

Juan Flores

Hello Bruins! My name is Juan Flores (He/They/El) and I am honored to be running for Community Service Commissioner. As a first-gen college student and grassroots community organizer, it is my great pleasure to carry on the torch and build on the work of our predecessors.

As the Community Service Commissioner, I will work to maximize the impact and service delivery of all student orgs. In reflecting on my readiness for this position, I was reminded that I have sustained momentum in my work to serve disadvantaged communities because I am the product of community service. Coming from a working-class, Mexican-immigrant household, I have greatly benefited from services intended to break pipelines and improve life outcomes.

This year I am serving as Co-Outreach Director for the Community Service Commission (CSC) where I worked on bridging gaps in resources for CSC-affiliated orgs. Through this process, I have gained key institutional knowledge of CSC and have grown my roots in the bruin-led change-making space.

The Community Service Commissioner Works directly with 31+ service organizations, 2,000+ volunteers, and over 10,000 service recipients per year. The commissioner also helps coordinate various funding streams and resources. I seek to reimagine and revitalize how community service is defined and performed in order to maximize impact.

I look forward to your help in joining the movement for equity and justice.

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Platform

- Guiding Service Declaration Document
 - Why: To help unify missions, values, and goals to have a shared trajectory of improving outcomes to maximize impact of bruin-led community service
 - How: Through a CSC Sponsored Conference at the beginning of the academic year with ALL service orgs on campus
- Organizational Communication and Partnerships
 - Why: To foster community, leverage resources and maximize impact
 - How: Through a series of issue-specific town halls, establishing new coalitions, and creating new slack channels between service orgs, USAC commissions and between service orgs and commissions.

- Expand the programming of the Student Risk Education Committee to include COVID-19 and general infectious disease safety training
 - Why: COVID-19 is an ongoing risk that still affects the medically underserved and immunocompromised
 - How: Seeking guidance and support from CBO and public health professionals
- Improve Access to Existing Resources
 - Why: Community Service Commissioner oversees nearly half a million dollars in transportation funds and other operational costs, money needs to be accessible to as many Student Orgs
 - How: Campaigning and educating students about USAC and CSC Resources, redefining community service
- Institutional Support for Service
 - Why: Student organizations need greater protections to support their community work.
 - How: Meetings student demands from Murphy Hall sit-ins; establishing general liability insurance

Experience

- CSC Outreach Director
 - Worked to reinforce COVID-19 safety practices of student orgs as we transition back to in-person activities
 - Share resources to student orgs to improve resiliency and structure in current times of uncertainty
 - Conduct outreach and education to non-CSC affiliated student orgs on the benefits of joining the commission
- COVID-19 Youth Response Board Vice Chair
 - Review and award grants applications to youth-led projects working to build equity and meet the immediate needs of their communities in Sacramento, CA
- Veritable Good Consulting Intern
 - Coordinate public health and public policy professionals to create community-driven policy solutions for poor air quality and pollution for the City of Sacramento
 - Conduct community outreach and build community voice on environmental justice issues to report back to decision-makers
- Youth Development Network Board of Supervisor Member
 - Work to ensure the effective administration of a nonprofit through the passing of referendums, budgets, and other strategic planning initiatives.