



TALAVOU AUMAVAE

Talavou Aumavae—or better known in the community as Vou—is a proud Samoan fa’afafine (a gay cisgender man) who was born and raised on the island of Tutuila in American Samoa. It was not until the year 2007 when his maternal grandparents had brought him and his sisters over to the mainland U.S. Vou grew up in a small town called Chico just 3-hours north of San Francisco. He attended middle school and high school up in Chico before graduating in 2014 and moving down to the Bay Area. Upon moving to the Bay Area, Vou immediately got involved in serving our Pacific Islander community. First, serving as a Camp Facilitator of a summer enrichment program (Camp Unity) that his Aunt Manufou Liaiga-Anoa’i and her family had put on every year up until 2017. He then went on to work for the Peninsula Conflict Resolution Center (PCRC) beginning in the Fall of 2019 doing community outreach and organizing. Vou was tasked with coordinating PCRC’s 2020 Census outreach to the Pacific Islander community within the County of San Mateo.

Currently, Vou serves as the President of the Pacific Islander Democratic Club of San Mateo County; President of the College of San Mateo (CSM) MANA Learning Community - Gen. 6; and the Co-Chair of Native Hawaiians & Pacific Islanders (NHPIs) for Biden-Harris. Additionally, Vou is going to school to earn an undergraduate in Political Science and then onto earning his J.D. (law degree). Through his experiences, Vou is committed to advocating for our Pacific Islander community—along with other communities of color—and ensuring that our people always have a seat at the table. Lastly, Vou hopes to empower and elevate more Pacific Islander millennials & Gen. Zs in joining the fight and advancing our visibility to increase our engagement in all things that impact our homes, family, and community!