



President

Albert Meraz

Executive VP

Jason Welsh

Secretary

Sara Nolasco

Treasurer

Javier Rodriguez

Member-at-Large

Eric Bencomo

AVP - 1 - So Coast

Manuel Zaragoza

AVP - 3 - Bay

Carla Valadez

AVP - 4 - Northern

Juan Garcia

AVP - 5 - TriCounties

Jose Velasco

AVP - 6 - Inland

Margaret Gomez

AVP - 7 - L.A. Metro

Arcenio Carrillo

AVP - 8 - Southwest

Julissa Perez

AVP - 9 - FHFB

Angelica Castillo

Advisor

Al Ballon

Advisor Program Chairs

Juan Garcia

Erika Leonard

Alfonso Moreno

Committee Chairs

Jose Velasco- Awards

Rene Rubalcava- Elections

¡Sí Se Puede! Team

Mayra Ramirez

Suzanne Nuñez

Susana Diaz

Web Designer

Jason Welsh



Albert Meraz
President, SFHAAC

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

SF HAAC Members,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the latest edition of the *¡Sí Se Puede!* Newsletter. I hope everyone is enjoying the summer with friends and family and looking forward to celebrating the Agency's 80th Anniversary. As I'm sure you'll agree, this summer has gone by much too fast.

As always, the SF HAAC Executive Council (EC) has been busy this year, hosting area meetings and community service events throughout the Region. Additionally, the EC has been actively working on our 2015 Regional Leadership Training (RLT) seminar and Gala event. This will be our largest event in years so I'm very excited to share the news of this event with all of you. The RLT will take place on September 10th and 11th in Garden Grove, CA and will be followed by our 2nd Annual Gala on the evening of September 11th. I hope you consider attending these great events and I look forward to seeing you there.

Finally, I would like to recognize the significant work, dedication and leadership demonstrated by the many volunteers who have contributed in the planning of the RLT and Gala events. Without the efforts and contributions of members across the Region, this organization would not be the success that it is today.

On behalf of the EC, I hope you have a wonderful summer and enjoy our "summer breeze" newsletter!

Best wishes,

Albert Meraz

SF HAAC President

¡Sí Se Puede!



**Thursday, Sept. 10th
& Friday, Sept. 11th**

Transformational Leadership:

Service, Self-Development and Personal Motivation

The San Francisco Hispanic Affairs Advisory Council (SF-HAAC) invites you to attend its 2015 Regional Leadership Training seminar entitled, "*Transformational Leadership: Service, Self-Development and Personal Motivation.*"

This seminar will be a great opportunity for SF-HAAC members and non-members to meet regional and national executives, expand their network, develop and strengthen leadership skills, enjoy motivational speakers, and participate in a series of thought-provoking, innovative breakout sessions. Additionally, the training will provide insight into several core competencies and leadership principles such as service, accountability, flexibility, interpersonal skills, oral communication, and resilience.

Also, we plan to host our 2nd Annual Gala event to conclude our Regional Leadership Training seminar.

Don't miss out; sign up today!

Where: Wyndham Garden Grove, 12021 Harbor Blvd. Garden Gove, CA 92840

When: RLT – Thursday, September 10th & Friday, September 11th
Gala – Friday, September 11, 2015

Registration: Please complete the [RLT Registration Form](#) by **Friday, August 21, 2015.**

For event details and registration information, please visit www.sfhaac.org

This is not an agency sponsored event. The Hispanic Affairs Advisory Council is the sponsor and coordinating group for this event and all that is associated with it.

1,000 Member Milestone!

As of this writing, our membership count has surpassed the 1,000 member mark! This is a phenomenal accomplishment and one that speaks volumes of the value of this organization. Many thanks to all of you who have helped us achieve this historical milestone. Please continue to invite your coworkers to upcoming events and encourage them to get involved.

New Members

Area 1

Pilar Macias

Area 3

Courtney Dominguez
Howard Egerman
Katrina N. Hernandez
Mary L. Rodriguez
Deborah A. Shirley
Cipriano Zarate
Bernadette Valentin-Tomala
Lucy Rivera-Soria

Area 4

Liliana Cardenas
Svetlana Levtseyuk
Wanda McGhee
Somsy Sayabouapheng

Area 5

Breeze Chacon
Teofilo Del Cid
Malocca L. Hawkins
Jesus Macias
Anna Lamae-Malek
Araceli Perez
Ariana Zenteno-Torres

Area 6

Cynthia R. Bryant
Rachael Fouts
Cheryl McFarlane

Area 7

Edgar Flores

Area 8

Olivia Lockhart

FHFB

Ricardo Cardenas
Emily E. Flemming
Suphain Gu
Costa Nikoloutsopoulos
Javier J Lemus
Dora V Lorenzana
Elizabeth Margolis
Leticia Brizuela
Phillip L Estenson
Phoenicia R Walker
Porsharee Ray
Stacie Currie

GOLD Conference – July 11, 2015

On July 11, 2015, members from SF HAAC and other advisory councils attended the GOLD Conference in Concord, CA. Additionally, many SF HAAC members participated as volunteers at the event. The SF HAAC booth (shown here) was staffed by Angelica Castillo, Carla Valadez and Sara Nolasco.



Thanks to all who attended this great event!

