

Guaranteed Income: A Roadmap to Policy Solutions for California

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Speakers:

Teri Olle, Economic Security Project (moderator)

Teri Olle is the California Campaign Director for the Economic Security Project. Teri's work focuses on direct cash payments as an effective strategy to reduce poverty and address the affordability crisis at both the state and federal level. In California, Teri is advancing policies to expand, modernize and ensure access to targeted tax credits like the California Earned Income Tax Credit and the Young Child Tax Credit. She also co-chairs the California Guaranteed Income Community of Practice, and is working to increase and scale guaranteed income in California. At the federal level, she is fighting to renew the expanded federal Child Tax Credit. Teri has over 20 years of experience in issue advocacy and campaigns across a range of issues including food security and hunger, environmental health, and women's representation in politics. Teri graduated from UW-Madison, and has a law degree from the University of Chicago. She lives in San Francisco.

Sukhi Samra, Mayors for a Guaranteed Income

Sukhi 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.

Katie Clarkin, California Department of Social Services

Katie is a Program Director in the Office of Family Engagement & Empowerment Initiatives, California Department of Social Services (CDSS)

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Jackie Contreras, Los Angeles County Department of Public Social Services (DPSS)

Jackie Contreras was appointed on May 21, 2022, to serve as Interim Director for the Los Angeles County Department of Public Social Services (DPSS), which administers a budget of more than \$5B and serves over 4M residents. Prior to this appointment, she served as Chief Deputy Director for DPSS where her responsibilities included leadership for varied administrative functions, In-Home Supportive Services, and the Customer Service Centers. She remains keenly focused on the timely provision of quality services to both internal and external

stakeholders, and transformational efforts to promote economic mobility and anti-racism, diversity, and inclusion.

Prior to joining DPSS, Dr. Contreras served as a Managing Director for Casey Family Programs' direct service offices. In this position, she led policy and practice efforts that included the development and implementation of a functional assessment and a culturally responsive, family-centered practice model grounded in trauma-and healing-informed care. Additionally, she served in various capacities as a child welfare administrator for the Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS). Prior to her work with DCFS, she worked as a psychologist and manager for the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health, and both provided and directed intensive in-home mental health services; and managed a myriad of direct and contracted services to children and families, transition age youth, adults, and older adults.

Dr. Contreras received her B.A. in psychology from UCLA and her M.A. and Ph.D. in clinical psychology from the California School of Professional Psychology at Alliant University. She has dedicated her career to improving the well-being of vulnerable and marginalized families, drawing on her varied personal and professional experiences, while always holding to the basic tenet that we can best help people thrive when compassion and respect guide our work.

Asma Day, Blue Shield of California Foundation

Asma Day (she/her) is a program manager at Blue Shield of California Foundation motivated by centering racial and gender equity in her work. In this position, she is responsible for executing the Foundation's grantmaking process and providing programmatic support to strengthen economic security and mobility for Californians.

Prior to joining the Foundation, Asma served as a program manager at the Bay Area Regional Health Inequities Initiative (BARHII) where she led COVID-19 equitable response and recovery initiatives, including emergency paid leave and guaranteed income pilots. She helped to develop and manage multi-sector collaboratives and policy campaigns from design to execution that resulted in measurable impact on early childhood priorities in the Bay Area and led to four successful bills passing the California legislature in one year.

Prior to being at BARHII, Asma was a population health program manager at San Francisco Health Plan, where she managed the practice improvement program that incentivized Medi-Cal providers to implement systems improvement efforts. She also designed and implemented evaluations for multiple population health programs.