Congresswoman Barbara Lee is a forceful and progressive voice in Congress, dedicated to social and economic justice, international peace, and civil and human rights. First elected in 1998 to represent California’s 9th Congressional District (now the 13th), the Democratic lawmaker has established a reputation for principled and independent stands, unafraid to take on the tough issues and speak her mind for her constituents, for a more just America, and for a safer world. As a social worker by profession, being an advocate for people in dealing with the federal bureaucracy has been a priority. The Congresswoman is a strong proponent of safe communities, affordable housing, the homeless, low income energy assistance, job training, making health care affordable and universal, just immigration policies, the establishment of a living wage, and protection of the right of women to make decisions about their reproductive health.

Keith Carson was elected to the Board of Supervisors, Fifth District, in 1992, on a platform dedicated to inclusive and accessible government. The Fifth District includes the cities of Albany, Berkeley, Emeryville, Piedmont, and the West Oakland, North Oakland, Rockridge, Grand Lake, Fruitvale, and Dimond District neighborhoods. Supervisor Carson works to bring together people who have a wealth of talent and creative resources to address our shared problems within numerous areas including access to health care, ending poverty, homelessness, crime, improving business retention, and addressing the scarcity of jobs in our communities.

Njeri McGee-Tyner has served as Alameda Health Consortium’s Eligibility and Enrollment Director since 2007. She has extensive experience in enrollment and retention strategies. Her years of experience include public health programs, staff trainings, and project planning and implementation. Prior to this position, she worked at the Alameda County Medical Center supervising eligibility and enrollment staff. Njeri holds a B.S. degree in Health Sciences from CSU, East Bay. She is extremely dedicated and passionate about her work with a desire to implement projects that provide access to healthcare for underserved communities.
Rachel Metz is the Policy Director for Alameda County Health Care Services Agency. She has been working for Alameda County since 2007 working on the indigent care program. She has been the lead on implementing the Low Income Health Program in Alameda County in preparation for health care reform. Rachel has a Master’s Degree from the Goldman School of Public Policy and more than 15 years of experience in education and health policy analysis.

Randy Morris is the Assistant Agency Director for the Alameda County Social Services Agencies Dept. of Adult, Aging, & Medi-Cal Services. He manages the Agency programs serving Seniors and the Disabled, as well as the Medi-Cal program. The Affordable Care Act creates significant changes to the Medi-Cal Eligibility program; Mr. Morris’s department is largely responsible for implementing these changes. Prior to his appointment in 2011, Mr. Morris worked in the Social Services Agency’s Child Welfare Department since 1994. In Child Welfare he worked closely with ICPC on many projects, as well as with many public and private partner agencies serving Alameda County children. Mr. Morris graduated with a BA degree in psychology from the University of Notre Dame and a MSW degree from UC Berkeley. He is also a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and previously worked in private practice as a therapist.

David Panush is currently the External Affairs Director for Covered California. He was previously director for government relations for the California Health Benefits Exchange. Mr. Panush served as the health policy advisor to California State Senate President pro Tempore Darrell Steinberg and played a leadership role in developing and negotiating legislation on health reform and other major health-policy-related issues. Mr. Panush has served in the Office of the President pro Tempore since 1986 and has advised the past five State Senate leaders on a variety of policy and fiscal issues. He holds a bachelor of arts degree from the University of California, Berkeley.
Anthony Wright has served as Executive Director for Health Access California, the statewide health care consumer advocacy coalition, for over a decade, since 2002. Health Access has led state and national efforts to win consumer protections, fight budget cuts and invest in our safety-net, encourage prevention, and advance coverage expansions and comprehensive health reform. Wright led California’s coalition effort to help pass the Affordable Care Act and state laws to implement and improve it, and campaigns to successfully pass first-in-the-nation laws to ensure timely access to care, and to stop hospital overcharging of the uninsured. As a consumer advocate and community organizer, Wright has been widely quoted in state and national media. He has also worked for New Jersey Citizen Action, the Center for Media Education, The Nation magazine, and in Vice President Gore’s office in the White House. Born and raised in the Bronx, Wright graduated from Amherst College magna cum laude in both English and Sociology.

Toni Tullys is Deputy Director of Alameda County’s Behavioral Health Care Services Department, responsible for the department’s overall administrative and operational functions. Prior to her appointment as deputy, she served as the Quality Improvement Director, leading system-wide performance improvement initiatives and aligning change efforts such as co-occurring conditions; cultural responsiveness; wellness and recovery and training. Ms. Tullys began her career as an RN, where she served in hospital-based clinical and management positions before moving into health care administration. Ms. Tullys graduated with a BS from California State University East Bay, received her Master’s Degree in Public Administration from the University of Southern California, and completed Alameda County’s Executive Leadership Program in January 2013.

Kristin Wagner joined East Bay Agency for Children (EBAC) as Program Director of Circle of Care/PALS in 2008 and became the Senior Director of School and Community Services in 2011. Kristin’s interest in social issues and social justice was nurtured at the College of William and Mary, where she received her BA in Sociology in 1990. Her social work career began in Chicago, where she earned her Master's Degree in Social Service Administration from the University of Chicago in 1992. She became a licensed clinical social worker in California in 2001. As a resident of the bay area since 1992 and a current resident of Oakland, Kristin has a strong desire to impact her community through high quality, family-oriented service provision. Prior to coming to EBAC, Kristin gained extensive experience working in community-based non-profits, first as a direct service provider and later developing and directing programs.
Andrea Youngdahl has worked in the field of human services for over thirty years, holding a variety of community-based, public sector and consulting positions ranging from non-profit program development to statewide and national policy and planning. She is currently the Director of the Alameda County Interagency Children’s Policy Council (ICPC), a cross-agency, cross-system countywide effort to develop an integrated, more family and community-focused and outcomes-driven approach to children, youth and family services and policies. Prior to joining the County, Andrea served for over eleven years as the Director for the City of Oakland’s Department of Human Services. Andrea has a long-standing commitment to systems change and social justice. She has served on a wide range of boards, commissions and planning bodies. Andrea holds a B.A. in Community Studies and Women’s Studies and a Master’s Degree, in Social Work Administration.