

## Panelist Biographies

### Opening Presentation: Impact:

#### **Robert Collins, Cassandra Quinto-Collins, Bella Collins; Family of Angelo Quinto**



Angelo Quinto was a Filipino-American man and Navy veteran who lived in Antioch, California. Shortly after 11:00 p.m. on December 23, 2020, he underwent a mental health episode while at home in Antioch with Isabella and their mother. Isabella called the police and two Antioch Police Department officers arrived and allegedly grabbed him from his mother's arms and tried to subdue him by kneeling on the back of his neck for almost 5 minutes. He lost consciousness and was taken to the Sutter Delta Medical Center in Antioch. On December 26, 2020, he was pronounced dead at the Sutter Delta Medical Center. He is survived by his mother Cassandra Quinto-Collins, stepfather Robert Collins, his sister Isabella Collins, etc.

#### **Tanya Faison, President, Black Lives Matter Sacramento**

Tanya Faison is a grassroots activist, community leader, educator and mystical Leo Bruja with deep powers to motivate the masses and move mountains in the name of justice. Fed up with anti Black racism she saw in both her



hometown of Sacramento, as well as on the national news, she founded Incite Insight in 2014. Incite Insight evolves into the Sacramento chapter of Black Lives Matter in 2015 and Tanya has lead the chapter since it's beginning stages. Under Tanya's leadership, BLM Sacramento has: Inserted Blackness and brought focus to Black issues in City Council meetings almost weekly for 6 years; Fought for a community led police oversight commission; Compassionately humanized and made household names of the 12 Black men murdered by police in our city since she started her work; Organized two Freedom Schools; Brought attention to racism in the classroom in many of our local schools; Created many Black love community building events; Taken the streets through countless

actions; Kept the name of Stephon Clark in the public eye and has continued to apply pressure to the district attorney to file charges by protesting in front of her office 3 days a week. Tanya is a gifted orator and public speaker who has appeared on CNN and has been quoted in national publications from Huffington Post to the Root.

**Dr. Jana Price-Sharps, CEO and Founder of the California Forensic Institute, Inc. (CFI); Licensed Psychologist Specializing in Police Psychology**



Dr. Price-Sharps is a licensed psychologist specializing in police psychology. She is the CEO and founder of the California Forensic Institute, Inc. (CFI). She has worked collaboratively with law enforcement to provide training to hostage negotiators develop joint trainings between Hostage Negotiators, SWAT, and EMT services, mental health training to police chaplaincy programs, and stress reduction strategies to undercover operatives and crime analysts. She is also currently a professor in the field of forensic psychology.

Demonstrating an expertise in police psychology for the last 17 years, Jana Price-Sharps currently serves as an associate professor for Alliant International University. Accrediting her success to her relentless determination, she has refined her familiarity of intricate psychological issues to lecture on the numerous facets of adolescent delinquency and police officer stress. Dr. Price-Sharps infuses her firsthand experiences into the classroom: she advises her students on how to negotiate hostage and crisis situations, and treat undercover police officers suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder. A graduate of the University of the Pacific, Dr. Price-Sharps holds a doctorate in counseling psychology, and a Master of Science in rehabilitation counseling.

**Dr. Tecoy M. Porter, Sr.; Senior Pastor of the Genesis Church; Chair of California, State National Action Network (NAN)**



Dr. Tecoy Porter is the Senior Pastor of the Genesis Church in South Sacramento, CA, where he has served since 1999. In 2003, Dr. Porter led the construction of the Dr. Robert Porter Family Life Center, a multi-purpose facility that houses worship services, athletic leagues, and many outreach programs for the Meadowview community. Dr. Porter recently saw the construction of an elementary school on the church campus, with the capacity to serve over 400 children through a partnership with Fortune School, a network of college-prep, public charter schools with a mission to close the African American achievement gap. Tecoy Porter College Prep, K-5th elementary school, opened in Fall 2020, providing high-quality distance learning to families dealing with the realities of COVID-19 stay-at-home orders. The school features a playground named after Stephon Clark, a young, unarmed Black man who was fatally shot in his grandmother's backyard within view of the church in March 2018 after police officers mistook his cell phone for a gun. His tragic death moved Dr. Porter to form the Sacramento Chapter of the National Action Network (NAN), a leading civil rights organization founded by the Rev. Al Sharpton. Like many preachers before him, Dr. Porter joined his voice with others calling for justice and change. He has worked diligently in advancing legislation supporting criminal justice reform, amending police use of force practices, and ensuring equal voting rights and school choice throughout California. Amongst his many accomplishments, Dr. Porter believes his most significant one is his 27-year marriage to his church sweetheart, Karlette Porter, and being a devoted father to his three children, sons Tecoy Jr., Kamarion, and daughter Kara.

## Panel Discussion: Methods of Recovery:

### **Julia Yoo, President of the National Police Accountability Project (NPAP); Member of Consumer Attorneys of California (CAOC) Board of Directors**



Julia Yoo is the president of the National Police Accountability Project (NPAP), the country's largest civil rights attorneys' organization. Julia serves on the Board of Directors of the Consumer Attorneys of California.

A partner in the law firm of Iredale and Yoo, APC, Julia has devoted her career to protecting the rights of the disadvantaged. She began her career by starting a nonprofit and litigating on behalf of women in prison who were sexually assaulted or denied medical care. Twenty-three years later, nearly her entire practice is dedicated to fighting for the rights of individuals whose rights are violated by the police and the government.

Julia has co-authored three briefs with the United States Supreme Court and numerous amicus briefs in various Circuit Courts across the country. Particularly of note, Julia wrote a brief that led to a landmark Ninth Circuit decision on the use of the taser.

Julia has taught Constitutional law to law school students, lawyers, and the public. She works on legislation across the country to bring accountability to law enforcement. Julia works with Ben Cohen and Jerry Greenfield of Ben & Jerry and their national coalition in the Campaign to End Qualified Immunity. Julia is the recipient of Consumer Attorneys of California's 2020 Robert E. Cartwright award and Consumer Attorneys of San Diego's 2021 Advocate of the Year award. Originally from Seoul, Korea, Ms. Yoo is a *cum laude* graduate of Wellesley College and received her J.D. at the University of Colorado School of Law.

### **Abdul Pridgen, Incoming President of the California Police Chiefs Association (CPCA); Chief of the Seaside Police Department (SPD)**



As the incoming President of the California Police Chiefs Association, Abdul Pridgen is the current Chief of the Seaside Police Department, sworn-in on March 1st, 2018. In Seaside, he has made accountability, transparency, and winning the community's trust a department priority. Before coming to Seaside, Abdul served as the first Black Assistant Chief of the Fort Worth Police Department, rising through the ranks to command all three bureaus (Patrol, Finance & Personnel, Support) of the department responsible for policing the country's 13th largest city. Before becoming a police officer, Abdul was as a Sailor in the armed forces, serving in Desert Storm. He was honorably discharged after his six-year active duty commitment and retired from the U.S. Navy Reserve as a Chief Petty Officer. Abdul is passionate about police accountability and transparency. He founded and is CEO of the Institute for

Transparent and Accountable Policing (ITAP), a nonprofit consortium of current and former law enforcement officers, community leaders, recruiting firms, attorneys, and academics who are dedicated to improving police-community relations by infusing greater transparency and accountability into policing through a LAT™ score. As a police chief, Abdul works every day to earn the trust of those his officers serve and find new ways to transform his department into an ethical and transparent organization. Abdul holds a Master of Arts in Public Administration and a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice. He is a graduate of the Southern Police Institute, FBI National Academy, FBI National Executive Institute, and Harvard Kennedy School, where he received an Executive Certificate in Public Leadership. Abdul is also President of the Monterey County Chief Law Enforcement Officers Association, President of the Institute for Transparent and Accountable Policing, President of the Peninsula Regional Violence and Narcotics Team, Chair of the Blue Ribbon Task Force for the Reduction of Youth Violence, and Chair of the California Police Chiefs Association Finance Committee. Abdul, who grew up in The Bronx, New York, is a proud husband and father. He has always had a servant's heart and,

from an early age, served all comers on the streets of The Bronx who wanted an electric boogie showdown. Though today he's put his dancing shoes aside, in what little spare time he has, Abdul enjoys volunteering and spending quality time with his family.

**Lynda Gledhill, Executive Officer of the California Victim Compensation Board (CalVCB)**



The Victim Compensation Board named Lynda Gledhill the Executive Officer on May 21, 2020, after she had served as Interim Executive Officer since December 31, 2019. Prior to her appointment, Ms. Gledhill served as the Deputy Secretary of Communications at the Government Operations Agency. She has held a number of executive level positions, including serving as the press secretary at the California Attorney General's Office. She was director of communications at the Office of California Senator Ellen Corbett, and a communications consultant at the Office of California Senate President pro Tempore Don Perata. Ms. Gledhill was a political reporter at the San Francisco Chronicle from 1998 to 2007, where she covered a wide range of state and national political news. Ms. Gledhill earned a Bachelor of Arts in International Studies from American University in Washington, D.C. and a Master of Arts in Journalism from the University of Missouri.

**Dr. Teiahsha Bankhead, Executive Director of Restorative Justice for Oakland Youth (RJOY)**



Born to a Black radical mother during the uprising of the Watts Rebellion and coming of age in South Central Los Angeles during the embittered racial relations and social unrest of the civil rights era ignited within Dr. Bankhead a passionate commitment to social justice advocacy and transformative community empowerment.

Social Work Professor at California State University, Sacramento and Executive Director of Restorative Justice for Oakland Youth (RJOY), Teiahsha Bankhead is a social justice activist, a restorative justice advocate, and a licensed psychotherapist with both MSW and Ph.D. degrees in social work. Dr. Bankhead has a commitment to racial justice, racial healing and restorative economics. She has taught racial, gender and sexual orientation diversity, theories of criminal behavior, and US social policy at the undergraduate and graduate levels. She teaches, speaks and holds circle on the subjects of School-Based Restorative Justice, Race and Restorative

Justice, the Indigenous Roots of Restorative Justice, Social Justice and Restorative Justice, Truth-Telling and Racial Healing, Youth-Led and Movement-Based Restorative Justice, the School-to-Prison Pipeline, Mass Incarceration, and Restorative Cities.

Dr. Bankhead received her M.S.W. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of California at Berkeley. She was a National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH), Minority Research Fellow and a fellow of the United States Psychiatric Congress. She is co-author, with University of California Berkeley, Professor Emeritus Jewelle Taylor-Gibbs, of *Preserving Privilege: California Politics, Propositions and People of Color*. She is co-author with John Erlich of, "Diverse Populations and Community Practice", found in the *Handbook of Community Practice*, 1st Edition. She has served on the Diversity Committee of the Family Council at Spirit Rock Meditation Center.