Karen Elizabeth Smith Araujo: Roles, Membership, and Recognition - September 2022

Current leadership roles:
Monterey County Democratic Central Committee - Chair (Nov'20 - present)/Chair Elect (8 months)/Vice Chair (3.5yrs)/ Credentials Chair(5.5yrs). Development Officer (6months)

Monterey County Commission on the Status of Women - Member/Treasurer (7.5yrs)

Interfaith Homeless Emergency Lodging Program (I-HELP) - Trustee (Apr'14 - present). Treasurer (2yrs)

Monterey County Housing Advisory Committee - Member (Jan'12 - May'22). Vice Chair (4yrs)

Teamsters Local 912 - Shop Steward at Monterey Bay Central Labor Council (16yrs)

Past roles/recognition of note:
Sustainable Change Award from Democratic Women of Monterey County - Recipient (Fall 2019)
CA Democratic Party Assembly District 30 Election Meeting (ADEM) - Co-Convenor (4yrs - 2x)
Voices of Change: A People's Oral History - Co-Author
ACLU Ralph B. Atkinson Civil Liberties Award - Recipient
Women's March Monterey Bay - Founding Planning Committee (2yrs)
Police Community Advisory Board City of Salinas - Member (6months)
Planning Commission City of Salinas - Chair (2yrs). Commissioner (6yrs)
Gathering for Women - Program Opening Volunteer Team (1yr)
Bracero Memorial Highway Project - Steering Committee (2yrs)
Teamsters Local 912 - Unionist of the Year
Sustainable Salinas (Communities for a Sustainable Monterey Co) - Convenor (2yrs). Member (5yrs)
Peace Coalition of Monterey County - Chair (2yrs). Co-Chair (4yrs). Steering Committee (6yrs)
Human Right to Water Statewide Campaign - South Bay Regional Hub Steering Committee (4yrs)
Sen. Bill Monning's Outstanding Labor, Peace, & Social Justice Activist Awardee - (November 2013)
CA Legislative Ministry of UUA Statewide Leadership Training - Co-Convenor (2yrs)
Redistricting Committee City of Salinas - Council District 3 Representative
UUA Pacific Central District Leadership School - Dean (5yrs). Senior Assistant (3yrs)
National Immigrant Workers Freedom Ride - Northern California Coordinator
Unitarian Universalist Congregation - President/Board member (2yrs)
UNITE HERE (Hotel Workers' Union) Local 483 - Unionist of the Year
Pajaro Primero - Stop Super WalMart! Campaign - Co-Chair (2yrs)
Unitarian Universalist General Assembly National Convention - Registration Coordinator (6yrs)
UNITE HERE Local 483 - Vice President (12yrs). Member (15yrs)
Monterey County Interfaith Alliance for Social and Economic Justice - Secretary (5yrs)

Democratic Club/Caucus membership:
CA Democratic Party Labor Caucus
CA Democratic Party Women's Caucus
CA Democratic Party Progressive Caucus
Progressive Democrats of America, Monterey Area Chapter
Democratic Women of Monterey County