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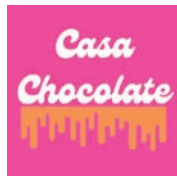
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MARIA TERESA GOMEZ
 Founder
 Casa Chocolate

Maria Teresa Gomez -Born and raised in our finest city (San Diego County) Barrio Logan, National City & South San Diego Cities. Worked in National City for 24 years at Family-Owned Small Business Ship Repair Company. Now, Award Winning Author (Gourmet Apples and More Baking Book), Owner and Founder of Casa Chocolate located in National City. Maria Teresa creates Chocolate Treat for all special occasion and also offers chocolate treat making classes for adult and children.



MEYBOL GUERRERO
 Executive Director, Relationship Executive
 JPMorgan Chase

Meybol M. Guerrero is the Executive Director and Relationship Director for JPMorgan Chase Commercial Banking Middle Market in the San Diego market. In this role, she manages a portfolio of commercial clients and actively seeks new business opportunities. Meybol is dedicated to providing strategic financial guidance and solutions throughout the San Diego area. Her team's mission is to support local companies in their growth, improve cash flow, manage U.S. and international payments, and invest for the future. They achieve this by focusing on credit and lending, deposits, and cash management solutions for privately-held companies with annual revenues starting at \$20 million. The team serves a variety of industries, including wholesalers, distributors, manufacturers, importers/exporters, professional services, medical, and government contractors. With over 24 years of experience in Commercial and Private Banking, Meybol brings a wealth of knowledge to her role. Before her banking career, she served as a Controller for her family-owned distribution company in Southern California for 12 years. Founded by her parents in 1988, the company remains under family management.

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DANIEL GUILLEN
 Co-founder & COO
 International Private Wealth Advisors, LLC

Daniel Guillen is Co-Founder & COO of International Private Wealth Advisors (IPWA). Alongside the IPWA leadership, Daniel brings deep expertise to and enjoys serving the unique needs of founders, entrepreneurs, real estate investors, and high net worth families. At IPWA, Guillen leverages his skills to address the unique financial needs of affluent clients. His expertise encompasses maximizing enterprise value, optimizing wealth, mitigating risks, facilitating successful business transitions, and managing appreciated assets (e.g., real estate, stocks) while prioritizing cash flow and tax minimization. For 27 years, Daniel has committed to fostering economic progress within the Latino community regularly sharing his financial acumen through lectures on investments and personal finance, delivered in both English and Spanish throughout San Diego. His dedication to education and community development is further exemplified by his service on the foundation board of Southwestern College.



RODOLFO HAM-ZHU
 CEO
 Mahmi Bio

After migrating from Mexico and earning degrees from the University of California at Davis, Johns Hopkins University, and Quantic Institute of Business and Technology, Rodolfo Ham-Zhu has become a sought-after quadrilingual biotechnology expert. For almost 2 decades he has provided technical guidance for start-ups and Global 500 companies in the development and manufacturing of catalytic proteins, vaccines, and cell therapies. Rodolfo is passionate about inspiring the next generation of engineers and scientists. He has given TEDx talks, created a massively open online course, and mentored students through MentorNet and Biocom. Last year Rodolfo launched a foodtech and biotech company, Mähmi Bio, a company that will revolutionize the food ingredient industry and has been accepted into prestigious accelerators such as Techstars at San Diego State University and the Stanford Graduate School's Latino Business Action Network.





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Diane Prospero
 Director of Child Development

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NICKIE PEÑA

Director, Marketing & Communications
Girl Scouts San Diego

Nickie Peña is the director of marketing and communications at Girl Scouts San Diego (GSSD), the organization that builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place. With more than a decade of experience, she supports GSSD's advancement initiatives, spearheading its marketing communications, media relations, community event engagements, and branding efforts. Nickie's passion for local media and telling San Diego's stories runs deep. She is an active board member and serves on the development committee for Voice of San Diego, an investigative journalism nonprofit. She is an active member of MANA de San Diego, the nonprofit organization dedicated to transforming communities by empowering Latinas to achieve upward mobility and a better quality of life. Previously an Hermanitas program mentor and member of the Tias Committee, which prepares and supports young Latinas in their college journeys, she continues to provide 1-1 coaching on LinkedIn.



ALEJANDRA POSTLETHWAITE, MD

Director, Psychiatry
Neighborhood Healthcare

Baja California native Dr. Alejandra Postlethwaite is Neighborhood Healthcare's Director of Psychiatry. She supervises psychiatrist and advanced practice practitioners who treat underserved children with behavioral health diagnoses in San Diego and Riverside Counties. Dr. Postlethwaite is also a clinical staff psychiatrist at Rady Children's Hospital. Her awards include the UC San Diego Chair Research Award, UC San Diego Medical Student Teaching Award, the American Psychiatric Association (APA) Chief Resident Leadership Travel Award, the APA Minority Fellowship Award, UCLA Gertude R Greenblatt, MD Award, and the American Psychoanalytic Association Fellowship Award. Dr. Postlethwaite volunteers with the California Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry (CALA-CAP) and its San Diego Chapter, where she served as president for both. She was also the founding training co-director for UC San Diego's Community Psychiatry Fellowship Program and teaches first-year medical students at UCSD.



DIANE PROSPERO

Director, Child Development
Children's Paradise Preschool & Infant Centers

Diane Prospero is the Director of Child Development at Children's Paradise. Her passion is helping ALL children and parents, regardless of income or background, achieve their full potential as a family unit and become self-sufficient in their community. Diane has dedicated her career to ensuring that every child succeeds in the classroom, with individualized education plans and additional support services tailored to their needs. Diane has led various initiatives, such as organizing food drives, fundraising to combat homelessness, and establishing food pantries in seven early childhood education centers. She also plays a vital role in promoting the Toys For Tots program every year, ensuring toys are distributed to San Diego's neediest families. Additionally, Diane actively supports various San Diego organizations and initiatives that aid families, including the San Diego Quality Preschool Initiative, Family Child Care Homes and the California Childcare Initiative Project, among others.



GRISELDA RAMIREZ

Chief External Affairs Officer
County of San Diego,
Office of Supervisor Nora Vargas

Griselda serves as the Chief External Affairs Officer for Chairwoman Nora Vargas, overseeing strategies to enhance relationships with government agencies, community organizations, the media, and the public. A Los Angeles native and California State University Fullerton graduate in communications and public relations, she is currently an MPA candidate at USC. Before joining Supervisor Vargas's office, Griselda led a successful grassroots civic engagement program as Director of Civic Engagement for Mid-City Community Advocacy Network, boosting voter turnout in City Heights. She also served as a Commissioner for the Leon L. Williams San Diego County Human Relations Commission. An alumna of leadership programs like Hispanas Organized for Political Equality and LEAD Advance, Griselda is committed to resource distribution and voter engagement. She contributes to non-profits such as Run Women Run and Peoples Legal Services and serves as President of the Latina Democratic Club.



Congratulations to Chief Magda Fernandez!

We're all so proud of you and your selection as a Latino Leader of Influence.



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Congratulations Pedro Anaya Jr.!



We congratulate Pedro Anaya Jr. on being recognized as a Top 50 Honoree for the San Diego Business Journal's 2024 Latino Leaders of Influence. His leadership in our community engagement efforts has been instrumental in helping us make a lasting impact on our community and the industry.

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