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6th Annual Contract Open House

Thursday, March 30, 2023

8:00 am – 12:00p

James R. Herman Cruise Ship Terminal, Pier 27

WHAT TO EXPECT:

- Keynote Speech by Joaquin Torres'
- Exciting Panel
- Exhibitor Hall
- Continental Breakfast
- Networking



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Participating City Departments



**Office of Small Business
Contract Monitoring Division
Office of Contract Administration
Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development**

EXHIBITORS

**Boldt
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Dutra Dredging
Flatiron
Hathaway Dinnwiddie
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Keynote Speaker



Joaquín Torres was elected as San Francisco's Assessor-Recorder on February 15, 2022. Prior to his election, Torres served as the Director of the San Francisco Office of Economic and Workforce Development since 2018, and has led citywide efforts to mitigate economic hardships on businesses and workers during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Over the years, Torres collaboratively leveraged resources across City departments to create opportunities for all, expand support for small businesses and workers, build capacity and stability for locally rooted nonprofits, and maximize equitable economic and social impact for the benefit of San Franciscan communities, residents, businesses, and neighborhoods. As Director of the Office of Economic and Workforce Development, he provided citywide leadership and coordination for workforce development, business development, neighborhood economic development, film, small business, and development planning.

Torres is also the President of the San Francisco Housing Authority Commission, chairing the oversight body as the Authority and City implemented a re-envisioning process to rehabilitate over 3,400 units of public housing with \$750 million in improvements, leading to the transfer of ownership to affordable housing providers to best serve low-income communities.

Previously, Torres has served as Director the San Francisco Invest in Neighborhoods initiative, Director of the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services, and Liaison to the San Francisco Latino and American Indian communities and to Supervisorial Districts Nine and Eleven (largely in the Mission and Excelsior neighborhoods).

Torres is committed to Social Justice and Equity. He participated in the inaugural cohort of the City's Government Alliance for Racial Equity program, which equips leaders with the framework and tools to transform systems and institutions impacting historically marginalized groups. Currently, Assessor Torres serves as President of the Board of Trustees for the American Conservatory Theatre (A.C.T.) and as a member of the Executive Committee and Equity Advisory Council for the San Francisco Bay Area Planning and Urban Research Association (SPUR).

Torres is a graduate of Stanford University and New York University's Tisch School of the Arts. He lives in the Inner Sunset with his wife, Ruibo Qian.

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Panelist Profiles

Juanita Douglas, Senior Manager, Rising Sun Center for Opportunity



Juanita Douglas is the Senior Manager of Construction and Labor Relations for Rising Sun Center for Opportunity, a nonprofit working at the intersection of economic equity and climate resilience in the California Bay Area and San Joaquin County. Juanita creates and develops pathways into state-approved construction apprenticeships for industry-certified apprenticeship readiness program participants from the underserved population. Previously, Juanita spent 30+ years in the field, first as a Commercial Carpenter and then as a Land Surveyor, with additional managerial experience in the Construction Trades. Juanita is an advocate for increasing the number of women in the trades.

Miguel Galarza, Founder and President, Yerba Buena Gardens



Miguel Galarza, is the founder and president of Yerba Buena Engineering & Construction Inc since 2002. He was appointed by Governor Gavin Newsom in July 2020 to seat on the Contractors State License Board and currently chairs the Legislative Committee. Mr. Galarza is a graduate of LSU holding a Masters in Construction Management. He also chairs the CMD LBE Advisory Committee having been reappointed by Mayor Breed in 2020. He is a member of the Associated General Contractors of America National Diversity & Inclusion Council and district director for the San Francisco Chapter of Associated General Contractors of California. Mr. Galarza is a member of the United Contractors, and the Society of American Military Engineers.

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Valerie Tulier-Laiwa, Acting Social Impact Manager, San Francisco PUC



Valerie Tulier-Laiwa currently works as the Acting Manager for the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) Social Impact Partnership Program. With a diverse history of work experience, she is a seasoned veteran with a wealth of government and community relationships. While working at the SFPUC in the Workforce Program, she was instrumental in collaboratively creating innovative programs to support women in construction. Presently, she is responsible for administering a program where contractors voluntarily provide positive impacts in communities where SFPUC projects reside.

Lori Dunn-Guion, VP & Division Manager, Bay Area Swinerton Group



Lori Dunn-Guion is the Vice-President, Division Manager for Swinerton Bay Area's Building Group. With over 25 years of experience in the construction industry, Lori is responsible for all aspects of the Division's project management and field operations, including project planning, contract negotiation, and oversight of project teams to ensure the highest schedule, budget, safety and quality standards.

She is passionate about the power of employment, especially in the construction industry, to transform the lives of community members. She has dedicated her career to identifying significant opportunities for others. She was recently appointed to the Mayor's commission, Workforce Investment San Francisco

Lori also serves as President of The Swinerton Foundation, which raises funds for community based charitable organizations. Lori is an accredited DBIA and LEED professional, and she is a member of the National Association of Women in Construction (NAWIC). She has a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from the University of California, Berkeley.

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Panelist Profiles

Crystal Timms, President, Yolanda's Construction Administration Traffic Control, LBE



Crystal Timms is a San Francisco native, hailing from the Bayview Hunters–Point District. She has over 10 plus years of experience working closely in the industry, and a lifetime of serving the community. She has assisted in Project Management, alongside Project Control Teams providing contract administration support services. Crystal has also aided the construction community by offering her expertise in regards to Workforce Development, LBE Outreach, and creating Tailored Outreach Campaigns. Crystal has also collaborated with Prime contractors and General contractors to identify and remove barriers between the community and said contractors.

In the wake of tragedy, Crystal ran with the torch her predecessor and mentor Yolanda Jones lit. The two founded YCAT–C in 2010 and worked tirelessly to see that minorities found a place of employment in the construction industry, specifically in their own communities. After Yolanda’s unfortunate passing, Crystal has picked up where the two left off serving currently as the President of YCAT–C and carrying on the Firm’s values with finding gainful employment for the underserved communities of San Francisco.

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