

Meet Kimberly!



Kimberly Ellis has revolutionized Democratic politics in California through her work as the first African American Executive Director in Emerge America's national network. Kimberly has dedicated her career to supporting, training, and inspiring Democratic women to step into political power all across California.

In six years and under her leadership, Emerge California has greatly expanded its reach, effectiveness, and visibility. Today, more than half of Emerge California's 400 alumnae currently serve in elected or appointed office. Kimberly's commitment to diversifying the state's political landscape to become truly and authentically reflective of its electorate is reflected in the Emerge alumnae: 56% are women of color.

Prior to joining Emerge California, Ellis worked at Emerge America's national headquarters as the National State Affiliate Director. In this capacity, she was responsible for launching new state programs and working with existing affiliates to increase and strengthen program quality, sustainability and growth.

Ellis has worked in private industry, state government and the non-profit sector, developing leaders and successful organizations across platforms. In 2009, she was appointed by the Mayor of the City of Richmond to serve as a Commissioner for the Community Development Commission.

Currently, she serves as the Recording Secretary for the African American Caucus of the California Democratic Party.

Kimberly is a married with two children and resides in the San Francisco Bay Area.

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