



GRANTMAKERS CONCERNED WITH IMMIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

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### New GCIR Board Members

SEBASTOPOL, CA— The membership of Grantmakers Concerned with Immigrants and Refugees (GCIR) elected to its board of directors [Amanda Cloud](#), president & CEO of [The Simmons Foundation](#); [Efrain Escobedo](#), vice president, Civic Engagement & Public Policy at the [California Community Foundation](#); and [Carlos Martinez](#), executive director of the [Latino Community Foundation of Colorado](#). In addition, [Stephanie Kripa Cooper-Lewter](#), senior research director at the [Sisters of Charity Foundation of South Carolina](#); [Leslie Dorosin](#), co-executive director of The Grove Foundation; and [Cathy Cha](#), program director for Immigrant Rights and Integration at the [Evelyn and Walter Haas, Jr. Fund](#) were re-elected. With the exception of Cathy Cha who has been re-elected to serve a one-year term ending December 31, 2016, all will serve three-year terms ending December 31, 2017.

[Betty Balli Torres](#), executive director of the [Texas Access to Justice Foundation](#), was elected to a two-year term as co-chair of the board, joining [Cathy Cha](#) of [Evelyn and Walter Haas, Jr. Fund](#) who will serve another year in that position. [Leslie Dorosin](#) of The Grove Foundation will continue to serve as treasurer, and [Stephanie Kripa Cooper-Lewter](#) of the [Sisters of Charity Foundation of South Carolina](#), will continue to serve as board secretary.

[Ted Wang](#), director of [Unbound Philanthropy's](#) U.S. Program, was elected as chair of the Program Committee; [John W. Slocum](#), director of Migration for International Programs at the [John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation](#), will continue as chair the Information and Communications Committee; and [Molly Schultz Hafid](#), assistant director of the [Unitarian Universalist Veatch Program at Shelter Rock](#), will continue as chair of the Membership Committee.

Three board members rotated off at the end of 2015: [Geri Mannion](#), program director of the U.S. Democracy and Special Opportunities Fund at the [Carnegie Corporation of New York](#), [Darren Sandow](#), executive director of the [Hagedorn Foundation](#), and Aditi Vaidya, program officer at the [Solidago Foundation](#).

Visit [GCIR's website](#) for a [complete list and biographies](#) of our board of directors.

Founded in 1990, GCIR works to influence philanthropy to advance the contributions and address the needs of the country's growing and increasingly diverse immigrant and refugee populations. GCIR partners with a growing network of member foundations, as well as the greater philanthropic community, on a wide range of immigration and immigrant integration issues, including education, health, employment, civic participation, racial and economic justice, and other concerns affecting immigrant children, youth, and families.

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