



Girl Scouts Welcomes a new Board Member

Girl Scouts of California's Central Coast Welcomes Maria Ventura to its Board

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Ventura, CA—Girl Scouts of California's Central Coast welcomes their newest board member, SoCalGas Public Affairs Manager Maria Ventura today!

With over 15 years' experience, Maria has led a distinguished career in government affairs, philanthropy and bilingual media relations. Currently, she is the public affairs manager representing SoCalGas throughout Ventura County. In this capacity, she serves on several community boards; most notably- past president of the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Ventura, manages the utility's local philanthropic giving program and external outreach efforts.

"Maria's extensive networks across diverse stakeholders from nonprofits, the business community to traditionally underserved populations are tremendous assets to the Board" said Girl Scouts CEO Tammie Helmuth. "Her dedication to enhancing opportunities for all children is truly inspiring."

She has received prestigious recognitions for her professional accomplishments and commitment to the community over the past few years, a few of those including the Pacific Coast Business Times' "Top 50 Women in Business" Editor's Choice and Hispanic Lifestyle, (a PBS television program) recognized her as a Latina of Influence.

Maria says, "As a young girl, I always wanted to join the Girls Scouts and now I am finally one! Removing obstacles of joining the Girls Scouts and broadening its reach for all girls and teens along the Central Coast is of paramount importance. There is no greater investment than providing young people with leadership and personal growth programming as they are our future leaders. It is an honor to represent my employer



SoCalGas on the board; as one of its commitments is to advance diversity and inclusion; which includes developing tomorrow's women leaders."

A complete listing of Girl Scouts of California's Central Coast Board Members can be found at www.girlscoutscoc.org/board.

About Girl Scouts of California's Central Coast

Girl Scouts of California's Central Coast serves over 9,000 girls across six counties and is committed to making the Girl Scout Leadership Experience available to girls in ways that impact their lives both in the moment and into the future. Girls participate in troops, individual projects, council events, day camps, resident camps and more. A variety of leadership, outdoor skills, and Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) based programs and events provide girls with opportunities to learn and explore in fun and informative ways. To join or volunteer in Santa Cruz, San Benito, Monterey, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara or Ventura County, visit: girlscoutscoc.org.

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