



MANUFOU LIAIGA-ANOA'I

Manufou Liaiga-Anoa'i is warmly called Fou in community circles. She is a native San Franciscan who has called North San Mateo County home for over twenty years.

A dedicated social justice advocate, Manufou is actively involved in a variety of movements and causes locally, nationally and globally. She founded Pacific Islander Community Partnership, a non-profit that serves as a conduit for Pacific Islanders in advocacy, education and empowerment. She also created Camp Unity, a free Pacific Islander Summer Enrichment program to provide a quality and viable option for low-income families in the San Francisco Bay Area that has served 8,000 youth to date. This all-volunteer effort is a nationally coveted program which has been recognized by President Obama's White House Initiative on Asian American and Pacific Islanders.

Manufou's global reach includes partnerships with One Global Family Foundation to assist in eradicating domestic and child abuse in the Pacific Islands and raising readers through collaborations with Books for Barrios. Through these global initiatives, children in the South Pacific have received assistance through in-kind donations of books, school supplies, new clothes, toiletries and non-perishable foods.

Currently, Manufou is the Health and Nutrition Services Manager for the Institute for Human and Social Services, Inc. which provides Head Start and Early Head Start services throughout San Mateo County. She is part of the San Mateo County and Pacific Islander Complete Census Count Committees, Board Member of Peninsula Conflict Resolution Center, and Task Force Member of Regional Pacific Islander Health Task Force and the newly established Pacific Islander Democratic Club.

Manufou's passion for public service, especially around women's empowerment and children & youth issues, has afforded her opportunities including serving on San Mateo County's Big Lift Peninsula Partnership Leadership Council, Congresswoman Jackie Speier's Asian Pacific Islander Caucus, and San Francisco District Attorney's Office Youth Forum Initiative. She was elected in 2015 and continues to serve as the first Samoan Pacific Islander to serve as Board Trustee and past President to the Jefferson Elementary School District. Manufou also serves as the first Samoan Pacific Islander to serve as Commissioner and Past Vice President since 2011 on the San Mateo County Commission on the Status of Women. In May 2019, State Superintendent Tony Thurmond appointed her as Co-Chair of the Closing the Gap State Initiative.