## Germaine Esquivel Biography

Germaine Esquivel has been a Monterey Peninsula resident for 20 years. Originally hailing from Long Beach, Southern California, she was raised as a recipient of public assistance, but was empowered early on to also create leadership within herself to inspire her community. She served in the US Army Reserve from 1998-2006 and completed her commitment as a E-5 level Sergeant. She then went to CSU Monterey Bay to study Collaborative Health & Human Services and to evolve cyclically as a community services champion. She served with YWCA Monterey County for over 10 years, focusing on Violence Prevention Education, Youth Leadership, and Advocacy Training. She also worked with other YWCAs nationwide to create Policy Change in support of Racial Justice. After her tenure with YWCA, she sought community work with LULAC, the League of United Latin American Citizens, a national Civil Rights Organization that focuses on empowering the Latino Population. Currently she serves on the board of local LULAC Council 2055, recognized as Council of the Year by LULAC National, as Sergeant-At-Arms, and also with LULAC District 12 as Deputy Director of Women's Affairs. Germaine has also served in the Food & Beverage Industry for over 25 years, currently as a local Sommelier and Restaurant Manager. As a proponent to the underserved, she aims to connect those who work countless hours in the fields, in restaurants, and on the frontline to the services and representation they deserve. She now resides as a homeowner in District 4 and couldn't be more proud of her community. She very much looks forward to serving her community on a deeper level.