



Stepping Up for Health, Equity, & Sustainability

Dear {{FirstName or "Friend"}},

As people and as an organization, we are truly living the full range of emotions caused by this global pandemic. Yet, even amidst all the uncertainty, our staff are showing care for each other and cultivating moments of joy that keep us going throughout the day. Our team is small, but we are mighty. Our <u>staff of womyn</u> are thoughtful, strong, <u>creative</u>, but most of all resilient.

As we all settle into our lives amidst COVID-19, we've appreciated hearing from and strategizing with our partners on adapting our collective mobility work to our new environment. We intend to use this time to further our new approach to active transportation advocacy and live our commitments in practice. We're actively working with our local partners to reconfigure our work in a way that equitable public participation is still possible. We're taking the time to reflect, dialogue, and strategize about how to live up to our values in a way that is genuine, timely, and necessary.

In the weeks and months to come we'll <u>share more</u> about our team, our work, and how we can continue to build from a distance. We welcome you to engage with us, and we hope you, your families, and communities are staying healthy and present, and taking care of each other during these times.

Esther Rivera

Interim Executive Director



WE ARE NOW HIRING AN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR!

We are excited to open up our search for an Executive Director! The Executive Director will help lead the organization in our collective vision where all Californians can move in public spaces under their own power, with confidence, dignity, and security.

Click here to learn more and apply!

WALKING & BIKING SAFETY TRAININGS ACROSS THE STATE

Through our <u>CPBST program</u>, we were slated to work with 12 new communities across the state to help them improve walking and biking safety in their neighborhoods. We only facilitated 2 trainings before the state went on a stay-at-home order on March 19th. See how our <u>Pico-Aliso</u>, <u>Boyle Heights</u> and <u>Victorville</u> trainings went! Currently, we are talking with all of the communities to assess how we can continue our partnership in a way that honors their community's current needs and challenges.

Follow us to stay updated on our community engagement work!

A GOOD WANDER

A Good Wander is a blog and social media series dedicated to sharing the stories and experiences of walking, biking, rolling and living in a time of physical distancing. If you'd like to submit a photo and story to share, please tag us on Instagram or email us at wendy@calwalks.org. Read some of our staff reflections here, and here.

Follow us and share your stories!

CAL WALKS BLOG

Stay up to date on our blogs! Read Esther's reflections on <u>Remembering in a Time of Social Distancing</u>. Check out Caro's conversation with <u>Andres Ramirez</u> about <u>Reparations in City and Urban Planning</u>.

Check out our blog archive!



At Walk San Jose, we are strategizing with statewide partners, and learning to adjust our work amid COVID-19. Ultimately, our collective actions to meet people's basic needs, and

our continued work in active transportation circles, is continuing our collective long-term goal to co-create communities where all people can live, and move safely within their communities..

Read about our work in our latest blog!

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