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Linda Akutagawa is President and CEO of LEAP (Leadership Education for Asian Pacifics). A passionate social entrepreneur for over 25 years and beneficiary of LEAP's leadership programming, she is a believer in the value, and urgent need, for diverse, equitable, and inclusive leadership. Through LEAP, Linda has dedicated herself to continuing the cycle of leadership development and inspiring Asian and Pacific Islanders to step up to leadership roles across sectors, industries, and communities. She is a Commissioner on California's 2020 Citizens Redistricting Commission, as well as an appointed member of the California Department of Insurance Diversity Task Force and Chair of the Alliance for Board Diversity. She is also a member of the Asian/Asian American Institute Advisory Board at California State University at Los Angeles and a Board member of the Asian Pacific Planning and Policy Council.

Linda is a nationally recognized speaker and facilitator on leadership, diversity, equity, and inclusion, nonprofits, and board governance. She received her B.S. in International Business with a minor in Economics from California State University at Los Angeles. She has a Certificate in Nonprofit Board Consulting through Boardsource. She is married and a fur-mom to her cockapoo and aunty to eleven nephews and nieces.