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Impressive Speaker Line-Up Announced for 10th Annual Emerge Summit at The Sofia on September 21

Tickets are available now for the young professionals event of the year that has a special #LeadingWithLegacy theme

SACRAMENTO, CA – An exciting line-up of dynamic speakers has been announced for the upcoming 10th Annual Emerge Summit that is scheduled for Thursday, September 21, 2023, at The Sofia in Midtown Sacramento. Spearheaded by [Metro EDGE](#), a program of the [Sacramento Metro Chamber Foundation](#), the highly anticipated Emerge Summit is the largest young professionals conference on the west coast.

The keynote speaker for the 2023 event is highly respected West Sacramento City Council Member **Quirina Orozco**, who was elected in 2016, was re-elected to an additional four-year term in 2020, and currently serves as the City's Mayor Pro Tem. Orozco began her career as a prosecutor with the Sacramento County District Attorney's Office in 2005 and is assigned to the Special Assault & Child Abuse team which handles the prosecution of crimes involving the abuse of young children. A mother of four, Orozco is committed to programs that improve the educational, emotional, and physical well-being of children.

In addition to the Orozco, there are a number of other compelling mainstage speakers confirmed for the special event that include the following:

- **Carissa Gutierrez** – As the Director of the Latino Center of Art and Culture in Sacramento, Carissa has a proven track record in creative community engagement, operations optimization, and coalition building. She is dedicated to her community and manages cultural projects to elevate the voices of those who are most often overlooked and disenfranchised- to make visible what is often made to feel invisible.
- **Mac Clemmens** – As the CEO of Streamline, a software company headquartered in Sacramento, Mac is responsible for the growth of the company, recruiting and retaining top talent, and standing for Streamline's culture and values. Mac also has a passion for making technology easy to use and accessible to all and is interested in the intersection

of technology, governance, and policy, and how special districts are affected by state and federal regulations.

- **Cate Dyer Spears** – A local professional who exemplifies an unwavering dedication to the world of business, fostering a dynamic company culture, and driving forward the reality of cell and gene therapies within the market of cell immunotherapy, Cate is also deeply engaged in philanthropic endeavors. Her efforts are centered around alleviating suffering, championing medical equality, and leaving a positive imprint on countless lives. Her relentless commitment to expediting the cure and prevention of substantial medical conditions is nothing short of transformative.

A fourth mainstage speaker will be announced at a later date.

“We’re very excited about our 10th anniversary Emerge Summit speaker line-up and the depth of experience they offer in a variety of different industries and areas of focus,” said Kyla Bryant Executive Director of the Sacramento Metro Chamber Foundation. “This uplifting event is always inspiring and I leave more impressed than ever with the caliber of talent we have available in the Greater Sacramento Region.”

The high energy day-long event is the result of a collaborative effort of regional organizations committed to supporting young professionals and their growth in the community. Each year, hundreds of Sacramento’s emerging young professionals participate in the personal and professional development conference which includes inspirational speakers, educational breakout sessions, and coveted opportunities to network with peers.

With a special #LeadingWithLegacy theme in 2023 in honor of the 10th anniversary of the event, the annual Emerge Summit is designed to inspire young professionals to dream big, do the work and achieve their greatest potential, participants will engage with a diverse network, develop critical business skills, focus on giving back to the community, and learn the importance of an empower leadership mindset. The Emerge Summit will provide young professionals with a sense of belonging and encourage them to work together to explore individual and community needs.

The Emerge Summit is unique in that it activates the local business community for the conference. While the morning session is hosted at The Sofia, Home of B Street Theatre, attendees then change locations for different breakout opportunities and for lunch, activating various locally owned Midtown businesses within walking distance.

Breakout sessions are led by business and community leaders to develop both personal and professional skillsets. Topics range from interview preparation workshops to entrepreneurship panels with some of the region’s top business leaders.

Throughout the conference, attendees will be exposed to a variety of interactive experiences that represent the creative economy. Then, the event will conclude with a happy hour at a

popular and walkable venue, celebrating young professionals and the endless opportunity of impact they have within their futures.

The 2023 Emerge Summit is proudly presented by engaged sponsors and partners, including UC Davis Graduate School of Management, UC Davis Health, Sutter Health, SMUD, Safe Credit Union, Raleys and Capital Public Radio. In addition, there's still sponsorship, venue, and entertainment opportunities available by contacting Kyla Bryant at kbryant@metrochamber.org.

Each Emerge Summit attendee will receive an experience swag bag with goodies from local businesses to use for networking opportunities. Individual or group tickets are available, ranging in cost from \$50 (Emerge members), \$110 for group tickets (when purchasing five or more tickets) and \$135 for single tickets. Emerge Summit tickets are available now via [Eventbrite](#). More details about the 2023 Emerge Summit are available by visiting www.emergeypsummit.com.

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About Metro EDGE

A program of the Sacramento Metro Chamber Foundation, Metro EDGE is comprised of more than 400 engaged and energetic young leaders in the Capital Region whose main objective is to play an active and intentional role in making an impact on our region today and laying the groundwork required to ensure a successful future. Metro EDGE members (better known as "EDGErs") come from a myriad of business, public and nonprofit sectors with diverse backgrounds and education levels.

About Sacramento Metro Chamber Foundation

The Sacramento Metro Chamber Foundation creates equitable paths to leadership, community development, and employment for people in business. Connected to the Sacramento Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce, the Metro Chamber Foundation facilitates five programs and supports the growth of leaders in El Dorado, Placer, Sacramento, Sutter, Yolo, and Yuba counties. For more information, please visit <https://metrochamber.org/foundation/>