

Why the Time is Right for a Guaranteed Income with an Equity Lens

Speaker Bios



Mayor Ron Nirenberg

San Antonio

Ron Nirenberg is the mayor of San Antonio, one of the nation's fastest growing cities with the 7th largest population in the United States.

He was raised in Austin, Texas, and attended college in San Antonio. Nirenberg is the son of an immigrant from Southeast Asia and the grandson of immigrants from Eastern Europe who passed through Ellis Island. Through his personal experiences, Mayor Nirenberg developed a core commitment to civic participation and the universal values of liberty, justice, and equal opportunity for every person.

Mayor Nirenberg was re-elected to a second term on June 8, 2019.

The Mayor's policy priorities include nurturing an educated workforce in San Antonio through the AlamoPROMISE tuition-free college program and championing innovative transportation solutions through the city's first comprehensive multimodal transportation plan. In August of 2017, Mayor Nirenberg created the Mayor's Housing Policy Task Force because all San Antonians, regardless of income level, deserve opportunities to find quality affordable housing within city limits. [READ MORE ABOUT THE MAYOR](#)



Aisha Nyandoro

Springboard To Opportunities

Aisha Nyandoro is on a mission to holistically and compassionately support families as they work to exit poverty. As the Founding Chief Executive Officer of Springboard To Opportunities, she uses a "radically resident-driven" approach to end generational poverty. She's both deeply practical, strategic and very impatient; launching the very first of its kind guaranteed income program for single Black mothers in the history of the United States – The Magnolia Mother's Trust.

Nyandoro has more than two decades of experience developing, implementing, and evaluating programs aimed at improving the quality of life for individuals with limited resources. She has worked in various capacities-- as an academic, evaluator, philanthropist, and nonprofit executive. These varied experiences have allowed her to better understand systems and policies that impact vulnerable communities. Prior

to serving with Springboard, Aisha served as a Program Officer with the Foundation for the Mid-South. During her tenure, she strengthened the Foundation's community development portfolio by executing a plan focused on five specific strategies aimed at transforming communities. Additionally, she led the Foundation's place-based initiative – Community of Opportunities. Under her leadership, community leaders were able to leverage more than \$20 million in federal and private funding. In addition, she established statewide, regional, and national public-private partnerships to create resources and assist the Foundation in achieving its mission and goals.

She holds a B.A. in Psychology from Tennessee State University, a M.A. in Community Psychology and Urban Affairs and a Ph.D. in Ecological Community Psychology from Michigan State University. Aisha's commitment to community and passion for social change is demonstrated through her varied volunteer work including Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., and the various boards of directors and advisory councils to which she lends her expertise and service. Aisha has received multiple honors, including recognition as a fellow of the W.K. Kellogg Foundation Community Leadership Network and Ascend at the Aspen Institute. She is a TEDx speaker and her work has been featured in both print and news media outlets including: The Washington Post, Amanpour & Company, Essence Magazine, NBC Nightly News with Lester Holt, CNN, MSNBC, Fast Company and The Nation to name a few. The varied recognitions for her work distinguish her as a trailblazer in the larger national conversation about economic and racial inequity. When not working to transform the world, she is a wife and Mommy to the best two little boys in the world.



Sukhi Samra

Stockton Economic Empowerment Demonstration (SEED)

Sukhi Samra is the Director of Mayors for a Guaranteed Income and the Director of the Stockton Economic Empowerment Demonstration, the nation's first mayor-led guaranteed income demonstration. She was previously a policy aide to Mayor Tubbs, playing a critical role in the launch of the Stockton Scholars, an ambitious college access initiative, and in publishing the inaugural Report on the Status of

Women. Sukhi is originally from Fresno, CA and graduated from Stanford University as a member of Phi Beta Kappa.



Manuel J. Santamaria

Silicon Valley Community Foundation

As vice president, Manuel oversees the Community Action department, which includes Movement and Power-Building, Leadership Investment and Capacity Building, Scholarships and

Nonprofit Support Services. With Manuel's leadership, these teams further SVCF's role in addressing the region's most challenging problems and improving communities and our quality of life.

Manuel joined SVCF in 1999 and has held a variety of roles, including Grantmaking Director, Senior Program Officer in early learning and education, and immigrant integration. Prior to his work with SVCF, he led initiatives for a network of family resource centers, helped develop education programs for children and adults, and has worked with local organizations that advocate for the protection of immigrant rights and financial inclusion and equity for the most vulnerable in our community.

Manuel is currently a member of the board of directors of the Asset Funders Network, past board secretary of the Mission Asset Fund, past treasurer of Grantmakers Concerned with Immigrants (GCIR) and co-chair of the California Immigrant Integration Initiative. He has a bachelor's degree in international relations and a master's degree in public administration.