



The following are quotes from members of PIVOT's steering committee.

Kimi Lee, Executive Director, Bay Rising:

“At Bay Rising, we are excited to endorse PIVOT as a major advancement in support for power-building infrastructure. PIVOT aligns with our vision for resilient, community-driven change centering racial, economic, and environmental justice and building the political power of working-class BIPOC communities. It also exemplifies the strength that emerges when diverse stakeholders unite for the common goal of cultivating transformative organizing, base-building innovations, and active civic engagement in our communities.”

Miguel A. Santana, President and CEO, California Community Foundation (PIVOT fiscal):

“PIVOT is transforming how funders and practitioners work together to make California more equitable for communities of color through a meaningful investment in voter participation and civic engagement. CCF is proud to partner with PIVOT to advance racial justice, and build political power and systemic change across California for historically marginalized communities by bringing community organizers and funders together to strengthen impact through its innovative, community-driven approach to trust-based philanthropy.”

Lori Cox, Vice President of Programs, The California Wellness Foundation:

“We are proud to support the critical work of PIVOT. Through this investment, and by partnering with like-minded funders, we further our commitment to amplifying the voices, leadership, and power of people of color, and others who have historically been excluded from full participation in civil society. For democracy to work for everyone, it must include everyone.”

Lucas Zucker, Co-Executive Director, Central Coast Alliance United for a Sustainable Economy (CAUSE):

“PIVOT is a groundbreaking partnership to fundamentally transform the relationship between philanthropy and social movements in California. We are building a space of shared learning, trust, and collaboration to ignite strategic innovations, build collective power, and open new possibilities.”

Angelica Salas, Executive Director, Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights (CHIRLA):

“California’s power engine is its people. With 40 percent of our state's population being Latina/o and 27 percent foreign born, ensuring that our communities are organized and actively engaging in the civic processes at the local, state, and federal level should be a top priority for institutional power-builders. But often, these opportunities do not reach our communities often or consistently enough to make an impact. As an immigrant rights organization with more than 36 years of experience working with Latino and immigrant new citizens and their families,

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CHIRLA is proud to join PIVOT's vision of innovative voter organizing that will lead to a better and just society for people of color in the Golden State."

Cathy Cha, President & CEO, Evelyn & Walter Haas Jr. Fund:

"This moment calls for us to support civic engagement in communities of color across California and build power for the long haul. I appreciate how PIVOT is expanding funding for this important work."

Joseph Tomas Mckellar, Executive Director, PICO California:

"PICO California is honored to support PIVOT, a first-of-its-kind partnership between some of California's leading organizers and funders to fuel transformative innovations dedicated to building power in our communities. As California's largest faith-based, spiritually-rooted network, we believe the only way forward is together. PIVOT is helping cultivate synergistic, collaborative relationships between organizers and funders so that together we can shape the future of our state. Alongside other new forms of shared power building infrastructure, PIVOT is helping us deepen a culture of learning and growth across the social change ecosystem. PICO California is proud to serve on the steering committee of PIVOT, and we look forward to building a future where all of our families can belong and thrive with our PIVOT allies and partners."

Jung Hee Choi, Sr. Advisor, Narrative and Strategic Initiatives, Power California:

"PIVOT is fueling the incredible work and innovations among movement organizations who accelerate racial and economic justice by building power in communities across California. PIVOT breaks down the traditional barriers between funders and grantees. It understands that we grow our movements and strengthen our ability to impact the systemic change that we are all working toward when we bring funders and organizers together to align our priorities and strategies."

Fred Blackwell, CEO, San Francisco Foundation:

"One of the most powerful things philanthropy can do is to co-create with movement organizers to help all people - and especially Black, Indigenous, and people of color - to have a strong civic voice in the decisions that impact them. PIVOT brings organizers, funders, grassroots leaders, researchers, and movement supporters to the table to work together for bold structural change in California."