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## Redwood City 2020 Tuesday Tidbits

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### Big Lift Staff Transitions



With appreciation, a touch of sadness, and healthy optimism for the coming year, Redwood City 2020 would like to communicate a staff transition for the Redwood City Big Lift collaborative. Sadly, after more than two years managing several core Redwood City 2020 initiatives, including the Big Lift collaborative, and working in close partnership with the Redwood City 2020 team and many of our community-based partners, John Crowell is transitioning to a new career in the non-profit sector. Happily, John wants to continue to stay involved with Redwood City 2020's activities. We will continue to partner with him in a more limited fashion to support our vision that all people in Redwood City and North Fair Oaks are healthy, safe, and successful.

On a much brighter note, Redwood City 2020 is very pleased to welcome Paula Comunelli to our team. Paula comes to Redwood City 2020 with a long history of nonprofit management experience which will help ensure a smooth transition of many of John's responsibilities, including coordination of the Big Lift program. Please join our team in welcoming Paula to Redwood City 2020!

Paula Comunelli is excited to support Redwood City's collaborative community effort. Her background includes launching a community engagement project to create a mentally healthy Santa Cruz County in 2000, which resulted in a national leadership award from Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services. For the past 4 years, Paula managed a large veterinary hospital in Concord. With over 20 years of diverse and progressive experience leading human resources, training, and community initiatives, she is excited to engage with community members to enhance strengths and create positive outcomes. She has a MS in Organization Development from Pepperdine and a BS in Business with an HR option from California State East Bay. Paula currently lives in the East Bay with her dog, Camille.

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### Alcohol and Other Drugs Prevention Partnership

## Welcomes New Staff

Redwood City 2020 is very pleased to welcome two new staff members to the Alcohol and Other Drugs Prevention Partnership. Gregg Zaire has joined Redwood City 2020 to coordinate the Alcohol and Other Drugs Prevention Partnership and Nicole Prieto Macias will provide project assistance to this important initiative. Gregg and Nicole have a wealth of community-based experience to contribute to Redwood City 2020 and we are very fortunate to welcome them on our team.



Gregg Zaire has been working in education, community, and youth development for the majority of his professional career. As a deeply passionate professional, Gregg brings a wealth of experience to Redwood City 2020. Having worked in municipal government, national, and community-based organizations, his experience developing and managing programs, creating partnerships, leveraging resources, building capacity, and enhancing systems has helped catalyze impact and spur organizational as well as systems change. Gregg is excited about being a part of the Redwood City 2020 team and looks forward to lending his experience and focusing his talents on the Alcohol and Other Drugs Prevention Partnership.

Having grown up in Redwood City, Nicole Prieto Macias is excited to be giving back to her community through her role as Redwood City 2020's Alcohol and Drugs Project Assistant. Nicole graduated from Sonoma State University with a degree in Communication Studies, after spending her last year studying abroad in South Korea. Nicole comes to Redwood City 2020 after working as a recreation leader for Kennedy Middle School's after-school program where she learned how to effectively communicate with youth about serious topics such as alcohol and drugs. During her time with Redwood City 2020, Nicole hopes to continue being a positive influence on her community and is looking forward to supporting AOD's community education workshops.

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