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**JASON ANDERSON**  
CEO, CLEANTECH SAN DIEGO

Jason Anderson has led Cleantech San Diego since 2010. With more than 120 stakeholders, the nonprofit seeks to position San Diego and Imperial counties as a leader in the cleantech economy. In 2022 the group worked with other organizations on a pilot program that put electric school buses to work serving San Diego's Lincoln High School and its feeder schools.



**TAMARA CRAVER**  
PRESIDENT & CEO, REALITY CHANGERS

Tamara Craver has been president and CEO of Reality Changers since 2019. Reality Changers prepares youth to become first-generation college graduates and agents of change in the community. An executive with a history of working in the education management industry, she was director of The Posse Foundation in Los Angeles for nearly 13 years. Previously Craver was director of development and communications for the YMCA of the USA and director of development and social markets for the American Heart Association in the greater Los Angeles area. Craver has a history degree from UCLA.



**STEPHANIE BROWN**  
CEO & FOUNDER, THE ROSIE NETWORK

Stephanie Brown is the CEO of the Rosie Network, which she founded in 2011. The Rosie Network empowers and advocates on behalf of veteran and military spouse business owners and budding entrepreneurs. Brown was also co-founder of the California Veterans Chamber of Commerce, is CEO and founder of Rosie's List, the nation's largest free search tool featuring veteran and military spouse-owned businesses. She is editor and publisher of Military Entrepreneur Magazine and is a member of the advisory boards of the State of California and Disabled Veterans Business Enterprise.



**CAROL DEDRICH**  
CEO, GIRL SCOUTS SAN DIEGO

Carol Dedrich has been CEO for Girl Scouts San Diego for six years. Dedrich is responsible for the vision and direction of the council in partnership with a board of directors. The group oversees 23,000 girls in San Diego and Imperial counties as well as 12,000 volunteers, 120 full-time employees, 150 season staff members and a \$12 million budget. She was previously chief external relations officer for Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles. Dedrich was also vice president of development at the John Wayne Cancer Institute. She also served as a captain, air defense artillery in the U.S. Army and has an MBA from the University of Arizona.



**PETER CALLSTROM**  
CEO, SAN DIEGO WORKFORCE PARTNERSHIP

Peter Callstrom is a nationally recognized leader in workforce and economic development and has led San Diego Workforce Partnership since 2012. A sought-after speaker and thought leader, Callstrom leads efforts to transform the public workforce system with innovative programs and services, bold thinking, action and results. He has helped SDWP build a diverse budget of public, private and philanthropy to deliver programs to empower job seekers of all ages. SDWP manages a countywide network of full-service career centers, emphasizing underserved populations but available to all job seekers and reaching thousands annually. He has led nonprofits in San Diego County since 1986.



**STEVE DINKIN**  
PRESIDENT, NATIONAL CONFLICT RESOLUTION CENTER

Steve Dinkin has been the president of the National Conflict Resolution Center since 2003. He has secured federal contracts with the U.S. departments of Homeland Security, Navy and Treasury. He has also expanded the organization's programming outside the USA to Europe, Asia and Latin America. Before arriving at NCRC, Dinkin was Program Director at the Center for Dispute Settlement in Washington, D.C. where he designed a mediation program with the U.S. Attorney's Office as well as mediated workplace and employment cases under contract with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and the Federal Reserve System.



**CASEY CASTILLO**  
CEO, JACOBS & CUSHMAN SAN DIEGO FOOD BANK

Casey Castillo has been with the Jacobs & Cushman San Diego Food Bank since 2008 and was named CEO in April 2022 after 14 years as vice president of finance and administration. Castillo has provided oversight for the Food Bank's financial, administrative, human resources and information technology operations for 15 years. He previously served on several nonprofit boards including the board of directors for the El Futuro Credit Union. A graduate of BYU with an MBA from Cal State San Bernardino, Castillo is also a graduate of LEAD San Diego's Impact Program and the Fieldstone Foundation's Emerging Leaders Program.



**PAUL DOWNEY**  
PRESIDENT AND CEO, SERVING SENIORS

Since being appointed to the top job in 1995, Paul Downey has guided Serving Seniors' efforts to provide supportive services focused on keeping low-income seniors healthy and independent. Under his leadership, Serving Seniors has grown to serve 1.5 million nutritious congregate and home delivered meals annually. The agency owns/operates 412 units of affordable senior housing with more on the way.



**SHARON CLOWARD**  
PRESIDENT, SAN DIEGO WORKING WATERFRONT

Sharon Cloward runs San Diego Working Waterfront, renamed in spring 2022 and formerly known as the San Diego Port Tenants Association. The group was formed in 1989 and represents major port tenants, including shipbuilders, manufacturers and hospitality businesses. Cloward, whose introduction to the waterfront was a job washing boats, has run the organization since 2004.



**LISETTE ISLAS**  
CHIEF IMPACT OFFICER, MAAC

Lisette Islas has been executive vice president and chief impact officer at MAAC (MAAC Project) since 2014. MAAC has been providing programs and advocacy in health, education, housing and workforce development throughout the county. She was previously director of learning and programs at San Diego Grantmakers and for 14 years was vice president of civic engagement and programs at Jacobs Center for Neighborhood Innovation. Recognized by other for her ability to build strategies and develop innovative programs, Islas works on engaging hard-to-reach populations and driving organizational change. Islas has a bachelor's degree in sociology from Berkeley and a master's in city planning from UCLA.