Donors of Color Action: Power Fund Advisory Council
The role of the Advisory Council in making grant-making decisions is central to the work of the Power Fund and Donors of Color. This group is comprised of both Donors of Color Members and movement leaders with content expertise in our strategic areas of politics & democracy, climate, and culture.
Nse Ufot
Movement Leader

Powerhouse lawyer turned top voter engagement strategist, Nse has been the force behind changing the political landscape in Georgia and she does it with such pizzazz -- art shows, video game competitions. She makes voting fun -- all the cool kids are doing it. That's why she's on a mission to reshape the political landscape of Georgia, one voter at a time. In her role as the executive director of the New Georgia Project, she leads an ambitious effort to register 800,000 new voters of color and young people while cultivating civic engagement among through an innovative blend of technology, art and culture. In November, the organization hosted Game Jam, a 72-hour video game contest focused on voter protection and engagement. By combining gaming and voting, they hope to increase black and brown youth participation in the civic and electoral process.

Nse's experience as an immigrant from Nigeria has prepared her to fight for the American Dream to become a reality for everyone. She wants to know what Georgians care about, their hopes and aspirations and what keeps them up at night. Staying focused on people and their communities is the focus of New Georgia Project’s work in 2020. They plan to register 100,000 people of color to vote, help Georgia flip the State House from red to blue and make sure there is a full and accurate census count in the state so that hard to count populations have their needs met.

LOCATION: ATLANTA, GA
Anathea Chino (Acoma Pueblo) works to create pathways that ensure women of color and Indigenous women are visible and represented in the political landscape and in women’s advocacy movements. Anathea has more than 15 years of experience as a political strategist, fundraiser, and operative at the tribal, state, and national levels. Anathea co-founded and co-leads Advance Native Political Leadership, a first-of-its-kind project to address the underrepresentation of Native Americans in local and state elected positions with a focus on increasing inclusion and visibility of Indigenous women in the political landscape.

As the Advancement Director for UltraViolet, a national advocacy organization that drives feminist cultural and political change, Anathea leads the Development Team by designing, managing, and implementing fundraising strategies to advance gender equity. Anathea is also a member of UltraViolet’s Leadership Team where she helps guide an intersectional strategy for women’s advocacy.

In 2013, Anathea launched a political styling firm focused on women of color and Indigenous women candidates, elected officials, and organizational leaders to ensure that aesthetics are not a barrier to leadership. Anathea has served as an Investment Advisor at Democracy Alliance in Washington, DC, and as the Development Director at NARAL Pro-Choice New Mexico. Anathea currently serves on the Board of Directors and Advisory Boards of Inclusv, Americans for Indian Opportunity, and PowerPac+. She is also a Co-Founder of Indigenous Women Rise and was a founding Board Member and President of Emerge New Mexico.

LOCATION: ALBUQUERQUE, NM
Paris Hatcher
Movement Leader

Paris Hatcher is a Black, queer visionary feminist who has been organizing individuals and organizations toward liberation at the local, national, and international level for twenty years. As Principal at Rhombus Consulting Group, Paris works to advance intersectional strategy toward queer liberation and racial, gender, and reproductive justice. She provides technical assistance, group facilitation, and designs innovative cultural and policy campaigns that center the power and expertise of Black women. Inspired by the legacy of Maroon communities throughout history, she is deeply committed to the practical and political self determination of communities not in theory but in deep rigorous practice. Paris founded Black Feminist Future as a movement incubator to support the leadership of Black feminist leaders, organizations and movements. Leveraging her love of the outdoors and extensive travel expertise, she co-founded Black Freedom Outfitters, a company that curates outdoor journeys that ground people in their bodies, the land and Black historical geographies. Paris co-founded and was the Executive Director of SPARK Reproductive Justice NOW, a leading reproductive health, queer and trans*justice organization in the Southeast where she was born and has built her life. Her expertise and commitment to southern leadership is undeniable. She served as board member of Southerners on New Ground for five years and she was a founding board member of the Groundswell Fund the largest reproductive justice foundation in the United States. She went on to manage network strategies at Race Forward: The Center for Racial Justice Innovation. Paris earned a Bachelor of Arts in women’s studies from East Carolina University and Masters of Arts in Africana Women’s Studies at Clark Atlanta University with a research focus on Caribbean women’s activism and social movements. She is partnered to M Adams and lives in Atlanta.

LOCATION: ATLANTA, GA
Iara Peng (she/her) is the Founder and Executive Director of Prism. Iara has worked in nonprofits for over 20 years, building new programs and organizations within the sector and supporting emerging leaders. Prior to founding Prism, she launched JustFund.us an innovative online portal that connects funders directly to organizations to help move resources more quickly while facilitating greater trust, transparency, and accountability across funder communities.

Early in her career, she worked to build the progressive leadership pipeline and started Young People For, a national progressive leadership development program that has identified and trained thousands of leaders across the country. She holds a Masters Degree from Columbia University, where she studied public administration and nonprofit management. She has served as a strategic consultant and on the boards of dozens of nonprofits and is currently a board member of Donors of Color Network and on the advisory board of She the People and Girls Crushing It.
Ning Mosberger- Tang
Donor Voice

Ning is the President of Innovo Foundation focusing on climate change mitigation and environmental education, an angel investor focusing on clean tech, and a community organizer focusing on electing progressive leaders. Earlier this year, she founded a charitable nonprofit Step Up in Crisis to help address the Personal Protective Equipment crisis during the pandemic. Step Up in Crisis managed to raise more than 1.6 million dollars, has distributed more than 300,000 PPE so far, and plans to distribute millions more to hard-hit communities, including Native American and African American communities.

She also founded the Blue Wave Postcard Movement to help turn out underrepresented voters in battleground states through peer-to-peer postcard outreach.

LOCATION: BOULDER, CO
Miya Yoshitani has been the Executive Director of the Asian Pacific Environmental Network since 2013. Starting at APEN as a youth organizer in the 1990's, Miya has an extensive background in community organizing, and a long history of working in the environmental justice movement. APEN has been fighting – and winning – environmental justice struggles for the past 27 years and remains one of the most unique organizations in the country explicitly developing the leadership and power of poor and working class Asian American immigrant and refugee communities.

Through many years of leadership, Miya has supported APEN's growth and expansion from a powerful local organization in the Bay Area, to having a statewide impact through an integrated voter engagement strategy and winning transformational state policy for equitable climate solutions for all Californians. A movement leader in many key local, state, and national alliances, APEN is helping to shift the center of gravity of what is possible when the health and economic well being of working families, immigrant and communities of color are put at the center of solutions to the economic and climate crises.
Sharon Chen
Donor Voice

Sharon's interest areas for activism include growing the electorate, increasing shared prosperity, and environmental justice. All of her social change goals require growing power in communities that have been excluded from it. She first began thinking of the intersection of politics and the environment when working on chemical policy reform issues which have been a passion for 15 years.

In addition to Donors of Color Action, she currently serves on both state based as well as national, philanthropic and political action boards (Progress Alliance of Washington, Washington Conservation Voters, and Women Donors Network). She has a Computer Science Engineering degree from Princeton University and worked at Microsoft in software development for 12 years. Today Sharon is an independent consultant to nonprofits and lives in Capitol Hill with her husband Peter and three school-aged kids. When she is not pushing to make the world a better place, she enjoys open water swimming and spending time armed with a camera capturing the beauty of this world.

LOCATION: SEATTLE, WA
Armando Castellano is a musician, bilingual teaching artist, and arts advocate based in the San Francisco Bay Area. As a professional French horn player, he is active internationally as a chamber musician, soloist and orchestral performer. Armando is the founder and director of Quinteto Latino, a performance and education organization that performs classical music by Latin American and Latino composers. Quinteto Latino works to collaborate with communities not traditionally served with chamber music and culturally relevant arts education.

As an arts advocate, Armando is the lead teaching artist for Quinteto Latino, providing bilingual residencies, music education, and performance services to students of all ages, in the Bay Area and across the country. He also actively mentors classical musicians of color all over the country. His equity work is far reaching and tireless, giving talks on diversity in classical music, culturally relevant arts education and cultural expression in the arts. He currently sits on three boards, where he is also an active committee member: The California Alliance for Arts Education, Chamber Music America, and The Castellano Family Foundation.
Favianna Rodriguez
Movement Leader

Favianna Rodriguez is an interdisciplinary artist, cultural strategist, and activist. Her work and collaborative initiatives address gender equality, racial justice, immigrant rights and climate change. Favianna works with cultural movements around the United States bringing together the powerful intersection of art, entertainment, social justice and cultural equity. Most recently, she has been collaborating with women in the entertainment industry to design timely initiatives addressing equity and inclusion, including 5050by2020.com. She is the Executive Director of CultureStrike, a national arts organization that engages artists, actors, writers and producers in immigrant rights. In 2012, she was featured in a documentary series by Pharrell Williams titled “Migration is Beautiful” which addressed how artists responded to failed immigrant policy in the United States. In 2016, she received the Robert Rauschenberg Artist as Activist Fellowship for her work around mass incarceration. In 2017, she was awarded an Atlantic Fellowship for Racial Equity for her work around racial justice and climate change. Favianna lives and works in two California culture capitals: the Bay Area and Los Angeles.

In addition to being an innovative leader in the cultural sector, Rodriguez also has helped build The Lab, a co-working space in the heart of Downtown Oakland that's focused on racial justice, culture change and climate justice. She brings expertise in designing co-working spaces that foster collaboration, innovation, and friendship.

LOCATION: OAKLAND, CA
Kashif Shaikh
Movement Leader

Kashif Shaikh is the Co-Founder and Executive Director of the Pillars Fund, an organization that invests in and amplifies the talents, narratives, and leadership of American Muslims. Under Kashif’s leadership, Pillars has grown from a volunteer-led community fund to a fully-staffed, nationally recognized foundation that has invested over $3.5M into nonprofits working with and alongside the American Muslim community. With over 13 years of experience in the philanthropic sector, Kashif is a leading voice in the field of philanthropy and the important role it plays in empowering vulnerable communities.

He currently serves on the Board of Directors of 826 National, an organization that was founded by acclaimed author Dave Eggers and is dedicated to supporting students ages 6 to 18 with their creative and expository writing skills along with the Chicago Theological Seminary. He was recently named to the Board of Directors for the Peabody Awards. In 2017, he was selected to Crain Chicago Business annual “40 Under 40” list. Originally from Cincinnati, OH, Kashif holds a Bachelor’s Degree from Ohio State University and a Master's in Public Policy and Administration from Northwestern University.