

LOS ANGELES BUSINESS JOURNAL
**WOMEN'S
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COMMUNITY IMPACT ADVOCATE OF THE YEAR **WINNER**

LISA WOODS

GroundSwell Group

Lisa Woods runs operations for GroundSwell Group and manages the thousands of non-profit relationships the organization has forged. The balance of understanding the needs to the NPO community so that connections with brands wanting to support causes can be made is a unique and special talent. Woods has led efforts to get NPOs funding and support that they would otherwise not have access to.

GroundSwell Group bridges the gap between non-profits and corporations. Woods and her colleagues have built the largest network of non-profits in the world and work to design and develop cause marketing solutions for their corporate partners through those networks. With 96% of US households involved with charity in some way, Woods and team have the unique ability to reach these consumers in a creative and meaningful way.

In March of 2016, a few months after Woods was named COO, GroundSwell launched the first ever non-profit brand influencer marketplace which allows its brand partners to tap into the power of reaching donors and volunteers from the hundreds of thousands of non-profits in the United States. Nonprofits are in a unique position to act as brand influencers and GroundSwell leverages its relationships to make campaigns successful.

As chief operating officer at the GroundSwell Group, Woods oversees all daily operations and procedures. She leads the management and execution of strategic alignments and targeted initiatives and activations; manages key partnerships; designs and implements business strategies, plans and procedures.



COMMUNITY IMPACT ADVOCATE
 OF THE YEAR **FINALIST**

SANDRA EVERS-MANLY

Northrop Grumman

Sandra Evers-Manly joined Northrop Grumman as a summer intern in college and has been with the company over 20 years. She is currently the vice president of corporate social responsibility at Northrop Grumman. Prior to her current role she was vice president of ethics and diversity. She is also the president of the Northrop Grumman Foundation, which she helped found.

In addition to her leadership roles at Northrop, Evers-Manly founded the Black Hollywood Education and Resource Center. She is also passionately dedicated to the development and advancement of students. She is currently sponsoring a student led program at USC Marshall titled the Forward Summit that showcases Black and Latinx businesses.



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PATRICIA GLASER

Glaser Weil, LLP

Patricia Glaser is head of Glaser Weil's Litigation Department and tops the short list of trial attorneys in the nation sought after for high-stakes litigation. Respected as a business trial lawyer, she also provides general legal counsel to publicly and privately held companies across a range of industries, including intellectual property, real estate, entertainment, banking and securities. Her clients include Fortune 500 companies, major studios, real estate investors and developers, financial institutions and high-profile entertainers and public figures.

Glaser also maintains formal associations with a number of organizations including being a member of the board of directors for Los Angeles Music Center Theatre Group; The Geffen Playhouse; The National Judicial College, former member of the Board of Trustees; the Western Region of the American Friends of The Hebrew University of Jerusalem; and the UCLA Israel Studies Program; among others.



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SUZANNE LERNER

Michael Stars

Suzanne Lerner, successful serial entrepreneur and co-founder and president of fashion brand Michael Stars, inspires emerging business leaders with her fierce advocacy of racial and gender equity. Through the years, she has overcome her own challenges with gender inequity in the male-dominated fashion industry. Her most decisive battle came just five years ago when her late husband and co-founder Michael Cohen passed away.

Grieving and fighting for her company, Lerner could have stepped down. Instead, she stepped up. She broke down silos, encouraged collaboration, and diversified the workforce — opening up new opportunities for growth. Today, the company is women-led with a dedicated team that engages its customers in philanthropic initiatives and gives away millions to support mentorship, empowerment, and social justice programs for women and girls of color.



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LOLA LEVOY

Beverly Hills Escrow and Working Dream

Lola Levoy is undoubtedly one of the most well-known and highly influential people in Beverly Hills. Growing up locally, she befriended many people in the community who she calls friends and clients today.

Now serving as owner and president of both Beverly Hills Escrow and Beverly Hills Deferred Exchange (started in the mid 1980s), she's earned over 55 years of experience in all phases of escrow including having the ability to close complex transactions that are unmatched in the industry. Levoy's expertise has been called upon many times by UCLA's Finance Department. She frequently lectures at both USC and UCLA. Levoy is very involved in the community in a number of organizations with a special place in her heart for children. She has been an active and passionate advocate for Foster Youth, being a mentor for hundreds and a foster parent for many.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2020 NOMINEES!

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Hilda Agajanian	Frances Ellington	Mari-Anne Kehler	Ameera Muhammad	Lana Shneydina
Deborah Aldredge	Kimberly Esterkin	Christine Keith	Teryl Murabayashi	Rita Shokeen
Latoya Irè Allen	Samantha Ettus	Christianne Kerns	Allison Murray	Danone Simpson
Carolina Amador	Sandra Evers-Manly	Joan Kessler, Ph.D.	Carrie Murray	Negin Singh
Kalley Aman	Laura Farber	Ilyanne Morden Kichaven	Teuta Naghshineh	Linnea Renee Sivertsen
Belva Anakwenze	Pam Feld	Kelli Kiemle	Adrienne Nakashima	Rachelle Snyder
Lisa Anderson	Giselle Fernandez	Helen S. Kim	Yansy Naranjo	Margaret Sohagi
Mona Andrews	Pauline Field	Olive Kim	Kari Negri	Brissa Sotelo-Vargas
Lauren Antion	Claudia Finkel	Linda Kim	Rachel Nelson	Kalpana Srinivasan
Bitu Ardalan	Jessica Kirchner Flores	Dina Kimmel	Dr. Jessica Nouhavandi	Jessica Starman
Erica A. Arias	Ruby Flores	Mary Kirchen	Myra Nourmand	Sabrina Steele
Barbara Armendariz	Phyllis Folb	Vera Koch	Jessica Ormandy	Kimberly R. Stepp
Diane Ballen	Sherri Francois	Marin Koper	Joslyn Osborn	Hilary Stevens
Jill Basinger	Jean Freeman	Rosanne Kuder	Anoosheh Oskouian	April Stock
Romilla Batra	Maradith Frenkel	Holly Lake	Dr. Aimee Ostick	Kameron Stout
Gail Becker	Susan Fries	Lindsey Allison Leach	Krysta Kauble Pachman	Melanie Stricklan
Elizabeth Beeler	Azza Gadir, PhD	Jaime Lee	Annette Palazuelos	Kristen Sullivan
Louise Belair	Kathleen Gallanar	Nadia Lee	Tami Pardee	Candice Sussman
Perica Bell	Narine Galstian	Dr. Cherilyn Lee	Lisa Partridge	Robina Suwol
Jayme Bella	Myeisha Peguero Gamino	Yunah Lee	Amina Pasha	Adey Tadesse-Heath
Barbara A. Berg	Danielle Cruz Garcia	Marissa Lepor	Marissa Peretz	Kathy Taggares
Patricia A. Betzhold	Monica Garrett	Suzanne Lerner	Kelly Perigoe	Danielle Takata-Herring
Diana Bianchini	Julie Gerchik	Sarah Levitt	Stacy Phillips	Lia Tatevosian
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