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Berkeley Institute for Young Americans announces new advisory board
Group of young leaders to rethink social and economic policy for young adults

Berkeley, CA - The [Berkeley Institute for Young Americans](#), a research center at the [Goldman School of Public Policy](#) at UC Berkeley, is pleased to announce a new advisory board to help guide the Institute's research and policy agenda. The advisors are established young leaders in government, research, and youth advocacy who bring a wealth of knowledge about the challenges young adults face in the modern economy and the policy solutions that may help offset generational inequalities.

"We are thrilled to work with this exceptional group of leaders," said Sarah Swanbeck, Executive Director for the Institute. "Young people today face complex economic pressures never experienced by previous generations. We are grateful to be joined by an exciting group of policymakers, advocates, and researchers to help us think creatively about public policies that will ensure the long-term well-being of future generations."

As experts in their respective fields, the advisory board members will serve as strategic partners, providing professional expertise and guidance to develop the Institute's research priorities, to define a policy agenda that invests in young adults, and to broaden our network of youth organizers working to enact social change.

The advisors include:

- **Octavia Abell**, Co-Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Govern for America
- **Anmol Chaddha**, Research Director, Equitable Futures Lab, Institute for the Future
- **Josh Fryday**, Chief Service Officer, California Volunteers
- **Jesús Guzmán**, Associate, Boys & Men of Color Initiative, PolicyLink
- **Jessica Morse**, Deputy Secretary for Forest Resource Management, California Natural Resources Agency; former candidate for California's 4th Congressional District
- **Hinnaneh Qazi**, Finance Budget Analyst, Health and Human Services, California Department of Finance
- **Solana Rice**, Co-Founder and Co-Executive Director, Liberation in a Generation
- **Zac Townsend**, Associate Partner, McKinsey & Co.; former Chief Data Officer of California
- **Ben Wessel**, Executive Director, NextGen America

You can read more about each of the advisory board members [on our website](#).

“The challenges younger generations are facing highlight the pressing need for research that helps us understand those challenges, along with fresh ideas from policymakers and advocates, and collaboration with young people to better understand their perspectives,” said Faculty Director Sarah Anzia. “We are grateful for the partnership of our board members as we deepen our mission and expand the impact of the Institute.”

The Berkeley Institute for Young Americans is a research center affiliated with the Goldman School of Public Policy at the University of California, Berkeley. The Institute was founded in 2015 to bring together scholars from the Goldman School, the UC Berkeley campus, and across the country to address issues of generational equity in a fact-based, nonpartisan manner. The Institute aims to develop research-driven policy proposals to equip policymakers, advocates, and young leaders with the solutions needed to ensure the long-term security and success of the next generation.

To learn more about the advisory board or the Institute, please visit: youngamericans.berkeley.edu

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