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Inland Empire Community Foundation’s 3rd Annual Policy & Engagement Forum to Foster Collaborative Solutions for Stronger, Inclusive IE

Registration is Open! Nonprofits, funders, and state and local leaders are encouraged to attend

Riverside, CA – The Inland Empire Community Foundation (IECF) is proud to announce its highly anticipated **3rd Annual Policy & Engagement Forum**, set to take place at the Riverside Convention Center on August 9 -10, 2023.

The Policy & Engagement Forum has become a hallmark event for IECF, promoting collaborative efforts and fostering a thriving community. Most excitedly, the forum will bring attendees together for the first time in person after two years of virtual programming.

“We’re thrilled to be able to gather in person this year and host an inclusive and diverse space for meaningful dialogue,” said IECF President and CEO Michelle Decker. “It’s truly an opportunity for community leaders and advocates to collaborate and explore ideas that move our region forward. We look forward to spending this time together.”

The Policy & Engagement Forum will feature an **Opening Plenary with the IE Legislative Caucus**, a **Culture of Philanthropy Panel**, and breakout sessions designed to encourage participation and inspire innovative ideas around IECF’s five policy priority areas: **Education Equity, Inclusive Economic Development, Housing, Health the Environment**. Attendees will have the opportunity to engage with speakers, community advocates, and experts from various sectors.

With the theme “Leading Together in the IE,” this year’s forum aims to facilitate dialogue on creating greater policy capacity to address existing inequities, uplift current transformative work, and identify actionable steps toward positive change. By bringing together diverse voices, the event will foster a sense of unity and strengthen collective efforts to build a stronger, more vibrant Inland Empire.

IECF is also grateful to the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation for their support as Presenting Sponsor. For inquiries about sponsorship opportunities, please contact Brie Griset-Smith, SVP of Charitable Giving, at bgrisetsmith@iegives.org.

Tickets are now available at www.policyforum2023.eventbrite.com. Details about the event, including speakers, agenda, and sponsorship opportunities, can be found at www.iegives.org/policy. For more information, contact Julian Cuevas, Director of Policy & Governmental Affairs at jcuevas@iegives.org.

About the Inland Empire Community Foundation

Founded in 1941, the Inland Empire Community Foundation is the oldest and largest community foundation in Inland Southern California. We partner with individuals, families and corporations to build a culture of philanthropy. Since inception, we have given out over \$127 million in grants and scholarships. For more information visit the IECF's website at www.iegives.org. Be a part of our conversation on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and LinkedIn.

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