

Civic Engagement Projects That Work at SJSU

Tuesday, April 27th, 2021 5:00pm-7:00pm

5:00PM	WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS	JENNIFER MALUTTA
5:30PM	MODERATOR QUESTIONS FOR PANEL	DR. ELENA KLAW ELIJAH HAYEK TOBRUK BLAINE IMELDA RODRIGUEZ DIANA PONDIVILLA VICTA DR. MARY CURRIN-PERCIVAL
6:30PM	AUDIENCE QUESTIONS FOR PANEL	

Jennifer Malutta, Director of Local and State Government Relations, Office of the President

Jennifer Malutta serves on the Community and Government Relations team in the Office of the President. She is a seasoned government relations specialist who is considered a go-to strategist for developing and implementing policy, advocacy, and communication strategies. She has extensive experience developing and advancing policy priorities and positioning them for success. She started out her political career working in the State Capitol for then-Assembly Member Tom Torlakson. A San Jose native, Jennifer spent ten years in City Hall first working for Mayor Ron Gonzales as deputy chief of staff and then as a chief of staff for a councilmember. She put out her own shingle and ran a political and communications firm for many years.

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Dr. Elena Klaw, Director, Center for Community Learning & Leadership

Dr. Elena Klaw is also a Psychology Professor, a licensed clinical psychologist, and serves as the Director of the Veterans Embracing Transition Project (VET). From 2013-2015, she served as Chair of the Veterans Advisory Committee. She has served as principal investigator on multiple large grants awarded federal and state funding to design and implement AmeriCorps Civic Action Programs involving SJSU students in service. She also served as a co-principal investigator on the project, Exploring Intimate Partner Relationship Issues Among Veterans and Their Partners on College Campuses in California, funded by the Blue Shield of California Foundation. She has published in the areas of intimate violence prevention, peer leadership, service-learning, mutual help, and mentoring, and has presented her work at many local, state, and national conferences and meetings.

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Elijah Hayek, Student Leader, SJSU Votes!

Elijah Hayek is a third-year Political Science major, minoring in Legal Studies, and is a member of Pi Sigma Alpha Honor Society, Epsilon Iota chapter. As a part of SJSU Votes!, he moderated events, facilitated workshops, and developed social media outreach in an endeavor to sustain and redefine civic engagement through generational adaptation. Elijah is a BIPOC and LGBTQ+ advocate, utilizing community networks to develop and work with organizations that seek to expand on rights and resources for this demographic.

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