



Dora Leong Gallo

Chief Executive Officer

A Community of Friends

Dora Leong Gallo joined A Community of Friends (ACOF) as its Chief Executive Officer in February 2003. ACOF is a nonprofit affordable housing developer whose mission is to end homelessness through the provision of quality permanent supportive housing for people with mental illness. Established in 1988, ACOF has completed 1,600 units in 41 apartment buildings throughout Los Angeles and Orange County with three projects currently under construction. As CEO, Ms. Gallo oversees project development, asset management, residential services, advocacy and fundraising.

Prior to joining ACOF, Ms. Gallo served in various capacities on the staff of former Los Angeles City Councilman Mark Ridley-Thomas (now a County Supervisor), including Chief of Staff. In that position she was responsible for the development and management of his legislative and public policy agenda and for oversight of all economic development activities in his district. Ms. Gallo also spent several years working for the Culver City Redevelopment Agency and the City of Los Angeles in the Office of the Chief Legislative Analyst.

Ms. Gallo is currently on the Board of Trustees of Enterprise Community Partners, Inc. and a member of its Community Leadership Council. She is a member of the Board of Directors for the Southern California Association of Nonprofit Housing (SCANPH) and chair of the Supportive Housing Alliance, a local advocacy group of supportive housing developers in Los Angeles County. Ms. Gallo previously served on the City of Los Angeles' Neighborhood Council Review Commission as a mayoral appointee, and was on the Boards of Directors of the California Housing Finance Agency (CalHFA), the MIT Alumni Association, and the Asian American Architects/Engineers Association of Southern California (AAa/e).

Ms. Gallo received a Master's in City Planning from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and a Bachelor's of Science in Public Administration from the University of Southern California.