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Be prepared to give a 60-second explanation of what the organization does and why you think UUSS should donate to them. If there are UUSS members or friends who volunteer for the organization, mention that also.

Information about Nominator (yourself):

Name: **Celia J. Buckley**

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Information about the organization:

Name of organization being nominated:

350 Sacramento

Website: www.350sacramento.org

Contact person for organization: **Laurie Litman**

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Mission of the organization:

(Attach separate page if that is easier)

- **Generate awareness of the urgent need for greenhouse gas emission reduction.**

- **Support local initiatives to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and promote a low carbon lifestyle**

What does the organization do to achieve the mission?

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350 Sacramento is a local chapter to speed up the transition to carbon zero (where any carbon emitted is balanced by carbon removed from the atmosphere, such as by trees) and help grow a powerful global climate movement. Climate change affects everyone, but the most vulnerable among us such as low income, seniors, people of color, those who are disabled etc. will be more severely impacted. The effort to get to a carbon-free community will benefit all people, wildlife, and ecosystems.

This agency uses multiple solutions-oriented projects like working to make Sacramento carbon zero; improving and expanding transit and other car alternatives keeping fossil fuels in the ground; helping individuals reduce their personal carbon footprints; and empowering youth to get involved in climate action. Climate justice is a core principle in our church & this organization.

Climate change affects everyone, but doesn't affect everyone equally. The most vulnerable among us (low income, seniors, children, people of color, those who are disabled or ill, etc.) will be more severely impacted. The effort to quickly get to a carbon-free community will benefit all people, wildlife, and ecosystems. Climate justice is a core principle in all we do.

350 Sacramento has fought to stop explosive oil trains from coming through Sacramento and were successful when two projects, which would have resulted in 5-7 dangerous trains a day through our city, were blocked. In addition, our effort to get the Sacramento region to carbon zero received a boost when the mayors of Sacramento and West Sacramento committed their cities to achieving "Carbon Zero by 2045" and established a high-level commission to explore pathways to that goal. Laurie Litman, 350 Sacramento president, is a member of the Mayors' Commission on Climate Change; we are the only climate/environmental group to serve on the commission.

Is the organization a charitable 501c.(3) organization?

Yes

How do you envision a partnership with UUSS?

Our financial support will enable this organization's growth & help develop UUSS volunteer opportunities to engage in the climate crisis responses.

How does this organization align with the UUSS Strategic Plan? (Please refer to the Strategic Plan posted on the UUSS website.)

Support of this organization aligns with our 2nd goal: Increase our presence and identity in the larger community by living our mission of being a force for healing in the world. Support of this group also directly aligns with the objectives 3. Build on and enhance existing social and environmental justice efforts

How should the organization be described on ballot information? 25 words or less

350 Sacramento is a grassroots all-volunteer organization working to address the climate crisis. "350" is the upper limit of CO2 before climate instability. Currently about 410.

Do UUSS members or friends belong to or volunteer with this organization? **YES**

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Information about Nominator (yourself):

Name: Marilyn Reynolds

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Information about the organization:

Name of organization being nominated: **916 Ink**

Contact person for organization: Allison Stelly

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Email address for contact person: allison@916ink.org

website: www.916ink.org

Mission of the organization:

916 Ink is Sacramento's arts-based creative writing nonprofit, with a mission to "empower youth through creative writing." This is a simple mission statement, with powerful impact. In addition to our mission, we apply our core values to every aspect of our work. These values are:

- *Empathy* - We cultivate an open and compassionate environment.
- *Empowerment* - We encourage each individual to step into their own power.
- *Equity* - We commit to justice and advancing the unique experience and expression of all.
- *Octopus* - We celebrate creativity, bravery, and risk-taking.

Through this work, we seek to transform the youth of Sacramento into confident writers and published authors, increasing literacy skills, improving vocabulary, teaching empathy, positively impacting social and emotional learning, and expanding communication skills.

What does the organization do to achieve the mission?

Sacramento County is facing a literary crisis. According to the 2018 California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) standardized test results, over half (53 percent) of Sacramento County students in grades 3-8 did not meet the achievement standard in English Language Arts and Literacy. Some students fare even worse, such as those living in poverty, those involved in the juvenile justice system, adolescent parents, foster youth, and youth experiencing homelessness.

916 Ink takes an approach to this crisis that is unique in Sacramento. Through innovative and engaging creative writing and storytelling workshops, we fill a critical need for literacy skill-building while simultaneously empowering youth, building their self-esteem, encouraging their social-emotional growth, and fostering a lifetime love of reading, writing, and learning.

916 Ink's strengths-based approach is proven to have a profound impact on self-esteem, writing confidence, personal achievement, and overall academic engagement. When a young person's unique voice is unlocked, they begin to understand their life as a narrative that can be changed. They don't have to be the antagonist, victim, or bystander in their own story-- they can be their own champion. It is impossible to instill a genuine interest in literacy without engaging youth in storytelling and empowering them to give voice to their own stories. We build a bridge for youth – helping them shift from an attitude of self-defeat to one of resiliency. In addition, our participants experience emotional health gains as they find their voice, express and process difficult circumstances, and are celebrated for sharing their stories and the publication of their book.

COVID-19 has impacted the way that we implement our programs, but it has not slowed us down. Since the shelter-in-place order was issued in March, we have worked with 250 students through our Summer Camps and Virtual Creative Writing sessions. This represents the largest number of summer participants in the history of our organization. This fall we have at least a dozen virtual programs lined up, including our after-school drop-in workshops and various school-based programs. Additionally, since the start of the pandemic, we have launched new offerings like Ink TV, a weekly YouTube show for youth in grades 3rd-6th, an online library of prompts, a weekly newsletter to help parents guide their young writers at home, and more. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic young people are living through trauma. As students are challenged to navigate rapid and massive changes, 916 Ink is working to provide positive ways for them to process this experience. Virtual offerings will remain part of what we provide in the future, as this improves access for some who may not have been able to interact with 916 Ink in the past.

Is the organization a charitable 501c.(3) organization? **Yes**

How do you envision a partnership with UUSS?

In addition to any monetary donation, we have numerous volunteer opportunities. We are currently actively recruiting new volunteers for a reading tutoring pilot, and we have short-term opportunities available as well. Anyone interested can contact our volunteer coordinator via this interest form: <https://www.916ink.org/volunteer>. UUSS member Marilyn Reynolds has worked with 916 Ink from the beginning and was instrumental in setting up our work with the Sacramento County Youth Detention Facility, and the Teen Parenting Program at Walnutwood High School in Rancho Cordova. In conjunction with 916 Ink and the Del Paso heights Neighborhood Wellness Foundation, she initiated a pilot reading enrichment program with underachieving Grant High School students.

How does this organization align with the UUSS Strategic Plan? (Please refer to the Strategic Plan posted on the UUSS website.)

"Goal 2: Increase our presence and identity in the larger community by living our mission of being a force for healing in the world. Objectives 1. Deepen our engagement with interfaith and community partners. 2. Build on and enhance existing social and environmental justice effort."

At 916 Ink, we are committed to reaching the youth in Sacramento who we believe need our work the most. We work with all populations, but have a special focus on low-income and minority youth, as well as those involved in the criminal justice system. For example, we focus outreach efforts on neighborhoods within the "Sacramento Promise Zone," those 22 square miles of Sacramento that have been designated as "most underprivileged" by the City of Sacramento and the U.S. Federal Government. We have made an intentional effort to recruit facilitators that reflect the populations we work with, as well as populations we hope to attract more of. For example, we recognize that boys and young men of color may respond best to a workshop facilitator who is also a young man of color; to better serve this population, we prioritized hiring facilitators from this community. Additionally, we publish our resources in Spanish alongside English and have one fully bilingual (Spanish/English) facilitator. Actions like these mean that we can more equitably and effectively serve our community and reach the most vulnerable children. We believe deeply that our work is transformative, that showing vulnerable youth that their voices matter will have long-lasting impact on their/our community and our larger world.

“Goal 3: Live out our commitment to justice, equity, and compassion.”

A large percentage of youth in foster care, detention facilities, and alternative programs served by 916 Ink are people of color. For many it is the first time their voices have been recognized and respected.

How should the organization be described on ballot information? 25 words or less

916 Ink is **Sacramento’s arts-based creative writing nonprofit** that provides workshops for youth, **grades 3-12**, to transform them into confident writers and published authors.

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Information about Nominator (yourself):

Name: Meg Gunderson

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Information about the organization:

Name of organization being nominated: **Mutual Assistance Network (Arden Arcade Black Child Legacy Campaign)**

Contact person for organization: LaTanya Mosley

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Email address for contact person: lmosley@mutualassistance.org

Mission of the organization:

The Black Child Legacy Campaign, one of many programs offered by Mutual Assistance Network, is the community-driven movement established by the Steering Committee on Reduction of African American Child Deaths, which is working to reduce deaths of African American children by 10 to 20 percent by 2020 in Sacramento County. In Sacramento County, African American children die at twice the rate of any other ethnicity. The four leading causes of death are perinatal conditions, infant sleep-related deaths, child abuse and neglect, and third-party homicides.

Seven neighborhoods have the highest numbers of African American child deaths in the county. Arden Arcade is one of them.

What does the organization do to achieve the mission?

Arden Arcade Black Child Legacy Campaign offers the following to Arden Arcade families:

- Resources
- Linkage
- Case Management
- Counseling
- Anger Management
- Family Support
- Birth & Beyond Services
- School Readiness
- Fun & Social Activities/Events
- Volunteer Opportunities
- Resource Fairs
- and more.

Is the organization a charitable 501c(3) organization?

Black Child Legacy Campaign is a program of Mutual Assistance Network, which is a 501(c)(3).

How do you envision a partnership with UUSS?

Arden Arcade Black Child Legacy Campaign has been working with the Environmental Justice Committee of UUSS (and Environmental Justice Committee of Sac ACT) to conduct outreach to neighbors and amplify their voices to the County of Sacramento during development of the now completed Environmental Justice element of the County General Plan. In 2020 and 2021, we will collaborate to recruit neighbors to the current “Re-envision Arden Arcade” transportation system planning efforts, which we fully expect to be a vehicle (pun intended) for community investment without displacement. These planning efforts will have an impact on children’s health and safety in the Arden Arcade neighborhood, particularly for walking and bicycle riding to and from school, parks, and neighborhoods. We hope to continue to develop our relationship with the environmental justice committee because we believe that together we can address systemic causes of negative health impacts on our children.

How does this organization align with the UUSS Strategic Plan? (Please refer to the Strategic Plan posted on the UUSS website.)

Black Child Legacy’s work aligns most directly with the second goal of the strategic plan — Increase our presence and identity in the larger community by living our mission of being a force for healing in the world. More specifically, the Environmental Justice Committee has been working with Black Child Legacy in the following two ways: Objective 1. Deepen our engagement with interfaith and community partners; and, Objective 3. Build on and enhance existing social and environmental justice efforts.

Black Child Legacy’s work is also aligned with Goal 3 — Live out our commitment to justice, equity, and compassion. It is especially aligned with Objective 2: understand and address how all forms of privilege impact our community and congregation.

How should the organization be described on ballot information? 25 words or less

The Black Child Legacy Campaign of the Mutual Assistance Network is a Sacramento community-driven movement of prevention and intervention efforts to reduce disproportionate African American child deaths.

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Information about Nominator (yourself):

Name: Jon Peterson

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Information about the organization:

Name of organization being nominated: **DEL ORO CAREGIVERS RESOURCE CENTER**

Contact person for organization: Michelle Nevins, Director

Phone number for contact person: 916-728-9333

Email address for contact person: mnevins@deloro.org

Organization's website: www.deloro.org

Mission of the organization:

Serving families and individuals who provide care for brain-impaired adults and frail adults

What does the organization do to achieve the mission?

Provides no-cost services to caregivers - legal and financial consultations, short-term counseling, case management services, education and training, respite care opportunities to nearly 400 clients in Sacramento, Yolo, and Placer Counties.

Is the organization a charitable 501c(3) organization? **YES_X**

How do you envision a partnership with UUSS? Del Oro will present information to UUSS members about resources available for caregivers by means of seminars or digital alternatives

How does this organization align with the UUSS Strategic Plan? (Please refer to the Strategic Plan posted on the UUSS website.) Goal 2 "...being a force for healing in the world."

Goal 3. ..."commitment to justice, equality and compassion."

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Do UUSS members or friends belong to or volunteer with this organization? **YES_X** NO ___ I don't know ___

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Information about Nominator (yourself):

Name Frances Myers Phone: 717-682-3891 Email: fsmca2017@gmail.com

Information about the organization:

Name of organization being nominated: **Family Promise of Sacramento**

Contact person for organization: Marsha Spell, Director

Phone number for contact person: 951-663-0411

Email address for contact person: marsha@sacfamilypromise.org

Organization's website: <https://www.familypromisesacramentoca.org/>

Mission of the organization:

(Attach separate page if that is easier)

Our mission is to help families experiencing homelessness and low-income families achieve sustainable independence through a community-based response.

What does the organization do to achieve the mission?

(Attach separate page if that is easier)

Family Promise helps local communities coordinate their compassion to address the root causes of family homelessness. We address the issue holistically, providing shelter and case management as well as support once they have secured housing to ensure they remain independent. We tap existing local resources to empower families towards economic stability. Families come to us in crisis; we help them rebuild their lives with new skills and ongoing support. Over the past 15 years Family Promise has provided shelter, meals, case management, and stabilization services to over 850 family members and more than 98% of families in our shelter program secure housing because of our intensive case management and community support.

Family Promise provides:

- Shelter - Through a community of dedicated churches around the Sacramento area, we are able to provide safe and secure shelter to families where they can stay together as a unit.
- Case Management- Our families set goals for their time at Family Promise and they meet with a case manager weekly in order to create an environment of support and accountability.
- Graduate Support Once a family has entered our program, they have become family for life. Many of our graduate families reach out for support and we are honored to help them.

Is the organization a charitable 501c(3) organization? **YES**X__ NO__ I don't know ____

How do you envision a partnership with UUSS?

UUSS members were instrumental in creating a Sacramento Chapter of Family Promise in 2005. Since that time UUSS has provided space to house the families for one week (4) times a year. We also provide financial support to help fund the Case Management and Graduate Support. During the pandemic although we cannot have the families stay on campus, UUSS Family Promise volunteers have donated gift cards and money to help the families who are being housed in an area hotel.

How does this organization align with the UUSS Strategic Plan? (Please refer to the Strategic Plan posted on the UUSS website.)

Goal 2: Increase our presence and identity in the larger community by living our mission of being a force for healing in the world.

How should the organization be described on the ballot? 25 words or less

Family Promise is committed to helping homeless families achieve lasting independence by providing shelter, case management and graduate support. Families live at UUSS for 1 week, four times a year.

Do UUSS members or friends belong to or volunteer with this organization? **YES** X NO__ I don't know ____

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Information about Nominator (yourself):

Name: Judy Bell Phone: 916-961-0316 Email: judybell9a@comcast.net

Information about the organization:

Name of organization being nominated: Effie Yeaw Nature Center (EYNC)

Contact person for organization: Heather Gable

Phone number for contact person: 916-489-4918

Email address for contact person: heatherg@sacnaturecenter.net

Mission of the organization: EYNC is dedicated to providing education and interpretive programs and information about the natural environment, principally in the American River Parkway. One of the goals particularly relevant to UUSS is to “promote awareness and understanding of human interdependence with a finite ecosystem and the need to conserve its resources and protect its quality.”

What does the organization do to achieve the mission? EYNC provides a wide variety of nature programs for people of all ages - particularly children, to appreciate, enjoy and understand the American River Parkway and thus all of nature. There is outreach to schools and scout groups in the Sacramento area and donated funds are used to underwrite programs to schools whose resources are limited.

Is the organization a charitable 501c.(3) organization? Yes

How do you envision a partnership with UUSS? Many members of UUSS already use and appreciate the EYNC and the American River Parkway and have an interest in protecting its resources and quality. Prior to the pandemic UUSS had a stewardship program to clean up a designated mile along the parkway. They will probably reestablish that program when it is permissible. UUSS will appreciate the importance of introducing young people to the value of nature to themselves and their communities.

How does this organization align with the UUSS Strategic Plan? EYNC and the American River Parkway are totally supported by donations. Support of EYNC is consistent with Goal 2 “to increase our presence and identity in the larger community by living our mission of being a force for healing in the world”; the healing necessary to live the seventh principle - “Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part”

How should the organization be described on ballot information? Effie Yeaw Nature Center - dedicated to the American River Parkway, providing programming for all ages to experience the enjoyment of nature and importance of protecting its resources and quality.

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Information about Nominator (yourself):

Name: MEG BURNETT

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Information about the organization:

Name of organization being nominated: **International Rescue Committee (IRC) Sacramento**

Contact person for organization: Missy Orr

Phone number for contact person: 916-482-0120

Email address for contact person: northerncalifornia@rescue.org

Organization's website: www.rescue.org/United-States/Sacramento-ca

Mission of the organization: *For 5 years, our UUSS Refugee Support Team has coordinated volunteers, classes and fundraisers at our UUSS site, and collected donations (especially during pandemic) for gift cards to refugee families in the Arden/Arcade area.*

What does the organization do to achieve the mission? The IRC responds to the world's worst humanitarian crises and helps people whose lives and livelihoods are shattered by conflict and disaster. Our teams provide clean water, shelter, health care, education and empowerment support to refugees and displaced people.

Is the organization a charitable 501c(3) organization? **YES**_X NO___ I don't know ___

How do you envision a partnership with UUSS? *Continue our Refugee Support Team at UUSS to provide in-person services to families as soon as we can re-open.* The UUSS refugee support program raises awareness of the global and growing refugee crisis and of the needs of newly resettled refugee families in our Sacramento area. With open hearts, UUSS volunteers welcome and support refugee families, providing friendship and assistance toward empowerment and self-sufficiency. The team provides and promotes volunteer opportunities to UUS members, families and friends. We solicit donations of money, goods and services of direct aid for refugee families and to fund our events and work at UUSS. The team coordinates our volunteer efforts with programs of the local office of the IRC.

How does this organization align with the UUSS Strategic Plan? (Please refer to the Strategic Plan posted on the UUSS website.)

How should the organization be described on the ballot? 25 words or less *IRC provides clean water, shelter, health care, education and empowerment support to refugees and displaced people.*

Do UUSS members or friends belong to or volunteer with this organization? **YES** 100 or more on our volunteer contact list

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Information about Nominator (yourself):

Name: *Nancy Oprsal*

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Information about the organization:

Name of organization being nominated: **Loaves & Fishes**

Contact person for organization: Cindy Presley

Phone number for contact person: 916-456-8413 (Larry Shaw, UUSS contact for food prep)

Email address for contact person: info@sacloaves.org

Organization's website: <http://www.sacloaves.org/>

Mission of the organization:

(Attach separate page if that is easier)

Feed and help homeless people. Providing food, warmth and a path home for homeless men, women, and children.

What does the organization do to achieve the mission?

(Attach separate page if that is easier)

Serve lunch, showers and assist with pets daily.

Is the organization a charitable 501c(3) organization? **YES**_x_ **NO**___ I don't know ___

How do you envision a partnership with UUSS? We fix & prepare lunches every 4th Monday at Loaves & fishes

How does this organization align with the UUSS Strategic Plan? (Please refer to the Strategic Plan posted on the UUSS website.) **to be a force for healing in the world.**

How should the organization be described on the ballot? 25 words or less

Loaves & Fishes uses financial donations to purchase perishable items such as fresh produce, fresh meat, yogurt, eggs, cheese and bread.

Do UUSS members or friends belong to or volunteer with this organization? **YES** X **NO**___ I don't know ___

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Information about Nominator (yourself):

Name: Nancy Oprsal@aol.com Phone: 916-482-5736

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Information about the organization:

Name of organization being nominated: **Mustard Seed School**

Contact person for organization: Ms Casey

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Email address for contact person: casey@sacloaves.org

Organization's website: <http://www.sacloaves.org/programs>

Mission of the organization:

(Attach separate page if that is easier)

In an environment of welcome, hospitality, safety, and cleanliness we seek to

provide an oasis for homeless men, women, and children seeking survival services.

What does the organization do to achieve the mission?

(Attach separate page if that is easier)

Provide emergency schooling for unhoused patron's children as well as food warmth a path home for the unhoused.

Is the organization a charitable 501c(3) organization? **YES** X_ **NO**___ I don't know ___

How do you envision a partnership with UUSS? Children of Family Promise guests usually attend the mustard seed school.

How does this organization align with the UUSS Strategic Plan? (Please refer to the Strategic Plan posted on the UUSS website.) **Deepens our lives and be a force for healing in the world.**

How should the organization be described on the ballot? 25 words or less Mustard Seed School provides a nurturing structure & positive learning experience for students ages 3yrs to 15yrs. They provide survival resources including food, clothing, healthcare & counseling.

Do UUSS members or friends belong to or volunteer with this organization? **YES**_x_ **NO**___ I don't know ___

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Information about Nominator (yourself):

Name: Bobbie Keill

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Information about the organization:

Name of organization being nominated: **River City Food Bank**

Contact person for organization: Paula Jenkins, Operations Administrator

Phone number for contact person: 916-446-2627

Email address for contact person: pjenkins@rivercityfoodbank.org

Organization's website: rivercityfoodbank.org

Mission of the organization:

see <https://rivercityfoodbank.org/about-us/>

What does the organization do to achieve the mission?

see <https://rivercityfoodbank.org/programs/>

Is the organization a charitable 501c(3) organization? **YES**__ **NO**__ I don't know ____

How do you envision a partnership with UUSS? provide volunteers as needed, provide regular food donations and hold special drives for particular needs, such as last year's Diaper Drive; support their work in Arden-Arcade and the annual Empty Bowls fundraiser.

How does this organization align with the UUSS Strategic Plan? (Please refer to the Strategic Plan posted on the UUSS website.)

Supporting RCFB supports Goal #2 which asks us to increase our presence in the greater community and support organizations that provide services for the poor, the homeless, and those at risk for hunger, especially children and the elderly.

How should the organization be described on the ballot? 25 words or less strives to alleviate hunger in Sac County by providing emergency food, healthy snacks for children, and referrals to assistance programs to achieve self-sufficiency.

Do UUSS members or friends belong to or volunteer with this organization? **YES**__ **NO**__ I don't know ____

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Information about Nominator (yourself):

Name: Katie Culpepper

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Information about the organization:

Name of organization being nominated: **Sacramento Native American Health Center**

Contact person for organization: Maureen Wimsatt, PhD, MSW

Phone number for contact person: 916-341-0575 ext. 2222

Email address for contact person: Maureen.Wimsatt@snahe.org

Organization's website: <https://www.snahe.org>

Mission of the organization: SNAHC envisions a vibrant community built upon a strong foundation of cultures and traditions, where healthy lifestyles include the balance of mind, body and spirit – a restored legacy of well individuals and families.

What does the organization do to achieve the mission? SNAHC's dedicated team of highly-trained clinicians offer a wide range of services, including: adult medicine, pediatrics, mental health services, laboratory services, comprehensive dental care for children and adults, substance abuse services, wellness programs, nutrition and diabetes care, and home visitation services.

Is the organization a charitable 501c(3) organization? **YES X** NO___ I don't know ___

How do you envision a partnership with UUSS? I feel that SNAHC and UUSS are both aligned in their missions to serve Sacramento community members and to be a part of the "safety net" for vulnerable individuals and families in our community.

How does this organization align with the UUSS Strategic Plan? (Please refer to the Strategic Plan posted on the UUSS website.) SNAHC center plays a major role as part of the "safety net" in the Sacramento area, where changes to Medi-Cal benefits and the managed care environment have resulted in significant portions of the population left with little or no access to mainstream health care. We are rooted in and responsive to our local community-we share a common sense of mission and purpose, and have proven resilient in the face of challenges and change. Beyond providing health care, our goal is to contribute to the development and empowerment of all members of the Sacramento community.

How should the organization be described on the ballot? 25 words or less. The Sacramento Native American Health Center: Offers medical, dental, mental health and community services to Native Americans and is also available to all vulnerable individuals seeking help in the Sacramento area.

Do UUSS members or friends belong to or volunteer with this organization? **YES X** NO___ I don't know ___
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UUSS Nomination for Community Partner

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Information about Nominator (yourself):

Name: Christine Bailey Phone: 916-635-8194 Email: beckerbailey@sbcglobal.net

Information about the organization:

Name of organization being nominated: **Sacramento Area Congregations Together (Sacramento ACT)**

Contact person for organization: Gabby Trejo, Executive Director

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Organization's website: www.sacact.org

Mission of the organization: Sacramento ACT empowers ordinary people to identify and change conditions that create economic and racial injustice.

What does the organization do to achieve the mission? Working on addressing systemic racism and inequality by empowering communities to identify needs and concerns, conducting research meetings to develop possible solutions to concerns, negotiate solutions with public officials and secure their commitments to take action, follow up to hold public officials accountable.

Is the organization a charitable 501c(3) organization? **YES_X_ NO___ I don't know ___**

How do you envision a partnership with UUSS? We partner with Sacramento ACT via our Environmental Justice Committee and on other actions related to address systemic racism and economic inequality in the Sacramento area.

How does this organization align with the UUSS Strategic Plan? (Please refer to the Strategic Plan posted on the UUSS website.) It aligns with Goal 2: "Increase our presence and identity in the larger community by living our mission of being a force for healing in the world" and Goal 3: "Live out our commitment to justice, equity, and compassion" by our engagement with the West Arden Arcade Community and the Sacramento area to address systemic racism and inequality.

How should the organization be described on the ballot? 25 words or less

Sacramento Area Congregations Together is a multicultural, multi-faith grassroots organization that empowers ordinary people to identify and change conditions that create economic and racial injustice.

Do UUSS members or friends belong to or volunteer with this organization? **YES_X_ NO___ I don't know ___**

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Information about Nominator (yourself):

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Information about the organization:

Name of organization being nominated: **Shakti Rising**

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Organization's website: www.shaktirising.org

Mission of the organization:
(Attach separate page if that is easier)

The mission of Shakti Rising is to empower young women to uncover, rediscover and reclaim their whole selves. The goal of our work is to actively promote community well-being by creating woman and child friendly societies that are safe, healthy, vibrant, diverse, sustainable and culturally alive.

What does the organization do to achieve the mission?

(Attach separate page if that is easier)

Shakti Rising is a 20+ year old social change organization. Several years ago Shakti relocated their office and residential program from San Diego to mid-town Sacramento. Through workshops, a residential program and a network of graduates, staff and volunteers their transformational services have helped thousands of women nation-wide. Shakti's focus is on financial resilience, leadership development and recovery for young women enabling them to build health and resilience for them and their communities. Last November, before COVID-19, Shakti Rising had the foresight to pilot digital programs to increase reach and accessibility while maintaining the intimacy of their work.

Shakti's social change theory focuses on:

1. Recovery + transformation for young women = the carriers of culture for the next generation.
2. Grassroots education for women in health, financial resilience, leadership & soul recovery.

3. Empowering, equipping & connecting women leaders to bring forward feminine models, systems, strategies & structures.

Is the organization a charitable 501c(3) organization? **YES_X_** NO___ I don't know _____

How do you envision a partnership with UUSS?

Offering courses that focus on building intimacy, reflection, compassion healing, and equity. Classes are based in liberation and freedom - whether teaching about financial resilience or recovery. Shakti suggests:

- We know you value spirituality as a form of resilience and feel our community could also join your spaces to host gatherings that utilize your labyrinth/gardens and participate in social justice offerings.
- Service is very much a part of Shakti's healing and leadership work. We teach the practice of Karma Yoga while fostering service opportunities as a form of community building and growing leadership.
- We are hosting safe outdoor experiences in our garden, where we provide food for our community and neighbors.
- There are many synergies that could arise from our communities getting to know each other and practicing our shared values together.

How does this organization align with the UUSS Strategic Plan? (Please refer to the Strategic Plan posted on the UUSS website.)

1. UUSS goal 2: Increase our presence to be a force of healing in the world.

Shakti works with building equity among women who have had unique challenges while fostering a healthy ecosystem for women and children, and our community at large.

2. UUSS Overarching: Infrastructure and Organizational item 2: Cultivate congregational leaders by developing and offering a leadership development program

Shakti's work in fostering leaders that can lead in these times of an evolving, volatile, chaotic, accelerated and uncertain landscape could support this strategic focus.

How should the organization be described on the ballot? 25 words or less

For over 20 years, Shakti Rising helps women navigate changing and uncertain terrain. We have made it our charge to uplift the financial health and resilience of women and families, serving 600 women annually.

Do UUSS members or friends belong to or volunteer with this organization? **YES_X_** NO___ I don't know _____

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Information about Nominator (yourself):

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Information about the organization:

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Organization's website: www.weaveinc.org

Mission of the organization:

WEAVE's mission is to promote safe and healthy relationships and support survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence and sex trafficking. WEAVE's vision is a community free of violence and abuse.

What does the organization do to achieve the mission?

WEAVE provides an array of crisis intervention, therapeutic and prevention services to meet the unique needs of survivors, their families, and the community. WEAVE's services include a 24-hour Support & Information Line, two confidential emergency shelters, transitional housing, crisis intervention and safety planning services, legal assistance, therapeutic counseling, legal advocacy, and youth and community prevention education programs.

Is the organization a charitable 501c(3) organization? YES NO I don't know

How do you envision a partnership with UUSS?

- UUSS and WEAVE share many of the same values and principles. WEAVE serves all survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence, and sex trafficking. WEAVE believes all relationships, all genders, all ages, all people, all the time. WEAVE works to promote social justice and equity. It takes us all to build a community that is a better, safer place for us all and it takes everyone taking actionable steps to make that happen.
- WEAVE has a variety of handout resources which contain information that would be provided to those interested within the congregation. This includes information on how individuals can reach out for support should they be interested.

How does this organization align with the UUSS Strategic Plan? (Please refer to the Strategic Plan posted on the UUSS website.)

WEAVE's mission and programs are aligned with Goal 2 of the UUSS 2019-2024 Strategic Plan, which is to "Increase our presence and identity in the larger community by living our mission of being a force for healing in the world." One of the items under the Action Plan associated with this goal is to "Deepen our commitment to

support unhoused persons.” One of the services WEAVE provides is transitional housing, which is consistent with this Action Plan item.

WEAVE’s mission and programs are also aligned with many of the UUSS principles, particularly the following:

- The inherent worth and dignity of every person
- Justice, equity and compassion in human relations

How should the organization be described on the ballot? 25 words or less WEAVE supports survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence, and sex trafficking throughout the greater Sacramento area. For more information, visit weaveinc.org.

Do UUSS members or friends belong to or volunteer with this organization? YES NO I don’t know

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