

HONOREE



Judy Rickard

Beacon of Light Award

Judy has been an advocate for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) rights since 1973. She is a former board member of the Bay Area

Municipal Elections Committee (BAYMEC) and advisor to Susan Hammer, former Mayor of San Jose. Judy has extensive experience working with politicians and educators throughout Santa Clara County and the State and often speaks on panels in high schools, community colleges, and universities. In 2008, she became a national advocate for the rights of an often under-represented group of immigrants; the foreign born same-sex spouses of U.S. citizens. As a result, Judy turned much of her time and energy to advocate for a comprehensive immigration reform that would include same-sex bi-national couples. She wrote *"Torn Apart: United by Love, Divided by Law"* published by Findhorn Press in 2011.

In June 2013, the Supreme Court overturned the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) and almost immediately, thousands of married bi-national gay and lesbian couples were able to apply for legal status for their spouses to remain in the United States. This change in policy has helped stabilize families by reducing the uncertainty and stress of family members having to live apart or without documents. Judy's advocacy, hard work and leadership made a great impact nationally and internationally in moving this issue forward.

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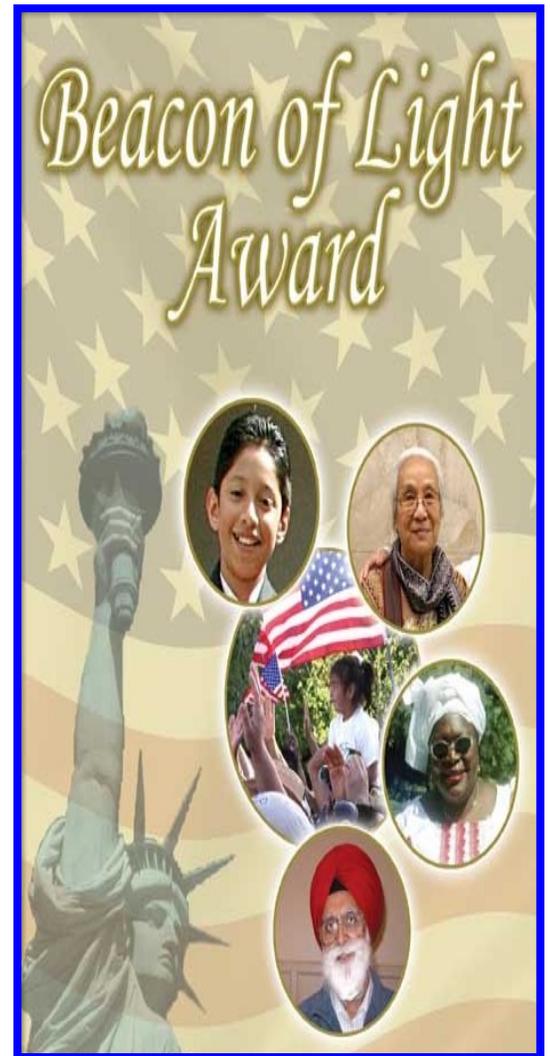
Marija Kevesević

Beacon of Light Award

Marija worked at the San Jose office of IRC (International Rescue Committee) from 2000-2013 where she served as a site supervisor managing office operations and a staff of six and helped to provide direct services to more than 7,000 refugees, individuals seeking asylum, victims of crime and/or human trafficking. Moreover, for more than 15 years she has earned a reputation as skillful, compassionate and dedicated direct service provider.

She also assisted the Regional IRC, where she represented the office in local and state-wide forums. Marija has advocated tirelessly on behalf of immigrant and refugee communities before local government officials and congressional representatives where she has effectively lobbied for sufficient funding for refugee services and recognition of immigrant and refugee contributions to U.S. society.

Marija has also helped to organize numerous World Refugee Days, an annual cultural and educational event that highlights the cultural contributions of refugees. As a member and officer of the Refugee and Immigrant Forum of Santa Clara County she has left a lasting legacy demonstrating a high level of commitment, motivation, and enthusiasm. Marija's extensive work and dedication has helped refugees and immigrants to build leadership and advocacy skills with herself as an exemplary role model.



FEBRUARY 28, 2014

Presented by Immigrant Relations and Integration Services (IRIS)

A program of the SCC Office of Human Relations

EVENING PROGRAM

6:00 pm . . . Networking

6:30 pm ... **Welcome,**

Delorme McKee-Stovall, Director
Office of Human Relations,
Teresa Castellanos, IRIS Coord.

6:40 pm . . . Award Presentation by

Supervisor Cindy Chavez
to **Salvador Bustamante**,
Recipient of The Cindy Avitia Award for
Lifetime Commitment to Social Justice

6:50 pm . . . Performance by the

San Jose Cambodian Dance Troupe

7:00 pm . . . Presentation of the Beacon of Light Award

by Supervisor Dave Cortese to
The FIRE Coalition for Advocacy
regarding Civil Detainer

7:10 pm . . . Performance by

The Saratoga Serbian Dance Troupe

7:20 pm . . . Presentation of the Beacon of Light Award

by Supervisor Ken Yeager to
Judy Rickard for Advocacy on
behalf of LGBT Immigrant Rights

7:30 pm . . . Presentation of the Beacon of Light

Award By Milina Jovanovic to
Marija Kevesević for
Advocacy on behalf of Refugee Rights

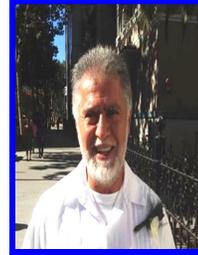
7:40 pm . . . Closing Remarks, Teresa Castellanos

and Milina Jovanović

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Salvador Bustamante

The Cindy Avitia Award
for Lifelong Commitment
to Social Justice



Salvador (Chava) Bustamante has promoted human and civil rights for more than 40 years and has worked as a labor organizer for over 25 years. He began his labor organizing work with the UFW where he helped to found the *Clinica de Salud del Valle de Salinas* a network that has grown to include 11 clinics that now serve over 130,000 farm workers annually.

He has been very active in the struggles for comprehensive immigration reform and legislation to allow driver licenses for immigrants. In 2006, Salvador was one of the organizers of the San Jose Immigrant Rights March, one of the largest immigrant rights marches in the country with more than 200,000 participants.

Though his work with SEIU-USWW, Local 1877, Salvador organized many immigrant families and individuals to work for their own economic stability through campaigns for economic justice. As the local director of Strengthening Our Lives (SOL), a statewide organization, he played a leading role in advocating for civic engagement through citizenship and voter participation.

Currently Salvador is founder of *Latinos United for a New America (LUNA)*, a grassroots organization that encourages civic engagement of Latinos in Silicon Valley. Through his many years as a leader and advocate in the social justice movement, Salvador has greatly impacted the lives of a broad spectrum of ethnically and culturally diverse immigrant groups and has greatly enhanced their participation in all aspects of political life in Santa Clara County.

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The FIRE Coalition

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The Santa Clara County Forum for Immigrant Rights and Empowerment (FIRE) Coalition is a broad-based network of immigrant rights advocates, legal service providers, faith-based institutions, criminal justice advocacy organizations, community-based organizations, youth organizations, and civil rights groups. FIRE has promoted a policy that restores trust between local law enforcement and the community. This has been achieved through the separation of federal immigration and local law enforcement activities. As a result of FIRE Coalition's efforts, Santa Clara County passed (not once, but twice) the most progressive immigrant detainer policy in the nation. Since this policy passed in October 2011, Santa Clara County has become a beacon of light for other counties nationwide.

The SCC civil detainer policy, originally conceived by and advocated for by the FIRE Coalition, provides a national model for a intelligent and value-driven response to immigration detainer requests.



