



San Diego Agenda

MAAC Community Room, Chula Vista | October 10, 2025

8:30 am

Registration & Breakfast

9:00 am

Welcome Remarks

Lauren Salaiz, Senior Manager, HOPE

Daniela Perez, Chief Executive Officer, MANA De San Diego

Senator Stephen Padilla, District 18

Assemblymember David Alvarez, District 80

9:30 am

Securing Your Financial Future: Smart Strategies for Navigating Today's Economy

A candid, expert-led discussion for professionals evaluating how best to build long-term financial security amid economic uncertainty.

- Managing debt and maintaining strong credit
- Building generational wealth and resilience
- Navigating political and economic shifts that impact finances

Moderator: Lucien Anselmo, Senior Financial Advisor, Wells Fargo & Company

Laura MacKinnon Chapman, Senior Community Impact and Sustainability Specialist, Wells Fargo & Company

10:30 am

Speed Networking

Meet and mingle with 2-3 women not seated at your table.

10:40 am

Protecting Our Democracy: Strengthening Civic Engagement in San Diego

Democracy thrives when communities are informed, active, and empowered to advocate for what matters most. This panel will explore how community members can engage in advocacy, leadership, and community action, offering tools to build influence, protect participation, and ensure all voices shape the region's future.

Moderator: Xiomara Peña, Vice President, HOPE

Adela Garcia, Founder and Co-Chair, MANA de San Diego Latina Success Leadership Program

Aida Castañeda, Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of County Supervisor Paloma Aguirre, District 1

Julia A. Gomez, Interim Managing Legal Director, ACLU of Southern California



11:30 am

Lunch & Connection

12:00 pm

Community Resilience: Preparing for California's Future

HOPE's policy agenda and an overview of HOPE's current state and local advocacy work

Xiomara Peña, Vice President, HOPE

12:30 pm

MANA De San Diego's Legacy of Advocacy

Daniela Perez, Chief Executive Officer, MANA De San Diego

Adriana Hice, Senior Consultant, Eve & Co; Advocacy Co-Chair, MANA De San Diego

Bea Fernandez, MANA De San Diego

1:00 pm

Closing Reflections

Xiomara Peña, Vice President, HOPE

Lauren Salaiz, Senior Manager, HOPE

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