



# BRUCE'S BEACH TASK FORCE

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## Allison Hales:

A Manhattan Beach resident of 2+ years. Born and raised in London, Allison obtained a BA Hons in Marketing and Communications at London Guildhall University. Her love affair for music led her to New York City specializing in managing/tour managing top recording artists. After 10+ years in the music business, Allison transitioned her career into working with HNW individuals and the management of their estates. She now works as a local Realtor with Bayside Stroyke Properties.

Allison is a Board member and Dir. Marketing for Pop the Bubble 2020, a NPO that empowers children through education, empathy and action, building the foundation for an inclusive and compassionate youth community. Founder of Culture Club SouthBay, a streaming platform created in August 2020 to bring the community together by celebrating culture and different ethnicities through the arts, food and literature.

## Anthony Lee:

Anthony A. Lee, Ph.D., has been a black resident of Manhattan Beach since 1983, where with his wife he raised his three children. He is now a retired professor of African and African American history, having taught most recently at UCLA and at WLAC, and having published books on African history. He has served on interfaith and racial justice community organizations in the South Bay. He is co-owner of Kalimat Press, a small publishing company specializing in academic books. He is also a poet and has published six volumes of poetry. He has traveled to Africa, Asia, and Europe and has lectured extensively on African American history.

## Isla Garraway:

Isla P. Garraway received her Bachelor of Science degree from Brown University and completed the Medical Scientist (MD-PhD) Training Program at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA with a doctorate in Molecular Biology. Upon completion of the UCLA

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Urology residency program, she joined the UCLA faculty. She is currently Associate Professor and Director of Research in Urology, Member of the Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center, and Member of the Broad Center for Regenerative Medicine and Stem Cell Research at UCLA. Dr. Garraway is a member of the Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Task Force in the Department of Urology at UCLA, and is participating in the David Geffen School of Medicine Anti-Racism Roadmap and other strategies to improve equity, diversity, and inclusion among the UCLA faculty. Dr. Garraway has resided in Manhattan Beach since 1994.

### Lindsey Fox:

I grew up in South Lake Tahoe, Ca. and have a degree in Critical Studies from USC School of Cinema-Television. I worked at Sony pictures for several years before going back to school and getting a Masters in Teaching and credential from Chapman University, specializing in curriculum instruction and design. I have lived in my husband's hometown of Manhattan Beach for over 20 years and am the mom of two boys, ages 9 & 13. My youngest was transracially adopted at birth. I am actively involved in MBUSD. I sit on the District PTA Council as the Special Education Representative and am one of the parent leaders for the Special Education Advisory Council. My work in equity and diversity began after the Clinton Family firebombing and the formation of the EMPact group with Kristi Rodriguez-Knowles. In 2019 I compiled and presented data to the school board diversity in MBUSD enrollment and lack of equity in standardized test scores of black students. I have been working with Dr. Katherine Whittaker-Stopp & Dr. Irene Gonzales of MBUSD making curricular changes in the district and adopting social justice standards. This summer, combining my passion for filmmaking and education I created short films about my son's experience growing up black in the South Bay that was featured in stories in the Easy Reader and South Bay magazine. Most recently, I have been working with Rhonda Steinberg, principal of Pacific Elementary, to make Bruce's Beach part of the 3rd grade *History of Our Community* curriculum.

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### Taylor Gamble:

Taylor Gamble is a Manhattan Beach-based marketing professional with over a decade of experience across a broad range of marketing functions and diverse industry sectors. Taylor currently serves as a Marketing Manager for a publicly traded investment bank. Originally from Colorado, Taylor moved to the Los Angeles area over 15 years ago and graduated from Pepperdine University. During her four years at Pepperdine, Taylor was an NCAA Division I athlete on both the Women's Cross Country and Women's Track & Field teams. In her spare time, Taylor enjoys volunteering with a Los Angeles-headquartered homeless services organization.

### Amanda Park:

I am an attorney for the County of Los Angeles, Child Support Services Department. Currently I supervise about 10 attorneys and a paralegal. I have been employed by the County for 23 years. We establish, modify, and enforce support orders. Previously I handled the criminal prosecution of failure to pay child support when I was with the District Attorney's Office. I studied History at UCLA and received my B.A, where I met my spouse, who was also a history major. Then I attended graduate school at UCLA in Asian American Studies. Thereafter I attended law school at Loyola Law School. I have 2 children, a son who chose to attend USC and is a sophomore and a daughter who is a junior at Mira Costa. We have been homeowners in MB for 19 years. I'm looking forward to a robust discussion within this task force and hope that we can make some pro active and well thought out recommendations for the City Council.

### Stephanie Caridad:

I attended Manhattan Beach schools and am a proud Mira Costa graduate. I work at a non-profit law firm on Skid Row that works in housing justice. Prior to returning to Los Angeles, I was a Fulbright Scholar at the University of Gdańsk in Poland.

### Kristin Long Drew:

Kristin Long Drew is a writer who has primarily written for television, notably "90210", "Family Guy" and "Norm Macdonald Has a Show". She is also a published short fiction writer and freelance copy- and scriptwriter for Mattel.

A few years ago, she started looking into the history of Ercole's, the restaurant/bar in Manhattan Beach, when she became fascinated by the story of the town of Manhattan Beach itself. She's spent hours at the local libraries reading through old newspapers and combing through the collection at the Manhattan Beach Historical Society to learn as much as possible. She's now on the Board of the historical society and runs its Instagram page, where she shares what she's learned with others. It's important to her to tell the most comprehensive and accurate story of Manhattan Beach – in all its shame and all its glory – because we owe it to those who came before us, those who are here now, and those who will rely on our work in the future.

### Tyler St. Bernard:

I was born in Manhattan Beach, but spent most of my life moving around the country. I moved back in 2016 for my senior year of high school and was very shellshocked by the culture I found here; after living in definitiThe quiet, socially acceptable racism was never

blatant, but always enough to make me think twice about the privileges of beach culture. I graduated Pomona College this past May with a degree in Media Studies, and have published several articles on POC experiences in predominantly white spaces.

**Lana Rizika:**

My name is Lana Rizika and I am excited to be a part of this Task Force. I have lived in Manhattan Beach for 25 years. I am married with 3 kids, 2 of whom are in college and 1 is in 8th grade. Before I had kids, I worked at Mattel in Marketing. I collaborated closely with designers, engineers, and the finance department to create the season's best toy concepts. More recently, I was a docent at the Holocaust Museum LA, touring middle and high school students through the museum, teaching them the history of WWII, the roots of anti-semitism, and the call for tolerance. I was also a docent with the Young at Art (YAA) program where, for over 15 years, I taught elementary school students art history as well as the art projects themselves. I participated as a member of the YAA Design Committee, which selected 6 art projects for the following school year from a pool of over 75 submissions. What brought me to this task force, though, is my love of history, the fight for justice, and modeling and advocating tolerance. I wanted to be a part of this opportunity for our community to responsibly recognize and admit to its past racial injustices. By enabling our community to acknowledge this truth, we will be able to build a better, more just, and more tolerant society. I look forward to working with all of you.

**Kristi Ramirez-Knowles:**

I have been a resident of Manhattan Beach for nearly 25 years and I am a Southern California native. I have served in numerous volunteer capacities for over 15 years and my roles have included Co-chair for Amigos Unidos, PTA Co-President (Pacific, MBMS, & MCHS), PTA Treasurer and VP of Volunteers, MBLL Auxiliary Board Member, Sand & Surf Board Member, Co-Founder of "Empact," and many more. Prior to my volunteer life, I worked as a Sales Director for major media companies and am now a team leader & realtor @ Your Home Sold Guaranteed Realty. My husband and I have two wonderful young men that have gone/going through the MBUSD school system. Both of our boys would like to secure a degree in business, play baseball, and continue their passion for music. A few years ago, they wrote, sang, and produced a song to help encourage cancer victims called "We'll Never Stop Fighting." They donated all proceeds (\$10,000) from the sale of their song to cancer support groups. My husband works in the financial industry and also served our community as a volunteer on the MBLL board for more than 10 years. As you can see, one of our core values as a family is to get involved and help however we can.

**Michael Jenkins:**

Mike arrived in Manhattan Beach 42 years' ago and never left. He helped raise four kids here, coached more than a few soccer teams with names like "Poppin Peaches," and has run in all but two Hometown 10Ks since 1984, long enough to have finally become competitive in his age group. Mike practices law from an office here in Manhattan Beach, specializing in representing cities as city attorney. He also teaches local government law in the law school at the University of Southern California. Mike is an Advanced Referee for AYSO and serves as a Board Member for the Ketchum Downtown YMCA.

### Jarett Margolis:

My name is Jarett Margolis, I was born and raised in Manhattan Beach, CA. I attended Mira Costa High School where I served as ASB Vice President, a Student School Board Member, and was a three sport varsity athlete. I graduated in 2008 with honors and attended the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor where I obtained a BS in Sport Management. While at Michigan, I served as Treasurer for the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Iota Beta Chapter and participated in various other club and intramural activities. Since graduating, my 10+ years of professional experiences consist of being a leader in Sales and Marketing, Business Development, Executive Management, Brand Development, Logistics, International Business and Finance. I am the former Vice President of Sales and Business Development at Coolhaus Ice Cream and am currently serving as a Business Development Consultant working specifically for the California Milk Advisory Board.

### ALTERNATE BOARD MEMBERS:

#### Eyana Carballo:

Recognized by the Boston Consulting Group senior leadership team as a "Strong operator, force of nature, and world class executive," Eyana Carballo is a proven leader with more than 19 years of experience driving growth and corporate excellence with Fortune 500 companies. Among the technology industry's few black female leaders who has achieved success across the public and private sector, Carballo has the ability to navigate complex organizational structures with an entrepreneurial, results-driven approach.

A collaborative, hands-on advisor and strategist, Carballo has extensive experience operating as a key decision maker with a proven track record of achieving long-term business goals. Driven by the innate desire to affect positive organizational change, not only for the areas directly within the purview of her job description, but the organization as a whole, Carballo inspires those around her to work towards a shared vision. With the problem-solving mindset of an engineer, the corporate know-how of the business and

finance worlds, and the grit of a self-made small business owner, Carballo brings together the unique combination of insight and ability to push the boundaries of an organization in new and innovative ways.

A passionate advocate for racial equity and champion for civil rights at the grass-roots level, Carballo has demonstrated her commitment to fostering a culture of diversity, equity, and inclusion throughout her career. An emerging voice in the DEI space with thought leadership featured in the Annenberg Foundation, PledgeLA, PledgeNY and dot.LA, Carballo is uniquely positioned to translate her deep private-sector experience to drive change where change happens—in the public sector.

**Laura Kainsinger:**

Laura Hoyos Kainsinger is a Program Officer at First 5 LA who has extensive experience working with community-based programs that provide services to culturally diverse and underserved families throughout LA County. Originally from Peru, she immigrated to Redondo Beach at the age 10, attended Redondo Union High School, and graduated from UCLA with a Bachelor in Physiological Science and a Master of Public Health. She is fully bilingual in English and Spanish and has taught and trained in both. Laura is married to Kurt, a Manhattan Beach native, and they have two boys in elementary and middle school. She has lived in Manhattan Beach for the last seven years.