



Fuerzas Unidas

Fuerzas Unidas, an organization ostensibly [aimed at increasing availability of public sector services for Spanish-speaking families with disabled family members](#), received its second-ever grant from the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) in the most recent grants list ([FY 2020-2021](#)) of \$50,000 for "Disability Rights," raising the all-time total of CCHD contributions to Fuerzas Unidas to \$75,000.

In direct violation of CCHD grant guidelines, Feurzas Unidas actively participated in a pro-homosexual, pro-transgender festival, and is a member of prohibited coalitions because they are involved in the promotion of activities contrary to Catholic moral teaching.

On June 1, 2021, Fuerzas Unidas celebrated "Pride Month," saying, "Happy Pride Month! As you celebrate the people you love, honor them by helping to preserve California as a place to call home for years to come."



On [June 2, 2021](#), Fuerzas Unidas actively promoted its participation in the “Lodi Pride Festival” in Lodi, CA, saying “Come join us on June 5th! Fuerzas Unidas leaders will be offering informational materials about Time of Use. #KeepItGolden”



Fuerzas Unidas

June 2, 2021 · 🌐



Come join us on June 5th! Fuerzas Unidas leaders will be offering informational materials about Time of Use. #KeepItGolden

- 10:30 1984
- 11:00 Nancy St. Clair
- 11:20 Rubix Q Arcana
- 11:35 Bright Side
- 11:50 Nelson Rabell
- 12:10 Tom Bickle
- 12:35 Victoria Fitzgerald
- 12:00-1:00 Activity Corner
- Book Walk
- 12:55 Mikey Hothi
- 1:00 San Joaquin Pride Center
- 1:05 Shak Khan
- 1:10 Alexis Schoonard-Saborio
- 1:25 Chief Sierra Brucia
- 1:30 Stockton Area Atheists & Freethinkers
- 1:35 DJ Jag
- 1:55 Buddy D
- 2:05 Drag Hour
- 3:15 NorCal Spirit
- 3:35 Gerry Reyes
- 3:40 Susan Eggman
- PRIME HOUR**
- 4:00 Katana
- 4:35 Melissa McGillicuddy



1ST ANNUAL
LODI
PRIDE
 FESTIVAL

Rev. Nelson Rabell
 Mission Developer for the
 Greater Stockton Area
 Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



The Episcopal Church
 of St. John the Baptist

Elizabeth of Lodi



A New Lodi

May 29, 2021 · 🌐

Come celebrate PRIDE on June 5th from 10-5 at High Water Brewing in Lodi! 🇺🇸 🇺🇦

#LodiPrideFest #Pride

The Lodi Pride Festival was organized and put on by an organization called "A New Lodi":

“A New Lodi is a local non-profit organization, [sic] which focuses on improving the policies of local government, amplifying voices from the BIPOC (Black Indigenous People of Color), migrant, and LGBTQIA+ communities, building relationships and spreading awareness through community events, and breaking down walls; all working towards building bridges towards an inclusive community where everyone is accepted.”

This event was advertised as a “family friendly” pride festival, offering "story time, games, pop-up play family area."

**1ST ANNUAL
LODI
PRIDE
FESTIVAL**
Presented By A New Lodi

**JUNE 5TH, 2021
10 AM TO 5 PM**
FREE ADMISSION | Donations Welcome

**HIGH WATER
BREWING**
927 Industrial Way | Unit A | Lodi, CA

**FAMILY-FRIENDLY
ENTERTAINMENT**
Storytime | Pop-Up Play
Games! | Family Area

In Collaboration With
SJPC
SALVATION ARMY PRIDE CENTER

Sponsored By
Elizabeth of Lodi
SAF

PERFORMANCES BY

KATANA
Headliner
KATANA

**Featured Comedian
Melissa McGillicuddy**

**Drag Headliner
Hellen Heels**

A New Lodi
May 3, 2021 · 🌐

Thank you to our sponsors. 🙌🙌 This event is coming to fruition. ❤️🏳️‍🌈

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With children present, the Lodi Pride Festival featured a “drag hour,” giving the stage to demonically-dressed men pretending to be women.

During the "drag hour," performers [lip-synced routines](#) in order to “[celebrate marginalized communities](#)” and “bridging voices of these communities with our local government.” This is a screen-captured still from one of the performances.



And [another routine](#):



Fuerzas Unidas posted multiple pictures of their involvement at this event, [including this](#) one showing a rainbow flag on their table and children in the background.



[This picture](#) more clearly shows the rainbow and transgender flags on Fuerzas Unidas' table, as well as a couple of young girls wearing rainbow dresses:

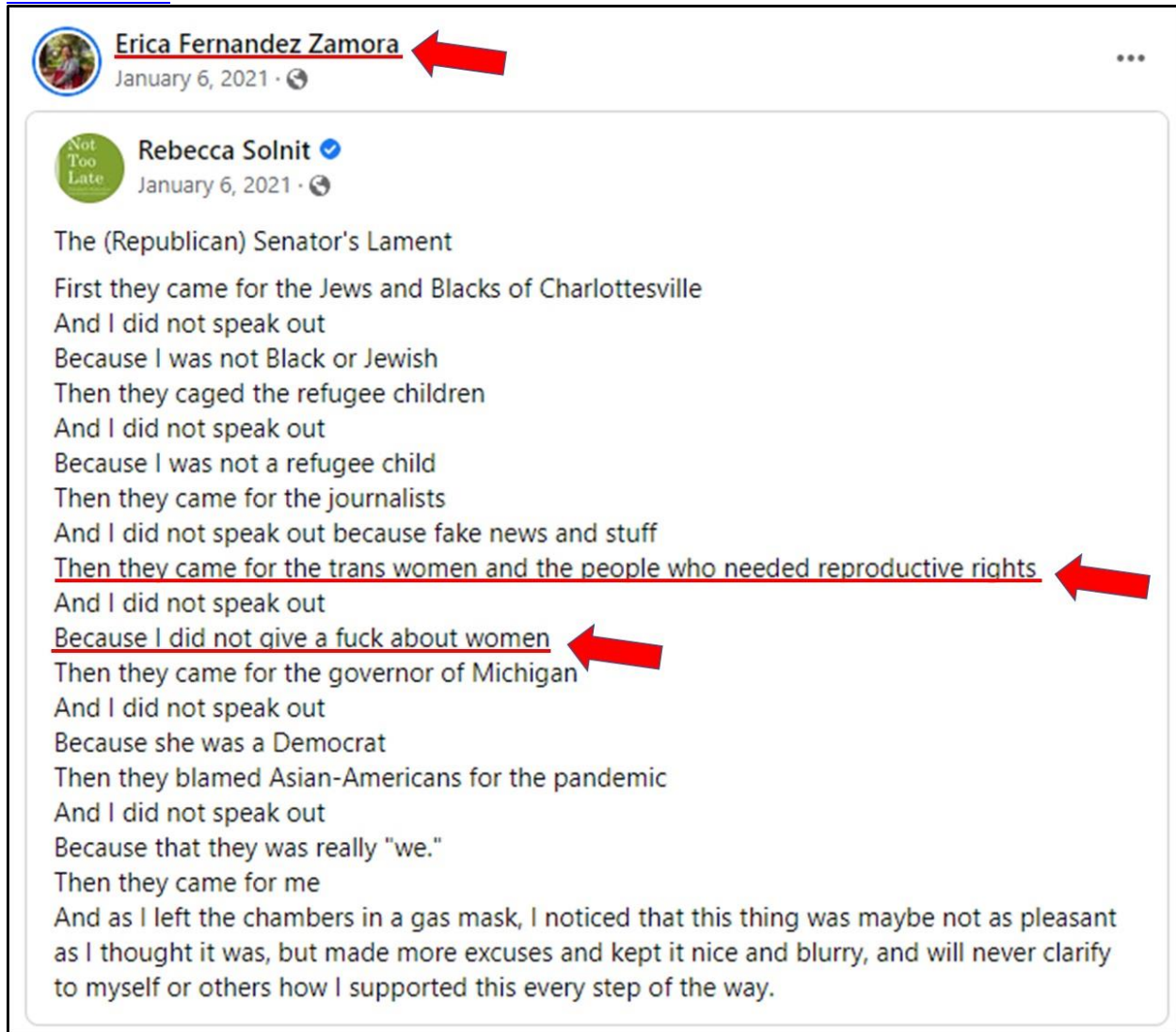


In [this picture](#), Fuerzas Unidas Senior Organizer, Erica Fernancez Zamora poses with one of the men in women's clothing.



In addition to participating in the Lodi Pride Festival, Zamora, reshared [this pro-LGBT, pro-](#)

[Abortion rant](#) on Facebook:



Erica Fernandez Zamora January 6, 2021 · 🌐

Rebecca Solnit January 6, 2021 · 🌐

The (Republican) Senator's Lament

First they came for the Jews and Blacks of Charlottesville
And I did not speak out
Because I was not Black or Jewish
Then they caged the refugee children
And I did not speak out
Because I was not a refugee child
Then they came for the journalists
And I did not speak out because fake news and stuff
Then they came for the trans women and the people who needed reproductive rights
And I did not speak out
Because I did not give a fuck about women
Then they came for the governor of Michigan
And I did not speak out
Because she was a Democrat
Then they blamed Asian-Americans for the pandemic
And I did not speak out
Because that they was really "we."
Then they came for me
And as I left the chambers in a gas mask, I noticed that this thing was maybe not as pleasant as I thought it was, but made more excuses and kept it nice and blurry, and will never clarify to myself or others how I supported this every step of the way.

Member of Pro-Abortion, Pro-LGBT organizations

The CCHD absolutely forbids organizations from membership in organizations acting against Catholic teaching. In an [FAQ on the USCCB website](#), the CCHD directly answers the question about whether grantees may be members of coalitions that oppose Catholic teachings. In answer, the CCHD firmly stated, "CCHD will not fund groups that are knowingly members of coalitions that have as part of their organizational purpose or coalition agenda, positions or actions that contradict fundamental Catholic moral and social teaching."

What about participation in coalitions for a good purpose, like better wages or housing, that include groups acting against Catholic values on other issues?

CCHD encourages groups to work across geographical, racial, ethnic, economic, and ideological lines to overcome poverty and advance the common good. However, CCHD will not fund groups that are knowingly members of coalitions that have as part of their organizational purpose or coalition agenda, positions or actions that contradict fundamental Catholic moral and social teaching (e.g. promotion or support of abortion, same-sex marriage, euthanasia, racism, as well as the use of the death penalty punitive measures toward immigrants, etc.). Prohibited activities include participation in or endorsing actions that promote legislation, and ballot initiatives (including voter guides and other written materials) that contradict Catholic moral or social teaching.

Given this, there is no way CCHD should have provided a grant to the Fuerzas Unidas due to its membership in the Gamaliel Foundation.

According to Fuerzas Unidas's "[Who We Are](#)" page:


“Fuerzas Unidas is an **affiliate of Gamaliel of California**. Gamaliel of California is a statewide network of values-driven, regional organizations that transform communities and create systemic change through community organizing. We organize regional power organizations made up of institutional members connected through shared values, collective vision, disciplined organizing, and direct action to create a powerful platform for the new majority Californians to enter the public political arena and seek justice.”

The CCHD has had run-ins with the Gamaliel Foundation before, most notably when [Gamaliel lied to the CCHD](#) about its membership with another organization called the Fair Immigration Reform Movement (FIRM).

This screen capture showing Gamaliel’s membership in FIRM came from a document that was originally found on the [Gamaliel website](#). Since the discovery of this document, Gamaliel has password protected the page so nobody can see the evidence.

[committee](#) (meaning, it was a part of the leadership of FIRM).

HOME WHO WE ARE PRINCIPLES SHARE CHANGE TAKES COURAGE CAMBIO REQUIERE VALOR





Who We Are

The Fair Immigration Reform Movement is a national coalition of grassroots organizations fighting for immigrant rights at the local, state and federal level.

We are led by the Immigrant Organizing Committee, a group of 30 organizations committed to immigrant rights from across the country. Learn about these groups here:

National – [Center for Community Change](#), [GAMALIEL Foundation](#), [National Capital Immigration Coalition](#), [National Training and Information Center](#), [National Korean American Service and Education Consortium \(NAKASEC\)](#), [National People's Action \(NPA\)](#), [Mexican American Coalition](#)

WE ARE AMERICA



Here's the problem: as a member of FIRM's executive committee, Gamaliel participated in FIRM's decision to [publicly endorse the legal recognition of same-sex couples](#).



Standing FIRM for All Families: FIRM calls for LGBT inclusion ←

Posted on [March 2, 2010](#) by [rachelfirm](#) | [2 Comments](#)



Today, the [Fair Immigration Reform Movement](#), a coalition of grassroots organizations, released the following statement calling for LGBT inclusion in comprehensive immigration reform: ←

In July of 2012, American Life League sent this and other documentation to the CCHD, showing that the Gamaliel Foundation is a member of the same-sex ‘marriage’ endorsing FIRM, in violation of CCHD grant guidelines. On August 8, ALL received a letter from one CCHD rep. who said that the CCHD discussed this with the Gamaliel Foundation, and Gamaliel informed the CCHD that they severed all ties with FIRM in 2010, specifically BECAUSE of the its position on homosexuality. In fact, Gamaliel went so far as to provide the CCHD with a copy of a letter it claims it sent to FIRM in 2010, explaining that it no longer wishes to be a member, along with the reasons why.

However, further investigation quickly proved Gamaliel’s claims to be false, showing that Gamaliel lied to the CCHD. The following information was extracted from Gamaliel’s OWN website. Bear in mind that Gamaliel told CCHD that they severed ties with FIRM in 2010, so there should be no further information connecting the two organizations beyond 2010.

This list of files under the heading “FIRM Strategy Session,” all dated for the year 2011, were found on Gamaliel’s website at this link (which is no longer accessible to the public): [//news.gamaliel.org/documents/CRI/cr.html](http://news.gamaliel.org/documents/CRI/cr.html)

FIRM Strategy Session

- [FIRM Contact list -Membership 2011](#)
- [FIRM Memberhsip Map 2011](#)
- [FIRM-Structure 2011](#)
- [List of current FIRM member organizations plus brief descriptions 2011](#)

Each of these items listed was a link to a file. The first file on the list, labeled “FIRM Contact Life – Membership 2011” states that the list is effective December 2011, nearly two years after FIRM officially declared its support for the legal recognition of same-sex relationships. This file clearly shows Gamaliel’s Executive Director, Ana Garcia Ashley and Gamaliel’s Director of Civil Rights and Immigrants, Juan Soto, as member contacts for 2011.

FIRM Contact list -Membership 2011 - Microsoft Excel

| 1 | <u>FIRM Membership List - Effective Dec, 2011</u> | | | | |
|----|---------------------------------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|--------------|
| 2 | FIRM Member | Organization | Email Address | Phone | Cell phone |
| 32 | Ana Garcia Ashley ** | Gamaliel | anagarciaashley@gamaliel.org | | 414.708-3777 |
| 33 | Juan Soto * | Gamaliel | jsoto@gamaliel.org | | 773.972-7119 |

This file, titled, “List of current FIRM member organizations plus brief descriptions 2011,” contains an entry for the Gamaliel Foundation (which is not supposed to be a member at this time, remember), indicating that Gamaliel is a founding member of FIRM and currently sits in EC, which means Executive Committee.


List of current FIRM member organizations plus brief descriptions (2011)

Gamaliel Foundation:


Under the leadership of Ana Garcia-Ashley, the Gamaliel Foundation seeks to assist local community leaders to create, maintain and expand independent, grassroots, and powerful faith-based community organizations. Gamaliel Foundation is a founding member of FIRM and currently sits in EC.

This is a screen capture of a google group entry for FIRM. This entry gives a set of meeting minutes from a monthly conference call that took place on December 9, 2011. Note that Ana Garcia-Ashley of the

Gamaliel Foundation is listed as a participant on the call.

Fwd: [FIRM Membership] December monthly call notes and FIRM Summit docs. 




1 post by 1 author in MXAC

 **Lorena Colin**

Lorena Colin
Sent from my iPhone
941-539-1209

Begin forwarded message:

From: Mayron Payes <mpa...@communitychange.org>
Date: December 11, 2011 11:18:39 PM EST
To: Firm List <IOC...@communitychange.org>, IOC Executive Committee <IOCExecuti...@commu...>
Subject: **[FIRM Membership] December monthly call notes and FIRM Summit docs.**


Monthly FIRM Summit Call 
December 9, 2011  

Participants on Call: Ana Garcia Ashley-Gamaliel Foundation, Darcy Tromanhauser -Nebraska App; Levy -WCAN, Jonathan Contreras -AIR Michigan, Petra Falcon -PAZ, Antonio Bernabe -CHIRLA, , Susan Kim -PICC, Kendra Anderson -One America, Gustavo Andrade -CASA de Maryland, Lorena Marissa, Donna and Kate Van Winkle from CCC.

On the same page is a statement that 18 organizations were nominated for membership on the executive committee for 2012, and one of those organizations is the Gamaliel Foundation.


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Executive Committee Nominations 

The nomination period has closed; 18 organizations that were nominated are below. The confirmation vote for the committee will take place during the Summit.

NYIC, CIRC, TIRRC, ICIRR, NAKASEC, CCC, AIR Michigan, Casa de Maryland, FLIC, PAZ, MIRA, Gamaliel, AJS, VOCES, CHIRLA, Make the Road, One Arr



Simply put, there is no way around the fact that Gamaliel lied to the CCHD about its relationship with FIRM. The supposed 2010 letter Gamaliel claims to have sent to FIRM “severing all ties” is a complete fabrication. Gamaliel could not have severed all ties with FIRM while its own files on its own website indicate continued membership throughout the year 2011, and a group communication shows that Gamaliel was nominated for the executive committee for 2012. The Gamaliel Foundation lied to the CCHD.

But even today, Gamaliel is involved in activities forbidden by the CCHD. Currently, Gamaliel is a [dues-paying member of the National Committee for Responsive Philanthropy](#) (NCRP), who strongly supports pro-abortion policies and reforms, as seen in their "[factsheet](#)" published in January of 2021:

The infographic features a dark blue background with white and yellow text. At the top left, a box labeled 'MOVEMENT INVESTMENT PROJECT' has a yellow arrow pointing to the main title. At the top right, the NCRP logo is circled in yellow with an arrow pointing to it. The main title is in large, bold, white and yellow letters. Below the title, there are three paragraphs of text. The first paragraph discusses the perception of Roe v. Wade. The second paragraph discusses the danger of relying on Roe v. Wade during the pandemic. The third paragraph is a bolded statement: 'There is no need to imagine a world without Roe v. Wade. It has become the de facto reality across the country.' To the right of this paragraph is a purple box with the heading 'WHAT ARE ABORTION FUNDS AND WHAT DO THEY DO?' and a paragraph explaining what an abortion fund is. At the bottom left, there is a paragraph about NCRP's work in early 2020. At the bottom right, there is a purple box with a white cross icon and the text 'FUNDING SUPPORT FOR PROCEDURES'. Yellow arrows point from the 'MOVEMENT INVESTMENT PROJECT' box to the title, from the title to the first paragraph, and from the bolded statement to the purple box on the right.

MOVEMENT INVESTMENT PROJECT

THE COST OF COVID HOW THE PANDEMIC SHIFTED ABORTION AND THE FUNDS THAT GUARD PATIENT ACCESS, RIGHTS AND JUSTICE

ncrp
National Committee
for Responsive Philanthropy

For the past 48 years, *Roe v. Wade* has been perceived as the fortress that keeps abortion safe, legal and accessible. But people on the frontlines have cautioned the movement not to put their faith in that perception.

The past 12 months have shown just how dangerous and fragile that reliance on *Roe* is. Many expected the turmoil of an election year to result in new reproductive restrictions, but most were not prepared for those attacking abortion access to weaponize COVID-19 as a tactic.

There is no need to imagine a world without *Roe v. Wade*. It has become the de facto reality across the country.

Between 2015 and 2019, there was nearly \$1.7 billion in foundation funding for reproductive rights issues, but only 21% was explicitly designated for abortion rights and services, while less than 2% was specifically designated for abortion funds.¹

The sector was clearly committed to abortion advocacy at both state and national levels, but there are little data showing foundation funding for the essential work held by abortion funds.

In early 2020, NCRP began exploring philanthropy's investment in reproductive justice. Abortion is not the

WHAT ARE ABORTION FUNDS AND WHAT DO THEY DO?

An abortion fund is a group of people who will help pay for your abortion when you cannot afford it. Some funds can help you with practical support (i.e. travel, lodging, child care) and doula and translation services so that accessing an abortion is less challenging. Abortion funds also work to change laws and cultures that make abortions hard to get.

FUNDING SUPPORT FOR PROCEDURES

In March of 2021, NCRP leadership made it clear that access to abortion was a primary focus area of its work in an article titled, "[It's Time for Philanthropy to Think Differently about Reproductive Access.](#)" In the article, NCRP equated abortion with "economic justice, racial justice, immigrant rights and health equity," saying:

"Reproductive rights – and the availability of safe, legal and accessible abortions — are inexorably intertwined with economic justice, racial justice, immigrant rights and health equity. So is the expectation of safety – mental and physical.

Who gets to make which choices — or gets a choice at all — is a structural issue.

NCRP's new focus on reproductive access and gendered violence in our Movement Investment Project continues our efforts in increasing philanthropic support for frontline groups combatting the structures that stand in the way of social justice."

Most recently, [NCRP called for the funding of abortion clinics](#) in the wake of the overturning of Roe v. Wade, saying:

"The Supreme Court's controversial, but predictable decision to disregard precedent and overturn the landmark 1973 Roe vs. Wade case is a disastrous validation of the danger of ignoring frontline voices."

ROE DECISION A WAKE-UP CALL FOR PHILANTHROPY

Bold, vocal support and funding for frontline abortion providers and funds, & a diversity of tactics critical to ensuring millions don't lose basic healthcare and civil rights.

Washington, DC – For years, abortion providers and activists have been sounding the alarm that a strategy focused exclusively on national level advocacy, legislation and the courts was failing to secure access for pregnant people on the ground and insufficient to winning the long-term struggle for reproductive justice. The Supreme Court's controversial, but predictable decision to disregard precedent and overturn the landmark 1973 Roe vs. Wade case is a disastrous validation of the danger of ignoring frontline voices.

"This is a moment for funders to be bold and brave. No more hiding behind anonymous gifts, no more refusal to support abortion clinics and funds on the ground," said **Brandi Collins Calhoun, Movements Manager for the National Committee for Responsive Philanthropy (NCRP)**. "The movement needs practical support at all levels, in all states. Less than 2% of philanthropic funding for reproductive rights has gone to abortion funds. That needs to change immediately. Abortion funds and clinics are the first responders for pregnant people seeking care and they will need more resources than ever to respond in this increasingly hostile environment."

Conclusion

Fuerzas Unidas is in active violation of CCHD grant guidelines on direct actions against Catholic moral teaching, and in membership with an organization that is involved in similar activity.