



Dominguez Accepted into Emerging Leader of Color Program *PSHH Employee competitively selected from over 300 Applicants*

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Peoples' Self-Help Housing (PSHH) educator Joanna Dominguez has been accepted into the highly competitive Professional Learning Community for Emerging Leaders of Color. Selected by the National Afterschool Association (NAA) from over 300 applicants, Joanna and her eleven peers will be participating in this equity-driven leadership program which convenes in Washington D.C.

“We are so proud to have Joanna be selected for this prestigious program with the NAA” PSHH President & CEO John Fowler said. “The impact of this incredible opportunity will be felt within our education program and throughout our organization as a whole.”

The Professional Learning Community (PLC) for Emerging Leaders of Color program is aimed at fostering a network of equity-driven leaders of color. It supports them in strengthening their equity analysis and leadership skills, and helps them create a roadmap to advance professionally in the afterschool field. The PLC program has been active as a statewide program in California for eight years; this will be the first year as an expanded, national program.



Joanna will implement the knowledge and resources of the PLC program in her role as Regional Coordinator for PSHH's education program. Available to schoolchildren and junior high students K-8, this vital program is offered at ten on-site learning centers located at properties throughout the Central Coast. The main focus of our year round after-school program is to advance the math and literacy levels of our students. In addition to our highly academic focus, we also provide the children with enrichment opportunities such as day camps, excursions, and field trips during seasonal breaks. For older students, PSHH's College Club provides support and guidance from application to graduation. For more details on the Education Program, visit pshhc.org.

About National Afterschool Association (NAA)

The National Afterschool Association is the voice of the afterschool profession. They are the national membership organization for professionals who work with and on behalf of children and youth during out-of-school time, with a mission to promote development, provide education and encourage advocacy for the out-of-school-time community to further the afterschool profession. The strong and supportive relationships between NAA and its state affiliates creates a national network that builds

connectivity among stakeholders and creates opportunities for engagement that ensure vibrant future for our field.

About Peoples' Self-Help Housing (PSHH)

Founded in 1970, PSHH is the longest-serving nonprofit affordable housing organization on the Central Coast. With a mission of building homes and providing services to strengthen communities and change lives, PSHH serves low-income working households, seniors, veterans, those living with disabilities and the formerly homeless. It also provides homeownership opportunities through a self-help, "sweat equity" program that has seen over 1,200 homes successfully completed. PSHH has a presence in San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara and Ventura counties, manages nearly 2,000 rental units, and employs over 200 staff members. For more information, visit pshhc.org, email info@pshhc.org or phone (805) 781-3088.

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