



### **Margaret Gee Spirit Award**

Margaret was a devoted mother to two teenagers and a tireless advocate for communities. She never wavered in her commitment to equity, defending the rights of people pushed to the economic margins. She didn't do it because it was her job—she did it because it was her passion. She lived her values every day.

Margaret was an integral member of the LISC family for 11 years. She started out as Program Officer, rose quickly to Deputy Director and took the reins as Executive Director in 2013. All along the way, she led the Bay Area work with skill and generosity. What's more, she shared her insights throughout the LISC network, supporting co-workers and helping inform community development plans across the country.

Before joining LISC, Margaret held top staff positions at some of the most respected Community Development Organizations in the Bay Area, including East Bay Asian Local Development Corporation and Chinatown CDC. In many ways, Margaret was the glue that held together the organizations where she worked. She lifted up those around her and made us all better for knowing her.

The Margaret Gee Spirit Award is to pay homage to Margaret and her legacy. Every year on Margaret's birthday we recognize one community leader that embodies her spirit and commitment to strong community values, and her efforts to empower residents

#### **Submission Information**

Nominations can be submitted via email to [balisc@lisc.org](mailto:balisc@lisc.org) with the subject header "Margaret Gee Spirit Award Nomination" during the months of August and September. Deadline for submission is September 15, 2017.

There is no formal nomination application. The nominator should simply list the following information in their submission:

1. Nominee Name
2. Nominee e-mail address
3. Nominee phone number
4. A short 250 word explanation of why the nominee should be selected based on the following criteria:
  - Initiates relationships with nonprofit organizations or brings tools or skills to organizations which result in strong projects or an enrichment of the nonprofit's services.
  - Makes a strong community, economic and/or housing impact and performs their work with contagious enthusiasm.
  - Provides leadership to housing, economic, and community development efforts in the Bay Area.
5. Nominator Name
6. Nominator e-mail address
7. Nominator phone number

#### **Announcement**

Awardee we be notified via email, and will have short story published via the Bay Area LISC website that will be circulated by email to the Bay Area LISC email listserv. In addition, the awardee's name will be added to the Margaret Gee Spirit Award Plaque, which is located in the Bay Area LISC Office.