



# INSURANCE DIVERSITY INITIATIVE NEWSLETTER

Email us at

[Diversity@insurance.ca.gov](mailto:Diversity@insurance.ca.gov) about  
any events or updates you'd like to  
share with the Initiative and our  
stakeholders!

Deadline for submissions is the 25th  
of every month.

## MARCH 2016

- Word from the Chief
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**Chief, Community Programs  
Melanie Ramil**

Dear Insurance Diversity Initiative  
Stakeholders -

Happy March! As Chief of  
Community Programs, I would like to  
thank you for your commitment,  
excitement, passion, and partnership  
as we've grown the Insurance  
Diversity Initiative over the last four  
years. We cannot underscore how  
important your continued feedback  
and participation is to the success of  
the program.

This is an exciting month for the  
Insurance Diversity Initiative. As you  
may have seen, the Insurance  
Diversity Task Force will be hosting

## Upcoming Events

Check Out What's Happening Near You!

Check the [Diversity Events Calendar](#) for upcoming  
diversity-related events!

## News & Updates

What's Happening with the Initiative?

**NEW DATE!**

**5th Annual Insurance Diversity Summit**  
**Wednesday, December 7, 2016**  
**California State University, Los Angeles (CSULA)**  
**Los Angeles, CA**

### [SURVEY: SUCCESS STORIES](#)

Share if your business has seen any successes as a direct  
result of this Initiative.

Each month, such businesses will be featured in the "Spotlight"  
corner of the Initiative's monthly newsletter!

## Insurance Diversity Task Force

*its 1st Quarterly Meeting of 2016 and we hope to see many of you there. We will be discussing ways to move supplier diversity to the next level, brainstorming ideas for the 2016 Summit, and sharing updates from staff and our Task Force members.*

*We would also like to congratulate Linda Akutagawa, Danielle Beavers, Robin Billups, Craig Holden, Salvador Peinado, Jr., Cathy Schwamberger, and Scott Syphax for their reappointment to the Task Force. They will be serving their second term as members from now until March 2018. We look forward to your continued service and dedication.*

*Finally, one of the features in this month's newsletter is a "Success Stories" Survey. If you are a California diverse business and you have benefitted from the work of the Insurance Diversity Initiative, we want to hear from you! We have talked to a few of you already and it has been wonderful to learn the successes that California's diverse businesses have been experiencing as a result of this Initiative. Thank you for your commitment to and participation with the Initiative, it is your individual successes that give us all a collective advantage.*

*Cheers,*

**Melanie V. Ramil**

## Upcoming Meetings

### 1st Quarterly Task Force Meeting

March 14, 2016

10 AM - 12 PM

CA Department of Insurance  
Sacramento, CA



*Video conferencing is available from CDI offices in San Francisco and Los Angeles. You may also join us via teleconference.*

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