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Carmela Castellano-Garcia, Esq., is the former President and Chief Executive Officer of the California Primary Care Association (CPCA), where she oversaw a membership association of more than 1,370 nonprofit, community clinics and health centers (CCHCs) which serve nearly 7.4 million patients a year. Ms. Castellano-Garcia has been committed to advancing multi-cultural health policy issues for nearly 30 years, focusing on areas such as cultural and linguistic competency in health care delivery, ensuring the viability of safety net providers, health care reform, and access to care for vulnerable populations.

Ms. Castellano-Garcia currently serves as the President of the Board of Trustees of the Castellano Family Foundation. Prior to that she served as the Board's Vice President since 2012. Founded by Alcario and Carmen Castellano in 2001, the Castellano Family Foundation has donated more than \$5 million in grants to Santa Clara County nonprofits supporting Latino education, arts and culture, leadership and diversity. The Castellano Family Foundation also continually supports these local organizations guided by the values of community, family, social change, empathy and integrity. Related, she serves on the Board of National Center for Family Philanthropy.

Previously, Ms. Castellano-Garcia served as the Founder and Executive Director of the Latino Coalition for a Healthy California (LCHC), a health care policy and advocacy organization seeking to improve access to health and human services for California's Latino population. She was the Executive Director in 1992-1997 and she served as the Volunteer Executive Director in 2011, wherein she played a leadership role in ensuring the continued vitality of the organization.

Ms. Castellano-Garcia is a graduate of Yale Law School Ms. Castellano-Garcia was recognized with the 2018 Yale Law School Merit Award. She received a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from the University of California at Berkeley. While a student, she spent a year at La Universidad Central de Venezuela as a Rotary Foundation International Scholar.