

KATHLEEN MENDOZA

My name is Kathleen Mendoza, and I received my bachelor's degree in Information Technology from the University of San Carlos in Cebu, Philippines and my master's degree in Accounting from National University. I started my career in the County of San Diego as a Treasurer-Tax Collector Specialist and worked my way up as now a Financial Policy and Planning Officer with the Office of Financial Planning.

Although I was born in Los Angeles and grew up in the Philippines, I had little to no knowledge about how fascinating Filipino American History is. The County of San Diego Filipino-American Employee Association (CSDFEA) has given me the resources to learn more about my own culture, provided me with the support I needed in my professional growth, and offered me a community that inspires me to give back and be a better leader. Being on the board as the Secretary and then Vice President for the past four years, I am greatly proud of what this organization has accomplished and would love to continue serving CSDFEA as your next President.

Thank you!

President





REVANNAH RESTUA

My name is Revannah Restua and I am running to be CSDFEA's Vice President in 2023. As the next Vice President of CSDFEA, I plan to continue strengthening my service to my fellow County employees by:

1. Creating and fostering inclusive spaces for us to learn about, celebrate, and champion our uniqueness and diversity,
2. Improving workplace engagement by providing opportunities outside of work for professional development, networking, and community engagement, and
3. Opening doors for the next wave of leaders, whether they just started their first full-time job or have Tier A retirement.

Although my career with the County is in its infancy, I believe that I am well-equipped to be Vice President and to accomplish the goals listed above because of my strong initiative, my desire to help and connect with others, and my two years of experience as Treasurer of APACE.

I owe a large part of my success at such a young age to the efficacy of ERGs: I joined CSDFEA and APACE as a Student Worker during my last year of undergrad in anticipation of joining the County full-time. Two short years later, with much support from my ERG colleagues, I grew into the Treasurer of APACE. As Treasurer, I helped to create new partnerships with departments and community-based organizations to promote County initiatives, implemented a new distribution of All-ERG membership fees amongst the 11 ERGs, and spearheaded the first Amplify AAPI Voices panel discussion in May 2021 in response to the huge spike in anti-Asian hate crimes.

Considering all that has happened socio-politically within our country in the last few years, especially with regards to the AAPI community, I am extremely proud of the work I have done with APACE to advocate for AAPI individuals and promote cultural awareness. In the words of Jose Rizal, "Those who fail to look back to where they came from will not reach where they're going." In 2023, I hope to nurture and strengthen the County's Filipino-American identity—as well as my own—and help CSDFEA cultivate a strong Bayanihan spirit to help us all thrive and Live Well.



*Vice
President*



My name is Alyssa Monge, and I am a proud San Diego native. I received my Bachelor of Science degree in Public Health and my Master of Public Health degree at San Diego State University. Shortly after I graduated from my master's program in May 2020, I joined the County of San Diego in their emergency public health response to the COVID-19 pandemic at the Public Health Laboratory in June 2020. Since I started, I worked my way up and promoted into an Operations Research Analyst role with the Public Health Laboratory.

ALYSSA MONGE

During my college days, I was an active member of the Filipino/Filipino American community in San Diego. I have built my early career in a variety of roles and industries. Whether I am producing events, engaging the audience on stage, coordinating with the team, or working on community projects, I strive to achieve individuality in the communities that embraced me.

I am thrilled with the possibility of being more involved and would love the opportunity to be the next Secretary of CSDFEA. I believe that my years of experience in different related fields and my ability to apply those experiences to new situations will help me become a strong team member of CSDFEA.

Secretary

VERONICA CASTRO

My name is Veronica Castro; I am an Admin Analyst with Agency Budget Office. I have been a member of the County of San Diego Filipino-American Employee Association (CSDFEA) for a few years, and I am running for Treasurer. Being a part of the CSDFEA community has been an enriching experience. If elected, I will work hard to provide support to the association and continue to collaborate and service the community.

Treasurer



TYREEN "TY" ARCEGA



My name is Tyreen "Ty" Arcega. I graduated from California State University Dominguez Hills with a bachelor's degree in communication and a master's degree in public administration. I am happily married and the proud mother of three beautiful children. I began my career with the county as a Medical Claims Specialist and worked hard to promote to an Administrative Analyst III. I currently work in Finance and Budget for Medical Care Services and enjoy what I do. I am constantly challenging myself, because those who are "not courageous enough to take risks will accomplish nothing in life"- Muhammad Ali.

I was born in Olongapo, Philippines, and moved to the United States at the age of five. I am a Filipino- American who strives to maintain Filipino values alive in my family because I want my children to understand and appreciate their heritage. I believe that The County of San Diego Filipino-American Association (CSDFEA) will continue to give me the resources I need to further educate myself about Filipino culture, so that I can pass the knowledge on to my children. I want my kids to connect with our racial roots during these modern times so that they know what makes them unique from others. Most importantly, I believe that CSDFEA will provide me with support for my professional growth and allow me to give back to my community. I would love to return to this organization as your next Auditor. Thank you!

Auditor

GIAN DELINO

My name is Gian Delino. I started my career with the County of San Diego in 2013 as an Office Assistant at the North Central Family Resource Center. I am currently a Human Services Specialist at the Northeast Family Resource Center. I am interested in joining the County of San Diego Filipino-American Employee Association as a member of the Board because I love helping people. I know the CSDFEA has helped many employees with professional growth while also promoting Live Well. I believe it would be a great opportunity to meet new people, gain some new skills and hopefully make a positive difference in my community.

Thank you

Director



JESSICA HESS



Hello CSDFEA Members! My name is Jessica Hess, and I am applying for the position of Director for CSDFEA's 2023-2024 term. I am a County of San Diego employee and currently work for HHSA's Financial & Support Services Division (FSSD), EOC Finance Unit as an Administrative Analyst III.

As a current CSDFEA board member, I understand the value of working as a cohesive group to bring our goals to life. For example, I sat on an Administrative Analyst workshop panel, giving feedback on my experience as an Analyst at the County and suggestions on how attendees can get on the Administrative Analyst list and promote. In addition, I am currently a co-chair for the Larry Itliong scholarship committee which is a successful program that assists students of Filipino heritage with college tuition costs. If elected as one of the Directors, I would continue to support County employees in addition to others we serve so they may succeed and thrive.

Thank you for considering me for the position of Director. I am excited to continue representing CSDFEA as a member and leader of this energetic and dynamic Employee Resource Group

Director

MARYLYN GINES

I am interested in joining CSDFEA as a Director. I am currently a County employee within the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors as a Legislative Assistant. The reason why I am running for a director position within CSDFEA is that I enjoy the Filipino culture, traditions, and food. I believe by joining CSDFEA I can continue to promote the culture, traditions, and help share the same interest with other county employees. I enjoy helping others and I believe kindness goes a long way. By joining CSDFEA, it will give me an opportunity to participate in different activities and meet those who share the same interests as me. I would like to contribute to CSDFEA's growth, and I know that by participating there will be dedication and rewarding moments for me. Thank you for your consideration, I truly appreciate it.



^B *Director*

JOSYL WONG



I have 18 years of experience providing excellent customer service to fellow employees and to members of the public. I have a Bachelor's Degree in Public Administration and I have a Master's Degree in Human Resource Management. I am analytical and open to changes for efficiency as I am a consistent champion of process improvement.

I began my career with the County of San Diego in 2002 as a Student Worker with the Department of Public Works. I was hired as a permanent employee with the Treasurer-Tax Collector in 2005 and served as a Treasurer-Tax Collector Specialist. In early 2008, I was promoted as a Board Assistant with the Clerk of the Board and subsequently promoted as a Senior Board Assistant in 2011. In 2021, I joined the Office of Supervisor Lawson-Remer as her Executive Assistant/Office Manager.

I will bring to the members my experience and passion for strategizing plans that foster personal and career advancement opportunities. I am committed to advocating the mission of the association to the rest of the community.

Director