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Celia Yniguez has a career spanning more than 30 years of planning in local and state government and the non-profit sectors in Sacramento. Her passion has been to improve where people live and work, primarily in the urban setting and environmental justice communities. The work included community development and long-range planning; community engagement; commercial and residential redevelopment, including public housing; housing policy; and administration of federal funding. She retired in January 2023 from the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency as the Program Manager for the federal programs team for the City and County of Sacramento. The team managed more than \$15 million annually in federal and state funding for housing, community development, and public services.

Celia is an active member of the American Planning Association, Sacramento Valley Section: since 2013, she has been a Planning + Leadership + Advancement + Networking (PLAN) Mentor for six cohorts; serves as on the both the PLAN and Rural-PLAN Steering Committees; and is the Section's Membership, Diversity and Equity Director since 2020. She has a Masters in Urban Planning from the University of California, Los Angeles.