

Long Beach Advancing Peace Steering Committee Portrait

Purpose:

Develop a profile of the current Steering Committee members for integration into the Advancing Peace Website

Name:

Hilda Gaytan

Birthday:

9/26

Organization:

[Puente Latino Association](#)

Target Population:

- North Long Beach
- Greater Long Beach
- Adults, parents, youth, and children

Services:

- Art classes & workshops
- Environmental justice & sustainability advocacy
- Census community outreach
- COVID-19 vaccination coordination

Profile:

As President of Puente Latino Association, Ms. Hilda Gaytan leverages her background in sociology and urban planning to promote healing through art and community leadership. Ms. Gaytan works to integrate art, environmental justice, and education into a cohesive strategy to provide alternatives to jail, gangs, and community violence to neighborhoods across Long Beach. Ms. Gaytan uses the novelty of the creative process to foster a connection to one's inner child, and to equalize the field between non-English-speaking parents and their English-speaking children as both learn to engage in art. Informed by the impact that the U.S. immigration and carceral system has on families, Ms. Gaytan seeks to provide services to Long Beach communities disproportionately affected by unjust systems.

