



Central Valley Community Foundation Appoints Two New Board Members to Advance a ‘Just and Thriving’ Region

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Fresno, CA- The Central Valley Community Foundation (CVCF) welcomes Babatunde Illori and Ian LeMay to its 23-member Board of Directors, effective January 1, 2026.

“CVCF is grateful Babatunde and Ian are joining our team at the Foundation,” said CVCF CEO Ashley Swearengin. “Babatunde and Ian bring extensive experience in education, leadership, and agriculture to their board service at the Community Foundation. More importantly, they share a deep commitment to the people and places in California’s Central Valley. We welcome their continued leadership through their board service at CVCF.”



Babatunde Ilori is the CEO of Parsec Education, a rapidly growing K-12 data analytics company headquartered in downtown Fresno, serving 10% of California's school systems and expanding nationwide. He deeply cares about amplifying student voices and helping schools transform both qualitative and quantitative data into actionable insights that improve student outcomes. Under Babatunde's leadership, Parsec has raised \$10 million in Series A funding, fueling the company's growth, advancing its AI-powered tools, and driving a 256% year-over-year revenue increase. Most notably, Parsec hosts the annual Measure What We Value Summit each February in honor of Black History Month, where student voices — especially Black student and adult voices — are elevated to tackle complex

issues such as the use of the N-word in schools. Babatunde is a graduate of the Broad Residency program and holds an MBA from Washington University in St. Louis. Previously, he served as the Executive Director of Accountability and Communications for Madera Unified, overseeing the district's research, data systems, and communications.



Ian LeMay is the President of the California Table Grape Commission. He is a lifelong San Joaquin Valley resident and a dedicated advocate for his community. His great passion for the community was influenced by his parents' commitment to responsibility and stewardship. He holds a bachelor's degree in agriculture business from California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo. Ian previously served as President of the California Fresh Fruit Association and as District Director for Congressman Jim Costa, advising on key issues including agriculture, water, and transportation and ensuring effective operations for the Fresno and Merced district offices. Earlier in his career, he worked as a California market specialist for the Lindsey Corporation, a leading

agricultural equipment manufacturer. Ian is also a proud husband of 14 years to Molly; they reside in Fresno with their three children: Emery, Ellison, and Aiden.

CVCF's volunteer Board of Directors is an essential part of the organization, providing leadership, support, and oversight for the 60-year-old foundation that is exclusively dedicated to the people and places of California's Central Valley. Collectively, they champion the Foundation's values and actively pursue its vision and mission. To view the Board of Directors roster, visit: <https://www.centralvalleycf.org/board>.

About the Central Valley Community Foundation

The Central Valley Community Foundation connects capital and communities for a just and thriving Central Valley. As the only nationally accredited community foundation serving Fresno, Madera, Tulare, Kings, Merced, and Mariposa counties, CVCF has six decades of experience driving strategic investments, supporting local nonprofits, and maximizing the impact of charitable giving. Today, more than 260 donor funds fuel CVCF's work to advance equity and opportunity throughout the Central Valley. Discover how we're making a difference at centralvalleycf.org and follow us on Instagram, LinkedIn, and Facebook [@centralvalleycf](https://www.facebook.com/centralvalleycf) to stay connected.