mayor of Baltimore for 12 years, after representing the city for five terms in Congress. Her brother, Thomas D'Alesandro III, also served as Mayor of Baltimore.

Pelosi graduated from Trinity College in Washington, D.C. in 1962. Pelosi and her husband, Paul Pelosi, a native of San Francisco, have five children and nine grandchildren.



EDWIN LEE

Mayor, City and County
of San Francisco

Edwin M. Lee, 60, was sworn in on January 8, 2012 as the 43rd Mayor of the City and County of San Francisco. Lee is the first Asian-American mayor in San Francisco history.

Lee was elected on November 8, 2011 by the people of San Francisco while he was serving as Interim Mayor, appointed unanimously as successor mayor by the Board of Supervisors on January 11, 2011 to fill the remaining year of former Mayor Gavin Newsom's term who was sworn in as California's Lieutenant Governor.

While serving as Interim Mayor, Lee championed balancing the budget to keep San Francisco safe, solvent and successful, reforming City pensions, economic development, job creation and public safety as his top priorities. Mayor Lee has worked hard to keep the economy and economic recovery on track, create jobs for residents and everything that supports a thriving economic climate like parks, transit, housing, quality of life in neighborhoods and public safety.

In the next term, Mayor Lee will keep his focus on economic development and job creation, taking responsibility for building San Francisco's future, taking responsibility for helping each other and making City government more responsive, efficient and accountable through innovation and technology. This is what it will take to keep San Francisco a thriving, diverse, dynamic city of great neighborhoods, but also one that is a global hub for innovation and new economy industries.

In 2010, Mayor Lee was appointed to a second term as City Administrator by Mayor Newsom and his appointment was confirmed unanimously by the Board of Supervisors. As City Administrator, Mayor Lee spearheaded government efficiency measures and reforms that reduced the size and cost of government, from reducing the vehicle fleet to consolidating departments and back office functions to save tax dollars. He implemented the City's move to cleaner vehicles and an infrastructure to support electric vehicles and green City government. Mayor Lee also developed and oversaw implementation of the City's first ever Ten Year Capital Plan to guide our capital priorities and infrastructure investment.

Working with the Department of Emergency Management, Mayor Lee has overseen the City's disaster recovery and response planning efforts, bringing every department together to coordinate response and recovery for the next major earthquake or emergency. With the Fire Chief, Mayor Lee led efforts to work with PG&E to assess the City's gas and electric infrastructure and ensure its safety and reliability. For the 2010 U.S. Census, Mayor Lee organized the outreach efforts to ensure our City continues to make progress on inclusion and cultural competency.

Mayor Lee first began working for the City and County of San Francisco in 1989 as the Investigator for the City's first Whistle Blower Ordinance and has since served as the Executive Director of the Human Rights Commission, Director of City Purchasing, and Director of the Department of Public Works before he was first appointed as City Administrator in 2005.

Prior to his employment with the City and County of San Francisco, Mayor Lee was the Managing Attorney for the San Francisco Asian Law Caucus, for which he worked from 1979 to 1989. Mayor Lee was born in Seattle, Washington. He graduated Summa Cum Laude from Bowdoin College in 1974 and from Boalt Hall School of Law, University of California, Berkeley, in 1978. Mayor Lee is married to his wife Anita and is the father of two daughters Brianna and Tania.



MICHAEL HONDA

U.S. Representative
California's 17th District

José's Blossom Valley. My wife, Jeanne, was a teacher at Baldwin Elementary School in San José before her passing in 2004. My son, Mark, is an aerospace engineer and Michelle, my daughter, is a public health educator in San Jose with three young boys.

I remember the Japanese-American internment camp through my parents' stories. We were in and out of the camp for four years. Between the ages of one and almost five, I lived at Camp Amache, a Japanese-American internment camp in southeast Colorado during World War II, ironic given my father's service in the US Military Intelligence Service. One of the first lessons I learned was that being Japanese carried a negative connotation in America. My parents raised me talking about the injustices of camp, how it was a violation of the Constitution, and how Japanese Americans had been mistreated. I've since followed in their footsteps by advocating for social justice and publically serving communities that do not have a voice. The reason we were sent to camp is because no one in Washington said no. I'm here in Congress to make sure that never happens again to any community in America.

Service

In 1965, I enrolled in the Peace Corps for two years in El Salvador, and returned fluent in Spanish and with a passion for teaching.

Having answered President John F. Kennedy's call for Peace Corps recruits in the 1960s, my time in El Salvador taught me so much about the world and about myself. I went into the Peace Corps as a college student one-credit shy of graduation and with little direction; I emerged with the confidence that my emotional, psychological and physical limits had been pushed, plied and ultimately surpassed. I went into the Peace Corps driven by the shame of my youthful lack of direction; I emerged determined to do something about the pervasive poverty surrounding me. I went into the Peace Corps speaking one language; I emerged speaking another: Spanish, a gift that introduced me to a new world, gave me a new way of understanding new cultures and helped me connect to constituents in California.

At the crux of Peace Corps is the concept of service – service to our neighbors, near or far, in desperate need of a helping hand – an “ethos” that ultimately inspired me to serve in Congress. That is why I am calling for a Peace Corps that is bigger, better and bolder. If America makes this a priority, we not only help the global poor become more self-sufficient, stable and secure — which in turn makes our country more secure — but we simultaneously increase goodwill toward the United States through this development-based diplomacy.

Education

I earned my Bachelor's degrees in Biological Sciences and Spanish and a Master's degree in Education from San José State University. In my career as an educator, I was a science teacher, served as a principal at two public schools, and conducted educational research at Stanford University.

In light of my 30-year career as an educator and almost 10 years in the U.S. Congress, it surprises people to learn that I struggled as a student. I was shy to speak up. I failed classes. Perhaps that's why I pursued a career in education. My empathy with English-language learners -- and the unique obstacles they face -- inspired me to get involved. I've learned that we as educators must do more to encourage students and provide each child with the education he/she deserves. That is why I created the Educational Opportunity and Equity Commission. The Commission began a national dialogue on the topic of educational equity. I fought hard to establish it because our education finance structure is outdated and relies on misleading factors like average daily attendance, average costs for “regular” students, and concentrations of low-income, special-education and English-language-learner students. I hope the Commission's report, For Each and Every Child, will focus our country's full attention on the needs of each child in order to reverse our low education rankings globally. Repeatedly ranking near the bottom of the world's 30 richest nations in educational achievement, the future of our nation's economic competitiveness is at stake. Working with the Commission, I aim to fix this once and for all.

Caucus Work

I am currently the Chair Emeritus of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus (CAPAC) after spending seven years as Chairman. I am continuing to work to coordinate with my colleagues in the Congressional Black Caucus and the Congressional Hispanic Caucuses to champion the causes of under-represented communities by promoting social justice, racial tolerance, civil rights and voting rights. Additionally, as Co-Chair of the House LGBT Caucus, I authored immigration legislation to reunite all families, regardless of orientation.

As chairman of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus, and as a Japanese-American born to migrant workers, I know firsthand the incredible and countless contributions made in this country by Asian American and Pacific Islander immigrants (AAPIs), as well as the frustration felt by our communities. Their stake in the immigration debate is substantial. Among our country's 12 million undocumented immigrants, AAPIs account for 12 percent of all undocumented immigrants, despite comprising only 5 percent of the population. What is equally disconcerting is that AAPIs sponsor 39 percent of all family-based immigrants, and nearly half of the family members in visa backlogs are relatives of AAPIs (which is why I authored the Reuniting Families Act, legislation to address unreasonably long waits).

Asian Americans' stake in healthcare reform is equally significant. AAPI communities face daunting cultural and language barriers due to lack of multi-lingual healthcare services, limited prognostication and treatment due to poor data collection, and unique health challenges such as Hepatitis B. President Obama's healthcare reform efforts help end the persistent health disparities that leave millions in poorer health. The task is not small and demands strategies on all fronts, including a more diverse workforce, strengthened ethnic institutions, and improved evaluation and accountability measures. We must do it quickly; the health of our nation and our economy depends on it.

LEADERSHIP

Local Official

In 1971, I was appointed by then-Mayor Norm Mineta to San Jose's Planning Commission. In 1981, I won my first election, gaining a seat on the San Jose Unified School Board. In 1990, I was elected to the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors, where I led efforts to acquire and preserve open space in the county. I served in the California State Assembly from 1996 to 2000.

As the Chair of the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors and the head of the County's General Plan Review Committee and later the Parks and Trail Master Plan Committee, I had the privilege of leading a committed and diverse group of individuals who represented the municipalities, environmental groups, park users, business interests and property owners. Together we forged plans that would shape and preserve the visual landscape of Santa Clara County for future generations.

One open space legacy I'd like to leave behind as a Member of Congress is to open Mt Umunhum to the public. In securing \$3.2 million in federal funding for the cleanup and restoration of Mt Um, which once housed the Almaden Air Force Station, I want to provide Santa Clara County and Silicon Valley with unparalleled views of the Pacific Ocean, San Francisco and the Sierra Nevada. Once restored, Mt Umunhum, which is home to mountain lions, golden eagles, frogs and other species, will provide critical conservation corridors and contiguous habitat for endangered species. Mt Umunhum is culturally significant too, as one of the few mountains locally that retains its native moniker: The root name - "umun," meaning hummingbird - was ubiquitous among South Bay indigenous peoples. For all these reasons, I look forward to supporting the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space and Silicon Valley leaders as we start restoration and preparations for public access in 2013.

Federal Appropriator

In 2000, I was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives, where I serve on the Appropriations Committee, with postings on the subcommittees on Commerce, Justice, and Science, and Labor, Health and Human Services and Education. As an appropriator, I focus on directing funding towards educational programs, affordable healthcare, worker training, port and border security, law enforcement and the safety of our neighborhoods, health care for our veterans and recovery from natural disasters.

Given the local unemployment rate and the economic crunch facing the state of California, if there is federal funding available, I will make sure my constituents are receiving it. That is why, over the past twelve years, I've brought hundreds of millions of dollars back to my district to help county, city and local leaders provide job training, educational programs, social services, and affordable housing. These dollars helped keep my district afloat throughout this recession, while preparing the solid foundation for successfully weathering uncertain times. These funds reassure my constituents that their tax dollars are being efficiently and effectively returned to their communities in visible and meaningful ways.

Democratic Leadership and New Media Working Group

I was reappointed to the position of House Democratic Senior Whip by House Minority Whip Steny Hoyer (D-MD). Senior Whips are a select group of Members and Democratic Caucus opinion leaders tasked with strategic planning on how issues impact targeted Members and developing strategies to ensure legislative success, one of which was to co-found and co-chair the Democratic Caucus New Media Working Group.

Democrats have been at the forefront of using new media in politics for more than a decade and we intend to stay on the cutting edge. The Democratic Caucus New Media Working Group, which I co-chair, continues the proud Democratic tradition of using the Internet to include the voices of working and middle class Americans. By ensuring that Democrats are being innovative with their websites and with tools like Twitter, Facebook and YouTube, we hope to reach out to Americans who might not otherwise be heard.

The New Media Working Group gives our colleagues the tools they need to reach out to their constituents through the many avenues that new media offers. The American public expects and deserves a government that uses these tools to give them opportunities to participate in all levels of the political process. I was honored to receive my 5th Mouse Award from the Congressional Management Foundation (CMF) recognizing the best websites in Congress. As the only Member in Congress to receive a website award from CMF each year, I owe my success to the values of innovation and hard work, exemplified well by my 17th District, which propel me to be at the forefront of the new media wave.

Technology Leadership

Representing Silicon Valley, the technology epicenter of this country, I am working hard to ensure our region's leadership nationally and globally in technological advancement and innovation, which is why I have authored legislation to enhance Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics education, to invest in nanotechnology and green technology research and development, to enhance cyber security, and to promote the development of health information technology. Additionally, I'm working hard to close the gap between regulators and innovators. In addition to launching the Democratic Caucus New Media Working Group, I am facilitating meetings between members of the Silicon Valley Leadership Group and Members of Congress from such varied interests as the Congressional Task Force on Competitiveness, the Sustainable Energy and Environment Coalition, and the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus to help them learn about the role that Silicon Valley can play in economic growth and the green economy of the future.



NEERA TANDEN

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Neera Tanden is the President of the Center for American Progress and Counselor to the Center for American Progress Action Fund. Tanden has served in both the Obama and Clinton administrations, as well as presidential campaigns and think tanks. Most recently, Tanden served as the Chief Operating Officer for the Center, overseeing strategic planning, operations, and fundraising.

Tanden previously served as senior advisor for health reform at the Department of Health and Human Services, advising Secretary Kathleen Sebelius and working on President Barack Obama's health reform team in the White House. In that role, she developed policies around reform and worked with Congress and stakeholders on particular provisions of the legislation.

Prior to that, Tanden was the director of domestic policy for the Obama-Biden presidential campaign, where she managed all domestic policy proposals. Tanden also served as policy director for the Hillary Clinton presidential campaign, where she directed all policy work, ranging from domestic policy to the economy to foreign affairs, and managed day-to-day policy announcements. In that role, she also oversaw the debate preparation process for then-Sen. Clinton (D-NY).

Before the presidential campaign, Tanden was Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs at CAP. Prior to that, she was one of the first senior staff members at the Center, joining as Senior Vice President for Domestic Policy when CAP first opened its doors. In between, Tanden was legislative director for Sen. Clinton, where she oversaw all policy and legislation in the Senate office. In 2000, she was Hillary Clinton's deputy campaign manager and issues director for her Senate campaign in New York. Tanden also served as associate director for domestic policy in the Clinton White House and senior policy advisor to the first lady.

Tanden has appeared on NBC's "Meet the Press," ABC's "This Week," CBS's "Face the Nation," "PBS NewsHour," MSNBC, CNN, and Fox. She was named one of the "Most Influential Women in Washington" by National Journal and received the India Abroad Publisher's Award for Excellence in 2011. Tanden was recently recognized as one of Fortune magazine's "Most Powerful Women in Politics." She received her bachelor of science from UCLA and her law degree from Yale Law School.