

**Friday, February 28, 2020**  
**5:00 PM-7:00 PM**

**VIP Host Reception**

5:00 - 5:30pm

**General Reception**

5:30 - 6:00pm

**Panel Discussion**

6:00 - 7:00pm

**LOCATION**

**Lionsgate**  
**2700 Colorado Ave**  
**Santa Monica, CA 90404**

**SUGGESTED CONTRIBUTION LEVELS**

<b>Visionary</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>
<b>Ally</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>
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DISCUSSION WITH**

**SENATE PRESIDENT PRO TEM  
TONI G. ATKINS**

**LAPHONZA BUTLER**  
*SCRB STRATEGIES*

**HEATHER SOMAINI**  
*LIONSGATE*

**SUE DUNLAP**  
*PLANNED PARENTHOOD*

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### **Pro Tem Toni G. Atkins**



Toni G. Atkins was born and raised in southwestern Virginia, the daughter of a miner and a seamstress, and graduated with a bachelor's degree in political science from Emory & Henry College in Emory, Va. In 1985, she moved to San Diego, California, where she worked as director of clinic services at Womancare Health Center. In 2014, her colleagues selected her to be the Speaker of the Assembly – becoming the first lesbian to hold the position. Atkins counts a major \$7.5-billion water bond and creation of the state's first Earned Income Tax Credit among her proudest accomplishments. In 2016, Atkins was selected to represent the 39th District in the state Senate and was

appointed to the prestigious Rules Committee, in addition to the committees on Transportation and Housing, Health, Labor and Industrial Relations, and Natural Resources and Water. Among the bills she got passed and signed was SB 2, which created a permanent source of funding for affordable housing, a signature piece of legislation she had worked on for seven years. In January 2018, after just one year in the Senate, she was elected by her colleagues to be the next Senate President pro Tempore. In March 2018, she was sworn in, becoming the first woman and the first openly LGBTQ person to lead the Legislature's upper house. Under Pro Tem Atkins' leadership, more women have been elected to serve in the State Senate than ever before in California history. The Senate's charge towards gender parity has spurred California from 32nd in the nation for gender balance just a few years ago, to 18th today. 50% of women Senators are women of color.

### **Laphonza Butler**



For nearly two decades, Laphonza Butler has worked to improve the lives of working women and families in California and across the country. As one of California's most influential political figures working largely behind the scenes, she has built and led coalitions that passed monumental legislation- including the first statewide \$15 minimum wage in the country, an effort that won her praise from President Barack Obama. Ms. Butler is currently a Partner at SCRB Strategies, where she advised the Kamala Harris for President campaign in 2019.

In 2018, she was appointed by then-Governor Brown to the UC Board of Regents for a 12-year term. Ms. Butler served previously as President of SEIU Local 2015 — which represents 378,000 caregivers and nursing home workers (primarily women of color) and is the largest union in California and the largest long-term care local in the country. She also served as an International Vice President for SEIU and the President of the California SEIU State Council, which represents over 700,000 working men and women. Ms. Butler additionally Chairs the University of California African-American Advisory Council, serves as a Board Member for the National Children's Defense Fund and the Bay area Economic Council institute, is a fellow for the MIT Community Innovators Lab and formerly was Director for the Board of Governors of the Los Angeles branch of the Federal Reserve System. She earned a bachelors degree in Political Science and Government from Jackson State University. Ms. Butler lives in Los Angeles.

## Heather Somaini



Heather Somaini is Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) at Lionsgate, a global leader in entertainment content and the first new major studio in decades. During her 17 years with Lionsgate, Heather has successfully overseen major construction endeavors and helped integrate some of the studio's biggest acquisitions. In a field where women make up only 17% of top executive positions, Heather also plays a leading role in the studio's operations, technology, human capital and workplace culture. Heather is additionally the creator and Chief Curator of the well known Los Angeles supper club Eat+Drink. She received a Bachelor of Science from Syracuse University in 1991. Heather and her partner are mothers of twins and live in Los Angeles.

## Sue Dunlap



Susan Dunlap is the President and CEO of Planned Parenthood Los Angeles (PPLA). PPLA's 21 health centers provide comprehensive, reproductive and sexual health care services through 250,000 patient visits each year. PPLA also has seven high school based clinics. In addition to its clinical work, PPLA provides sex education to schools and communities throughout Los Angeles County. Dunlap's twenty year career with Planned Parenthood has included work with the Planned Parenthood Federation of America (PPFA) leading advocacy efforts in battleground states across the country, as well as with Planned Parenthood Affiliates of California (PPAC) as a registered lobbyist ensuring that California's public policy framework guarantees reproductive health and justice for all Californians. Dunlap also serves on the Board of Directors of Equality California and the Planned Parenthood Federation of America.

## Susannah Delano



Susannah Delano has served as Executive Director of CTGCA since January, 2018. During her tenure driving this groundbreaking campaign, women members of the California State Legislature have rebounded from a 20-year low of 21% in representation, to an all time high of 32%. Today, California triples the national average for the number of women of color serving in its state house. From 2010-2017 Susannah led Planned Parenthood Northern California's advocacy work, delivering key votes that expanded access to reproductive health care during a time of unprecedented national assault. Throughout the 2000's, Susannah worked on behalf of SEIU homecare workers throughout California to raise the standard of care and block dozens of proposed budget cuts that would have forced their low-income, elderly and disabled clients into costly institutions. She is based in the Bay Area with her partner and 12-year-old son.

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