



T.H.R.I.V.E. SUMMIT

BREAKING BARRIERS, BUILDING BRIDGES

- 2025 -

EVENT PROGRAM

October 15, 2025

6000 J St. Sacramento, CA
Sacramento State University Union Ballroom

T.H.R.I.V.E. Summit: 10AM - 4PM

Community Engagement Mixer: 4PM - 6PM



DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL SERVICES
Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
In collaboration with Sacramento County Public Health

OUR PURPOSE AND MISSION



PURPOSE

The T.H.R.I.V.E. Summit & Community Engagement Mixer is a platform and convening space to engage with community to acknowledge disproportionate outcomes that prevent some communities from thriving, inform residents of our intentions and efforts toward closing those gaps, educate on why we center race, activate allyship and advocacy, and demonstrate our commitment to partnering with and empowering community.

OUR MISSION

To create a meaningful experience that engages all five senses:

- **See** and celebrate Sacramento County's vibrant cultures in a colorful, branded space filled with high-energy performances that reflect our diverse community.
- **Hear** music that uplifts, excites, energizes, stirs emotion, and reminds us of our humanity and purpose to serve one another.
- **Touch:** Leave with a meaningful keepsake that celebrates the spirit and pride of the T.H.R.I.V.E. Summit & Community Engagement Mixer.
- **Taste** a delicious lunch served with style and kindness.
- **Smell** aromas that create an ambiance for energy and relaxation.

GOALS AND T.H.R.I.V.E. TENETS



GOALS

Attendees should feel:

- **Empowered** to collaborate with the County, connect and tap into other organizations, sources of funding and networks that support and serve communities
- **Encouraged** that the County is following through on its commitment to engage residents on the topics of equity and systems change to create the environment for communities of practice to flourish and innovate
- **Inspired** to action as an ally, advocate, or accomplice

T.H.R.I.V.E. TENETS

- T** – Transparency and trust-building
- H** – Hearing and honoring all perspectives
- R** – Respect
- I** – Innovating equity
- V** – Valuing diversity and inclusion
- E** – Empowering allies, advocates, and accomplices



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THEME

This year's theme "Breaking Barriers, Building Bridges" encapsulates the County's commitment to our values and our core purpose: "enriching communities to thrive" through a racial equity lens.

We aim to break the barriers that get in the way of collaboration, cooperation, and collective power among residents, community-based organizations, businesses, and government. Through transparency and trust-building, we are creating a space for convening, a platform for amplifying voices, and a vehicle for purpose-driven work.

We will continue to build bridges through education, practice, policy, and program delivery, fostering inclusion with intention, equity and opportunity for all.

DISCLAIMER

By attending the Sacramento County T.H.R.I.V.E. Summit and Community Engagement Mixer, I acknowledge that photos will be taken at the event and consent to having my image, voice, name, or photograph used for publication in materials produced by Sacramento County and its contractors, including, but not limited to, newsletters, videos, annual reports, brochures, internet/intranet web page, television, and presentation displays by Sacramento County.

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Foreword from Chief Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Officer



To be entrusted with a role that serves as a vehicle for purpose-driven work—especially in a time when language, identity, and justice are being reshaped under political and legal scrutiny—is both humbling and deeply affirming. I accept this responsibility with a profound sense of resolve.

As a steward of culture and equity, I am committed to creating the conditions that cultivate belonging. I believe in the power of collaboration—working alongside public servants, community advocates, residents, and businesses—to co-create access and opportunity so that every individual has the chance not just to survive, but to thrive.

My resolve is rooted in a deep knowledge of self, the lessons of our shared history, and an unwavering belief in the inherent dignity and rights of all people. Life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness are not privileges to be earned based on status, identity, or ideology—they are fundamental rights that must be protected and upheld for everyone.

T.H.R.I.V.E. is more than an acronym. It is a framework for transformation—a way to engage in meaningful dialogue, build trust, and heal. It is a call to action to support, value, and protect one another as we work to empower our most vulnerable communities. Because we are, and always will be, better together.

-Cephoni
Cephoni Jackson

Schedule of Events

10:00 AM

Welcome

Emcees: Joe Angelo and Allison Keene

Land & Labor Acknowledgement

Alexanderia Russell & Wilton Rancheria Tribal Council Member

Opening Remarks

Supervisor Phil Serna and Chief Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Officer, Cephoni Jackson

10:40 AM

AmiaLynn Cultural Performance

11:00 AM

Powerful Storytelling

Tim Choi, Crystal Harding, Ana Taukolo, Alberto Mercado, Eric Jones, Jamal Rowe, Emily Halcon

12:15 PM

Lunch

1:00 PM

Nuevo Amanecer Cultural Performance

1:15 PM

Video Message

Dr. Luke Wood, Sacramento State University President

A Call to Action

Dr. Robert “BJ” Snowden



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Schedule of Events

(continued)

1:45 PM	Advancing Racial Equity Through Community Engagement Panel Discussion Moderator: Jesse Villalobos (Race Forward) Panelists: Eric Guerra, Danielle Lawrence, and Nia MooreWeathers
3:10 PM	Office of DEI & DEI Cabinet Introduction & Overview Cephoni Jackson, Eduardo Amenityro and the Diversity Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Cabinet
3:30 PM	Closing Remarks Rosario Rodriguez, District 4 Supervisor
3:45 PM	Brazilian Center Cultural Performance
4:00PM	Engagement Community Mixer Cottonwood Suite



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Land & Labor Acknowledgement



Alexanderia Russell
Elder

Alexanderia Russell (White Mountain Apache) is a proud wife, mother, grandmother, auntie, and Elder in the Sacramento region. Deeply connected to her Apache heritage, she strives to model love, strength, and cultural pride in her daily life, inspiring her family, Native women, and her community.

With more than 35 years of experience in public health and social services, Alexanderia has devoted her career to promoting education, wellness, and cultural preservation. She has served on numerous Native committees and continues to volunteer across the Sacramento region, supporting Indian Education Programs, the Native American Caucus, and local Tribes and organizations.

A passionate artist, Alexanderia shares her love for Southwest pottery with children and families, teaching them to honor their traditions and stay grounded in culture. Her art and community work keep her connected to the Creator, her ancestors, and her people. Through every circle she joins, Alexanderia hopes to bring hope, resilience, and wellness to all.

The Wilton Rancheria Tribal Council is the elected governing body and legislative branch of the federally recognized Wilton Rancheria Tribe, responsible for enacting laws, approving budgets, and authorizing expenditures to manage the tribe's affairs, promote public health and education, and advance its economic and social interests. The Council works with the Tribe's Executive and Judicial branches to oversee the implementation of its constitution and policies.



Wilton Rancheria
Tribal Council Member



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Opening Remarks Speakers



Phil Serna
Sacramento County
Board of Supervisors
District 1

Phil Serna is the Sacramento County Supervisor for District 1, re-elected to a fourth term in 2022.

A lifelong Sacramentan and son of former Mayor Joe Serna, Jr., Phil was inspired by his family's advocacy alongside Cesar Chavez. He holds degrees from CSU Sacramento and Cal Poly San Luis Obispo in city and regional planning.

Phil represents a diverse district including Downtown and Oak Park, and has served on numerous regional boards, including the California Air Resources Board. In his free time, he enjoys fly fishing, photography, cooking, and playing music.

Cephoni Jackson is a senior-level DEI Practitioner and Human Resources Business Partner with 20 years of experience in Fortune 1 & 500 companies across retail, apparel, food industries and the Public Sector. Cephoni excels in championing racial equity initiatives, leading transformative change, building inclusive leadership capabilities, fostering high-performance cultures, and strengthening talent pipelines and community partnerships.

She was appointed Chief DEI Officer for Sacramento County in 2024 and serves as Chair of the DEI Cabinet.

Her academic background includes dual master's degrees in human resources development and public administration, a bachelor of arts in political science, Senior Professional in Human Resources (SPHR) certification, and DEI certificates from Cornell University & University of Southern Florida.



Cephoni Jackson
Chief Diversity, Equity,
& Inclusion Officer

Event Emcees

Joe Angelo is the Director of Personnel Services for the County of Sacramento. He previously served as Chief People & Culture Officer for a national nonprofit and as Human Resources Director for the cities of San Antonio, TX, and San Jose, CA, as well as the County of Alameda, CA.

With extensive leadership experience, Mr. Angelo has guided comprehensive HR operations, aligning people strategies with organizational goals to strengthen performance and workplace culture. He has redesigned management training to promote effective leadership, accountability, and employee development through structured coaching and performance systems.

A strong advocate for equity and inclusion, Mr. Angelo has led initiatives that foster respect, diversity, and engagement across organizations.

He holds a Master of Public Administration from Harvard University, an MBA from the University of Miami, and a BBA from the University of Pennsylvania, and has served as Treasurer of California Counties HR.



Joe Angelo
Director
Department of
Personnel Services

Allison Keene is a public service professional with over twelve years at Sacramento County, currently serving on the Hiring Team in the Department of Personnel.

She holds a degree in Public Administration from West Texas A&M University and has held roles including Eligibility Worker, Trainer, and Human Services Supervisor. Allison has led key equity trainings and chaired the County's LGBTQ Caucus for nine years. She helped organize the 2023 Racial Equity Summit and now serves on the County's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Cabinet, advancing equitable policies and practices.



Allison Keene
Personnel Analyst
Department of
Personnel Services



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Keynote Speaker

Dr. Robert “BJ” Snowden

Executive Director

CSU Statewide Central Office for
the Advancement of Black
Excellence

Dr. BJ Snowden is a dedicated, equity-driven leader in higher education with more than 23 years of experience spanning instruction, student affairs, and institutional effectiveness. He currently serves as the Executive Director of the CSU Central Office for the Advancement of Black Student Success, where he leads transformative statewide efforts to institutionalize equity-minded policies, advance systemwide strategic goals, and certify Black-Serving Institutions across California.

Rooted in a deep commitment to community and student success, Dr. Snowden actively contributes to local, statewide, and national leadership as a member of several boards, including the National Council on Black & African American Affairs, the California Community College Chancellor's Office Black Student Success Week Advisory Board, and the United Way California Capital Region Board of Directors. He is also a proud member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., and is active with the Sacramento Alumni Chapter.

Dr. Snowden's impact has been recognized with numerous honors, including being named one of Sacramento's Black Change Makers by the Sacramento Bee in 2023 and receiving the Community College Outstanding Leadership Award from Sacramento State.

He holds a Doctorate in International & Multicultural Education with an emphasis in Racial Justice from the University of San Francisco, a Master's in Educational Technology from Pepperdine University, and a Bachelor's in Radio, TV, and Film Production from San José State University.

Beyond his professional life, Dr. Snowden's greatest joys come from his roles as husband to Michele and father to their daughter, August. His unwavering dedication to family and community continues to guide his purpose-driven work across California and beyond.

Speakers

Eduardo began his career with the Sacramento County Department of Human Assistance (DHA) in October 1999 as a Human Services Specialist, where he discovered his passion for serving the community by providing eligibility assistance through programs such as CalWORKs, CalFresh, and Medi-Cal. He advanced to Supervisor and later Training Supervisor, supporting new and ongoing staff development. From 2008 to 2015, Eduardo served as Program Manager overseeing two of DHA's largest eligibility bureaus, including General Assistance. In 2015, he joined the Executive Management Team as Division Manager of Homeless Services, leading efforts in shelter redesign and new housing programs in collaboration with the Sacramento Continuum of Care. Appointed Deputy Director in 2021, Eduardo has since overseen DHA's Operations and now leads the Planning and Support Branch, encompassing Policy, Program Integrity, Staff Development, Quality Assurance/Control, and Hearings. Eduardo earned his Bachelor's degree in Political Science with a Minor in Chicano Studies from the University of California, Berkeley, in 1999.



Eduardo Ameneiro
Human Assistance
Deputy Director



Tim Choi
Program Planner
Sacramento County
Public Health

Tim Choi is a Program Planner within the Health and Racial Equity Unit at Sacramento County Public Health.

He works with the Community Health in Action (CHIA) Coalition to build community power and co-create healthy neighborhoods.

He is currently a student at Carnegie Mellon University working on Managing AI Systems focusing on the disproportionate health impacts of AI on communities. He previously worked at the Department of Human Assistance on data-driven decision-making. Prior to that, he worked at county health departments in Los Angeles, San Francisco, and Solano. He coaches youth soccer and tennis and one favorite activity is fishing in the backcountry of the Sierras.



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Emily Halcon is the Director of the Department of Homeless Services and Housing (DHS) for Sacramento County. Emily serves as the central coordinator of the County's policy and program development efforts to address homelessness with the goal of aligning and integrating County policies, programs, services and funding toward reducing the prevalence of homelessness in Sacramento County and its impact on communities, business districts, and people experiencing homelessness. Prior to joining the County in 2021, Emily spent six years as the Homeless Services Manager for the City of Sacramento, overseeing policy and programs through the City to address homelessness. She also spent three years with Focus Strategies, a Sacramento based consulting firm dedicated to helping communities improve efforts to end homelessness by using local data to shape program and system design using a "systems thinking" approach. Emily began her career at the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency (SHRA), where she spent eleven years, working on local housing policies and programs. Emily holds a Masters in Community and Regional Development from the University of California, Davis.



Emily Halcon
Director of the
Department of Homeless
Services and Housing



Crystal Harding
Public Health Advocates

Crystal Harding-Jenkins is a first-generation immigrant from Liberia who has called North Highlands and Foothill Farms home since 1996. She holds a master's in social work from Sacramento State and currently serves as Program Manager at Public Health Advocates, leading the Sac CHIP Initiative.

Crystal brings heart, grit, and integrity to her work, with a strong focus on community wellness and equity. She is also a Parent Leader and was elected to the North Highlands Recreation and Park District Board in 2020, now serving her second term to uplift local parks, programs, and people.



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Eric Jones serves as Sacramento County's Deputy County Executive for Public Safety and Justice, appointed by the Board of Supervisors in 2022.

He oversees several departments including the Coroner, Probation, and Public Defender, and works closely with justice partners like the Sheriff and District Attorney. With over 30 years in public service, Eric previously served as Stockton's Police Chief, where he led community-driven reforms and co-developed Principled Policing Training with the State Attorney General's Office.

He has advised national justice initiatives and is a founding member of the American Society of Evidence-Based Policing. Eric holds a B.S. in Criminal Justice from CSU Sacramento and an M.P.A. from National University.



Eric Jones
Deputy County
Executive for Public
Safety and Justice



Alberto G. Mercado
Community &
Engagement
Coordinator

Alberto Mercado is a communications and community engagement professional known for building meaningful relationships and driving initiatives that create lasting impact.

With a background in grassroots organizing, he has led inclusive programs that center diverse voices through strategic outreach and collaboration. Alberto brings expertise in stakeholder engagement, communication planning, and digital storytelling.

His creative edge shines through video production and social media, where he crafts compelling content that informs, empowers, and mobilizes communities.



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Speakers

Chief Rowe serves as the Chief Probation Officer for Sacramento County, bringing over 25 years of experience in law enforcement and public service. He began his career at the Youth Detention Facility and later spent 22 years with the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, where he led statewide operations and policy initiatives.

His accomplishments include serving on the California Sex Offender Management Board, creating the Division of Adult Parole Operations (DAPO) first Peace Officer Standards and Training Commission (POST) Certified Parole Academy, and developing Principled Policing training. Chief Rowe holds a B.S. from CSU Sacramento, is a graduate of the LAPD Leadership Program, and a Fellow of the American Leadership Forum.

Named DAPO's Professional of the Year in 2022, he now leads with a commitment to rehabilitation, public safety, and community transformation.



Jamal Rowe
Chief Probation Officer



Mark K. Slaughter
Supervising Attorney
Sacramento County
Public Defender

Mr. Slaughter is a seasoned attorney with over 19 years at the Sacramento County Public Defender's Office, where he currently supervises a felony intake team and represents clients in felony cases. He previously led the Juvenile Division and has a strong commitment to youth advocacy and community education.

Before joining the Public Defender's Office, he spent 18 years with the Department of Motor Vehicles, including as Staff Counsel. Mr. Slaughter teaches at CSU Sacramento and actively leads Know Your Rights seminars, "The Talk" presentations, and legal education on implicit bias.

He serves on several advisory and equity-focused committees and enjoys singing with the Sacramento Choral Society and traveling.



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Speakers

Ana Latu Taukolo is a Tongan-American advocate and organizer with over a decade of experience empowering youth across Sacramento. She has led civic engagement and leadership programs through organizations like Alliance for Education Solutions (AES), Higher Attainment through Wisdom and Knowledge (H.A.W.K.) and Empowering Pacific Islander Communities (EPIC), focusing on mentorship, advocacy, and cultural empowerment.

Born and raised in Sacramento, Ana is passionate about creating spaces where Pacific Islander and BIPOC youth can lead and thrive. She holds dual bachelor's degrees in Sociology and Multicultural & Gender Studies from Chico State and is currently pursuing an MBA at Sacramento State, graduating in 2026. Ana is guided by the principle, "It's not about the hard work, it's about the HEART work."



Ana Taukolo
Coordinator of Local
Child & Youth Advocacy
Youth Forward



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Moderator & Panelists



Jesse Villalobos
Senior Director
Race Forward
Moderator

Jesse Villalobos is the Senior Director of Place-Based Strategies at Race Forward, where he supports partnerships between communities of color and government to build collaborative governing power.

Informed by social justice movements, Jesse has worked with grassroots groups, community organizations, and public institutions to advance racial equity. He has led regional policy efforts at the National Conference for Community & Justice (NCCJ) and directed university-based racial justice initiatives.

A seasoned movement educator, Jesse provides strategic support to organizers, artists, and policymakers. He holds a B.A. in Social Work and an M.A. in Media Studies & Communications.

Eric Guerra serves as Mayor Pro Tem of the City of Sacramento and is a Governor-appointed member of the California Air Resources Board. An engineer by training, he integrates local, regional, and state policies to improve air quality, reduce emissions, and expand access to jobs, education, and childcare.

Eric brings over 20 years of legislative experience and has represented District 6 on the Sacramento City Council for more than a decade. His lived experience as a former farmworker and his academic background in engineering and public policy shape his equity-driven approach.

A strong advocate for active transportation, Eric often commutes by e-bike and is a devoted father and community member.



Eric Guerra
Mayor Pro Tem
City of Sacramento

Panelists



Danielle Lawrence
Executive Director
Mutual Assistance
Network

Danielle is the Executive Director of Mutual Assistance Network in Del Paso Heights, where she leads efforts to prevent child abuse, support thriving families, and strengthen neighborhood infrastructure. With a background in Social Work and experience in foster care and mental health, she brings both expertise and heart to her leadership.

Danielle has been a key leader in Sacramento County's Black Child Legacy Campaign and continues to focus on advocacy, systems change, and leadership development. Her work is rooted in racial equity, transparency, and a belief in sacred, community-centered transformation.

Outside of her professional role, Danielle is a proud wife and mother of three daughters.

Nia MooreWeathers is a Sacramento native and Youth Justice & Equity Manager at Youth Forward, where she has worked since 2018.

Her advocacy centers on Black joy, racial justice, and reducing youth recidivism through re-entry services, expungement access, and community empowerment. Nia has contributed to the Sacramento Racial Equity Alliance and supported the development of the City's Sacramento Centered on Racial Equity (SCORE) Initiative and Racial Equity Committee.

In 2025, she was honored as a Sacramento Black Changemaker by The Sacramento Bee for her impact on policy and equity. Her work reflects a deep commitment to intentional representation and transformative change.



Nia MooreWeathers
Justice & Equity
Manager
Youth Forward

Closing Remarks Speakers



Rosario Rodriguez
Sacramento County
Board of Supervisors
District 4

Rosario Rodriguez is a healthcare executive, entrepreneur, and elected leader with deep roots in the Sacramento region. A daughter of Mexican immigrants, she spent over 24 years in healthcare before opening Sutter Street Taqueria in Folsom, inspired by her Bay Area upbringing. Elected to Folsom City Council in 2020 as the city's first Latina councilwoman and later mayor, she focused on homelessness, budgeting, and economic development. In 2024, she was elected to the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors, where she represents District 4 and prioritizes homelessness, public safety, transportation, and regional collaboration. Rosario combines her business and public service experience to advocate for balanced growth and stronger partnerships between government, businesses, and communities.

Sacramento County DEI Cabinet Members



Cephoni Jackson
Chief DEI Officer, DEI Chair



Eduardo Ameneiro
Human Assistance Deputy Director



Joe Angelo
Personnel Services Director



Amanda Benson
Public Defender



Shelby Boston
Child, Family and Adult Svcs Director



Ethan Dye
Human Assistance Director



Maria Gonzalez
Probation Division Chief



Joshua Green
General Services Director



Emily Halcon
Director Homeless Svcs and Housing



Haya Johnson
Policy & Compliance Administrator



Dr. Olivia Kasirye
Public Health Officer



Allison Keene
LGBTQ Caucus



Mary Nakamura
Health Services Program Manager



Kim Nava
Public Information Director



Quitha Owens
African American Caucus



Catrina Ranum
District Attorney



Jamal Rowe
Chief Probation Officer



Lieutenant Kionna Rowe
Sheriff's Office



Supervisor Phil Serna
Board of Supervisors



Mark Slaughter
Public Defender Attorney



Todd Smith
Planning and Environmental Director



Kory Wright
Child, Family and Adult Svcs Social Worker



Rami Zakaria
Chief Information Officer

Cultural Performance Groups & T.H.R.I.V.E. Music and Vibes



AMIALYNN

AmiaLynn is a spoken word artist, singer, and performer from Sacramento. A 2023 graduate of Grant Union High School and Brave New Voices Finalist, she serves as a poet mentor and educator with Sacramento Area Youth Speaks (SAYS)—a social justice movement and program through UC Davis that empowers youth to become agents of change through poetry and self-expression. She has also worked with the Roberts Family Development Center (RFDC) and The RAGE Project, using her art to inspire connection, confidence, and healing within her community.

NUEVO AMANECER

Nuevo Amanecer, led by Aurora Chavez de Hernandez, is a Mexican folklorico dance ensemble that is based in Sacramento - performing locally since 2012.

Through the art of dance, Nuevo Amanecer together performs their interpretation of the Mexican regions of Jalisco, Veracruz, Sinaloa, Chihuahua, and more.



BRAZILIAN CENTER FOR CULTURAL EXCHANGE OF SACRAMENTO - UNIDOS DA CAPITAL

Unidos da Capital is a Sacramento-based Brazilian cultural group founded in 2014 by Saara Burga, dedicated to sharing the rhythms, dances, and traditions of Brazil through vibrant performances and community workshops.

Their work celebrates Afro-Brazilian heritage and fosters joy, inclusion, and cross-cultural connection across Northern California.



DJ KOU

Music, media, and entertainment have always been my passion. I've been DJing for over 15 years providing my service to events such as wedding, anniversary, retirement, corporate events and etc. Furthermore, I am currently working with Sacramento County's media team, blending creativity and technical skill to bring energy to every project. Whether I'm behind the turntables or behind the camera, I love crafting experiences that connect people through sound and story — bringing life to every event.



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#IThriveWhen



What Do *YOU* need to T.H.R.I.V.E.?

The #IThriveWhen campaign invites voices from all across the county to speak on what they need to flourish and grow in every area of life (mentally, physically, spiritually) to experience a state of well-being, and good success.

Recorded in the form of 30-45 second testimonials, share what needs to be true in order for you and/or your family to THRIVE in Sacramento County. Your response should be in the form of a statement. "I thrive when....."

Want to Share Your #IThriveWhen Testimonial?

Visit our Audiobook station located in the lobby to record your #IThriveWhen testimonial. You may have the chance to be featured on County social media or future T.H.R.I.V.E. Summit content. But, more importantly, your voice will be heard and inform future planning.





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THANK YOU !

We want to thank each of you for being part of today's THRIVE Summit. Your energy, ideas, and commitment are what make gatherings like this so meaningful. We appreciate your time and your voices, and we look forward to continuing this work together. Thank you.



We would like to extend our sincere gratitude to our sponsors:

Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) and the Wilton Rancheria, for their generous support of the THRIVE Summit.

We would also like to extend our appreciation to DJ Kou Lee for setting the rhythm and energy of the THRIVE Summit. Your talent and vibrant soundscape created an atmosphere of celebration, connection, and community that brought our event to life.

Gratitude to the departments that hosted virtual T.H.R.I.V.E. Summit watch parties across the County to make it possible for employees to participate via livestream."

Thank you to our incredible artistic vendors for bringing color, creativity, and joy to this celebration of Sacramento County's vibrant cultures. From whimsical balloon art to interactive photo booths, your contributions help create a dynamic, welcoming space that reflects the diversity and spirit of our community.

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About SACOG

SACOG is where local government leaders in the Sacramento region come together to advance three strategic goals of equity, economy and environment. In partnership with its 28 member cities and counties, SACOG addresses complex challenges that are too big for any one jurisdiction to solve on its own. SACOG fosters collaboration and progress for an equitable, sustainable, and prosperous future. Our multifaceted support extends to local governments addressing diverse issues such as transportation planning, funding, assistance, airport planning, and housing affordability.



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Wilton Rancheria

About Wilton Rancheria

Wilton Rancheria, the only federally recognized Tribe in Sacramento County, is proud to be California's Capitol Tribe. Our citizens are primarily Miwok and Nisenan people, descendants of the Penutian linguistic family. The ancestors of Wilton Rancheria have occupied the Sacramento Valley since time immemorial. Wilton Rancheria was first established in 1928, which put 38.77 acres of land in to trust in Wilton, California. The Tribe lost its Federal Recognition in 1964 following the passage of the Rancheria Act. After a hard-fought legal battle led by Tribal Elders, the Tribe's federal status was restored on June 8, 2009. In November 2011, the Tribe adopted its modern constitution. Wilton Rancheria's government is divided into four separate branches: a General Council, an Executive branch, a Legislative branch, and a Judicial branch.



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Volunteers

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Alvarez, Melinda 'Sarita'
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Bauer, Melissa
*Bell, Krystal
Bennett, Cheryl
Borders, Kristopher
*Brooks-Gomez, Kirbee
Brosnan, Gail
Burks, Tyra
Cabahug, Maria
Camacho, Casey
Cardoza, Alexis
Carlson, AnaLucia
Castilleja, Magdalena
Castillo, Lisette
Chang, Richard
Chavez Balderas, Emily
Cortez, Shelly
Cuevas-Romero, Vanessa
*Cummings, Vanessa
Dean, Ashli
Deschamps, Lonje
DeSousa, Maureen
Early, Cassandra
Edwards, Zahira
Elk Eagle, Mayumi
Escobar, Faye

Fletcher, Brooklynne
Fukushima, Linzie
Gallelo, Julie
Garcia, Yolanda
Glisic, Ajna
Graeff, Arla
Herrera, Melissa
Hicks, Sophia
*Jackson, Cephoni
*Jimenez, Veronica
*Jones, Lyn-Tise
King, Sonranevy (Nevy)
Koeberlein, Debra
Kozitka, John
Lee, Kou
Martin, Tanzania
McCall, Stephanie
Monarrez, Yesenia
Montoya, Deanna
*Nakamura, Mary
Norton, Anna
Norwood, Lynsey
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Owens, Shalina
Palmer, Kylie
Parker, Dwaynitta

Paulson, Caitlyn
Pavelchik, Wendy
Perez, Adrian
Qutub, Mohamad
Randall, Niketha
Rocha-Wyatt, Monica
Rossi, Sol
Russell, Alexanderia
Saelee, Sou
Sanchez, Angelika
Santiago, David
Shells, Tangerie
Silva, Natividad 'Nati'
Smith, Angela
Solorio, Candy
Soria, Ashley
Steele-May, Devecia
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Thompson, Alondra
Tran-Chong, Tham
*Williams, Areli
Yonker, Zachary
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Thank you for catching the vision for the 2025 T.H.R.I.V.E. Summit & Community Engagement Mixer and running with it! Each of you recognized the importance of creating space for community to convene, elevating purpose-driven work, and spreading joy – for such a time as this. Your commitment, creativity, and dedication made it all possible.