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As Executive Director and Founder of Stop The Violence, Increase The Peace Foundation, since 1989, Khalid Shah created the first agency to effectively address gang and domestic violence in Los Angeles, San Bernardino and Riverside counties. He has developed and implemented programs that provide community based organizations with funds for youth gang intervention, and is responsible for organizing peace rallies, meetings, and conferences throughout Los Angeles. In 2005, Khalid Shah founded the Inland Empire Violence Prevention Coalition. He presently serves as Chairman of this organization that represents over 120 agencies throughout Southern California that work together to eradicate violence in our communities.

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2nd Call is a community based organization designed to assist in the personal development of individuals, who are at risk youth, ex-felons, parolees and others who society disregards. 2nd Call believes that by enlarging the scope of individual's lives and working a coordinated strategy with education, employment, housing, health insurance, and substance abuse counseling, 2nd Call will save lives which now seem lost.

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Adela Barajas, founder of L.A.U.R.A, the name of her sister in law and the namesake of her charity who was killed by a drive by shooting in 2007. L.A.U.R.A. stands for Life After Uncivil Ruthless Acts and Adela registers new voters, holds toy giveaways at Christmas, lobbies for more park space for kids in South L.A. Through Adela's hard work the organization is growing quickly; the organizations kids have visited art galleries and gone horseback riding. Some even got to meet Desmond Tutu at a conference. At their weekly meetings, they talk about the importance of going to college, about racial stereotypes, about the importance of punctuality and good nutrition.

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Ann Reiss Lane is the founder and Chair of Women Against Gun Violence, whose mission is to prevent gun violence by educating individuals and policymakers about the human, public health and financial consequences of this epidemic and by mobilizing communities to take decisive action against the dangers of firearms. Ann spent 20 years as a member of former Mayor Tom Bradley's administration, as a Commissioner for the Library, Fire and Police Departments, and has spent most of her life in public service.