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Rebecca Aguilera-Gardiner

Vice Chair, Insurance Diversity Task Force

Rebecca Aguilera-Gardiner is Vice President and Co-Owner of Diego & Son Printing a successful SDVOSB/ DVBE second generation printing business in San Diego. She has over twenty-five years of experience in sales and marketing and has been essential in the continued growth of the 45-year-old family owned business. Her list of corporate clients include CVS Pharmacy, MetLife, Blue Shield, SDG&E, Southern California Edison and more.

Rebecca has recently been selected to the California Small Business & Innovative Start-Ups Working Group. This group will provide a forum for key leaders with the goals of driving research and data sharing, providing advice and ideas that can help California and its current and future small businesses and startups recover from the unprecedented impacts of the COVID-19 global pandemic. This work will be shared with, and help inform, our leaders on the Governor's Task Force on Jobs and Business Recovery.

Rebecca was the Chair of the San Diego Workforce Investment Board from 2013 - 2015. She is an active member of Business Leaders United which supports workforce programs throughout the U.S. and was invited to the White House in 2014 for a bill-signing with President Obama. Rebecca is also a member of Business Forward and has advised on the TPP and environmental issues. She was instrumental in getting California Governor Jerry Brown on-site to her business for a bipartisan bill-signing to reform workers' compensation.

Rebecca's business has won several awards including MBE Supplier of the year and Family-Owned business of the year. In 2016, Rebecca won the John Rak Award for her dedication in helping SDVOSBs. Rebecca was honored at the MCCSN "Women Leading the Way" luncheon in March 2017. In April 2019, she was recognized at the Diversity Professional Women of Excellence Awards Brunch and received the Leadership Award.

In 2016 Rebecca co-founded Veterans In Business (VIB) Network, with Navy Veteran/SDVOSB Cole Woodman. The VIB Network is a nonprofit 501(c)3 that advocates on behalf of all Veteran businesses nationwide. They are building an organization to share free business resources, webinars and to help connect Veteran businesses.

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