**Cathy Rodriguez Aguirre**

Cathy is the President & CEO for the Sacramento Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, one of the largest and most influential Latino organizations in the region. She currently serves on the Boards of the UC Davis California Aggie Alumni Association and Cristo Rey High School. Most recently, she was awarded by the California Hispanic Chambers of Commerce the 2021 “Chamber Executive of the Year.” She has been recognized by the Sacramento Business Journal as a 2021 “Most Admired CEO-Association” recipient, and a 2016 “Women Who Mean Business Recipient”. She has also been recognized by Sacramento Cultural Hub as a 2019 EWOC (Exceptional Woman of Color). She was featured in the 2017 UC Davis Spring Magazine as one of 11 alumni making an impact in Sacramento. Cathy is a Senior Fellow of American Leadership Forum (ALF, Class XXI). She has a strong history of community engagement through her service with non-profit Boards and committees including Roberts Family Development Center, PRO Youth & Families, and others. Cathy was the Keynote Speaker for California Seal of Biliteracy for Sacramento County, and a featured speaker for the US Attorney’s Office-Eastern District, Apple-Elk Grove Campus “Hispanic Heritage Month”, Hispanic Scholarship Fund “Hispanic Hero” Conference and is often a presenter and panelist for numerous conferences in the region and state. She is passionate about mentorship and helping mentees fulfill their potential. She grew up in the tight-knit small town of St. Helena, Napa Valley, where she learned the powerful impact a community can accomplish. It’s that experience that drives her to not only make a difference in all that she does, but to leave an imprint that inspires others to do the same. She lives in East Sacramento with her husband, Sid and three dogs, Chico, Luna, and Louie.