

# **SAN BRUNO COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**

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## **San Bruno Community Foundation to Consider Appointment of First Executive Director**

SAN BRUNO, CA. At its meeting on January 15, 2015, the Board of Directors of the San Bruno Community Foundation will consider final action to appoint Leslie Hatamiya as the Foundation's first Executive Director effective February 1st. Ms. Hatamiya, a San Bruno resident, led the California Bar Foundation as its Executive Director from 2004 to 2012.

"The San Bruno Community Foundation presents a unique opportunity to benefit San Bruno's dynamic, diverse, and resilient community over the long term," said Ms. Hatamiya. "I would be honored to help build the Foundation into a valuable community resource that supports all of San Bruno."

A graduate of Stanford University and Stanford Law School, Ms. Hatamiya has more than two decades of experience in building organizations and programs. Over seven years, Ms. Hatamiya transformed the California Bar Foundation into a vibrant center of philanthropy for California's legal community. She rebuilt the Board of Directors, developed a growing fundraising program, launched a highly successful scholarship program to increase diversity in the legal profession, sharpened its grant-making strategy, spearheaded a remake of its brand and public image, and strengthened its relationship with the State Bar of California. While at the California Bar Foundation, Ms. Hatamiya earned recognition as one of the "Best Lawyers Under 40" from the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association.

Prior to joining the California Bar Foundation, Ms. Hatamiya served as chief of staff and director of corporate communications and special projects at wireless broadband startup SOMA Networks; ran the Coro Fellows Program in Public Affairs in San Francisco; and helped build former U.S. Senator Bill Bradley's 2000 presidential campaign as a deputy campaign manager. Recently, she staffed the John Paul Stevens Fellowship Foundation and launched the "Vote with Your Mission" campaign for the California Association of Nonprofits. She has also held positions at Stanford University, Yale University, with the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit, and in Senator Bradley's Capitol Hill office.

Ms. Hatamiya has been a longtime Stanford University volunteer, including service on the University's Board of Trustees, the Alumni Association's Board of Directors, and the National Advisory Board of the Haas Center for Public Service, which she chaired. She is also the author of *Righting a Wrong: Japanese Americans and the Passage of the Civil Liberties Act of 1988*, a publication of Stanford University Press.

Since moving to San Bruno in 2003, Ms. Hatamiya has been an active member of the community as a PTA leader, a volunteer for San Bruno Pee Wee Baseball, and a past AYSO soccer coach. Her ties to San Bruno reach back to World War II, when her mother and grandparents were among the Japanese Americans interned at the assembly center on the site of what are now the Shops at Tanforan.

“Ms. Hatamiya has wide-ranging experience in the public, nonprofit, political, and private sectors,” commented Nancy Kraus, Board President. “She has the perfect combination of experience, energy, vision, and sense of the community to lead the Foundation forward in its important work.”

The San Bruno Community Foundation was established by the San Bruno City Council to administer, for the long-term benefit of the San Bruno community, \$70 million the City received in restitution from PG&E after the 2010 gas pipeline explosion in the City.

The Board-appointed Search Committee to fill the Executive Director position included Directors Dr. Regina Stanback-Stroud, Frank Hedley, and Board President Nancy Kraus. The recruitment process spanned several months led by the nationally recognized firm, The 360 Group.