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EMBA Program Helps Ohaegbu Stand Out from the Crowd



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Nkiruka Catherine Ohaegbu recently joined the Integrated Public Affairs team at Pacific Gas and Electric Company, enhancing and sustaining public affairs partnerships, programs, and government relations outreach strategy for a variety of PG&E's initiatives including the Clean Transportation program. Prior to joining PG&E, she served as a Business Loan Specialist with the U.S. Small Business Administration where she assisted businesses recovering from economic loss due to the COVID-19

pandemic, administering over \$194 billion in economic injury disaster loans and grants to over 3.6 million business owners in 2020. Nkiruka previously served as a gubernatorial appointee at Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency, filling various roles and managing the development and implementation of a variety of special projects. Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency oversees 11 departments, over 6,000 employees, and \$4.4 billion in expenditures. One of the many projects she has worked on was transitioning the Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council into her agency to administer \$5 million in Homeless Emergency Aid. She created the new website for the Council, the online grant application, and other documents until permanent staff were later hired to distribute the funds. Although she had a very short timeline to work with, all the funds were distributed on time to the local jurisdictions due to superb preparation and planning. She also served in several positions in the Office of Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. including special assistant to the Governor and First Lady.

Nkiruka is a 2014 graduate of Sacramento State's Executive MBA program and is completing a Doctor of Business Administration degree from Georgia State University. She is a 2020 Senior Fellow with the Nehemiah Emerging Leaders

Program and currently in the 2021 class of Leadership Sacramento and Leadership California programs.

Nkiruka was awarded Sacramento Business Journal's Top 40 Under 40 Award, Diversity MBA's Top 100 Under 50 Emerging Leaders Award, and Sac Cultural Hub's Exceptional Women of Color Excellence Award. She currently serves on the board of directors for YMCA of Superior California and is the Secretary for her church's women's organization board. She also serves on the Connections Committee for the Nehemiah Emerging Leaders Program and on the Empower Committee for Metro Edge. From 2016-2018 she volunteered as her agency's chair for the Our Promise Campaign (California State Giving at Work) where she worked with the departments under the agency to raise awareness of the campaign to donate to local charities. She hosted her agency's charity bowling events and in 2018, increasing donations by 15%. In addition, she previously volunteered as assistant coach for her son's little league team. 