GOOD NEIGHBOR 2027 NOMINATIONS

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1	**Albany Thrives Together**	https://albanytt.org	Albany Thrives Together promotes health and wellness for low-income and unhoused community members through outreach, free showers and laundry, and other essential services. In addition, we advocate for deeply affordable housing options. We believe that for a community to thrive, each member must thrive.	Lynne Henderson and David Danby	2025, 2026
2	**Berkeley Prisoners Literature Project**	https://www.prisonlit.org/	Prisoners Literature Project is an inclusive, all-volunteer, grassroots nonprofit whose purpose is to encourage reading, the pursuit of knowledge, and self-determination among incarcerated people. By sending free reading materials to those behind bars, PLP aims to foster learning and critical thinking and help prepare people to lead successful lives after incarceration. We believe that all people have a right to read.	Cyndy Greenleaf	NEW
3	**Berkeley Public Schools Fund**	berkeleypublicschoolsfund.org	Our mission is "to champion equitable public education for students, families, and our community. Through grants, volunteers, and STEM programs we center equity for the benefit of our students and the entire community."	Helen Toy	2025

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4	**Beyond Emancipation**	https://beyondemancipation.org/	Our mission is to support young people as they imagine and create their own life beyond foster care.	Julie Winkelstein	NEW
5	**Black Wealth Builders Fund**	www.arlingtoncommunitychurchucc.org/bwb	To address the racial wealth gap and promote generational wealth in Black communities by helping first-time Black homebuyers overcome financial barriers to homeownership.	Beth Pollard	NEW
6	**Cardea Health**	www.cardeahealth.org	Cardea helps marginalized communities improve their health, remain stably housed in their community and age in place.	Jake Sargent	NEW
7	**Dorothy Day House**	https://www.dorothydayhouse.org	We provide many forms of shelter and services, and are invested in serving daily meals to our unhoused neighbors. We routinely reach 550+ unhoused people in Berkeley every day. We have traditional, hotel-style and inclement weather shelters as well as a daytime drop-in center providing: meals, showers, laundry, lockers, clothing, mail services, internet access, housing assessments, and connections to medical, mental health and addiction care to anyone in need.	Kathryn Jay	NEW

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8	**East Oakland Collective**	https://eastoaklandcollective.org/	Advance racial and economic equity in Deep East Oakland through grassroots organizing, direct service, and community power-building. Housing is a human right, food is dignity, and every neighbor deserves the resources to thrive.	Suzette Anderson-Duggan	NEW
9	**Family Paths**	Www.familypaths.org	At Family Paths, we strengthen family relationships by providing mental health and supportive services with respect, integrity, compassion, and hope. We empower families through compassionate, trauma-informed care, fostering resilience and safety for children by supporting parents and caregivers. Grounded in equity and inclusivity, we meet families where they are—24/7—to build stronger, healthier communities.	Kaitlyn Van Arsdell	NEW
10	**Interfaith Movement for Human Integrity**	https://www.im4humanintegrity.org	Interfaith Movement for Human Integrity is a statewide California organization that connects clergy and people of faith to the work of social justice. We work to make the criminal justice system more just, and the immigration system more fair and humane.	Jen Mcdougall and Karen Elliott	2020, 2025, 2026

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11	**Lavender Seniors**	https://lavenderseniors.org/about-us/	Our mission is to improve the quality of life of older lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ+) residents of Alameda and Contra Costa counties. Lavender Seniors advances this mission through direct services, outreach, advocacy and education. A critical aspect of this work is ensuring that LGBTQ+ elders are well-prepared emotionally, physically, legally, and socially in their later years.	Ladie Malek	2021
12	**MUA- Mujeres Unidas Y Activas**	https://mujeresunidas.net	Mujeres Unidas y Activas (MUA) is an organization of Latina and Indigenous immigrant women with the mission of growing our personal and community power to achieve social and economic justice. Personal transformation and civic-political participation go hand in hand.	Helen Bean	NEW
13	**NIAD (Nurturing Independence through Artistic Development)**	https://niadart.org	Through its visual arts studio program, NIAD gives people with disabilities the skills and experience to express themselves, be independent and earn income as an artist. This nurturing community of artists fosters experimentation, increases competence to make informed choices and increases connections among diverse communities through the commonality of creative expression.	Karen Tripp	2023, 2025

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14	**No More Tears**	nomoretearssq.com	The mission of No More Tears is to curb violence and detrimental behaviors within targeted communities by utilizing the specialized knowledge and experience of former perpetrators of violence and crime. These former perpetrators hold themselves accountable to bring solutions to the communities where they once had contributed to the problems.	Linda Heiderer	2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026
15	**Plant To Plate**	https://www.plant2plate.org/	Plant to Plate mentors and prepares high school students to enhance their skills and advance their employment opportunities through training in organic gardening and the culinary arts. It offers a vertically integrated, multi-tiered model that supports youth beyond initial program participation. Students begin as high school interns, advance into paid leadership roles, and transition into supervised culinary work placements with continued mentorship and job coaching. This structured progression builds responsibility over time and strengthens the bridge from education to economic mobility.	Beth Lewis	NEW

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16	**Planting Justice**	https://plantingjustice.org	Our purpose is to empower people impacted by mass incarceration and social inequities with the skills and resources to cultivate food sovereignty, economic justice, and community healing.	Phil Maynard and Jane Robbins Laurent and Ladie Malek	NEW
17	**SOS (Safe Organized Spaces)**	https://www.sos-richmond.org/	Housed and Unhoused neighbors working together on Jobs, Encampment Services, Outreach, and Safe Living Spaces as solutions to Homelessness	Dorothy Herzberg	2024
18	**The Latina Center**	thelatinacenter.org	The Latina Center improves the health and well-being of our Latino community in Contra Costa County and the San Francisco Bay Area by providing leadership and personal development opportunities.	Nancy Lemon	NEW
19	**The Multicultural Institute**	www.mionline.org	To accompany immigrants in their transition from poverty and isolation to prosperity and participation.	Norie Clarke	NEW
20	**Through the Looking Glass**	www.lookingglass.org	Through the Looking Glass supports low-income families with disabilities or medical conditions in a parent, infant/child, or caregiving grandparent, providing child development, mental health services, and parenting adaptations, as well as an inclusive Early Head Start center.	Lonnie Moseley	2025, 2026

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21	**Tiny Village Spirit**	tinyvillagespirit.org	The mission of Tiny Village Spirit is to work to end the crisis of homelessness through engaging communities in constituent-led development of decent, dignified emergency housing villages and in community organizing for systemic change toward creating housing justice.	Jim Acock	2024, 2025, 2026