



## Congressman John Garamendi's

# 2021 Women of the Year Awards

"It is the undeniable strength in women, a strength borne of compassion and not force that has brought so many of you here today. Each and every one of you has a heart of service. Your life as a mother, counselor, teacher, businesswoman is a testament to that fact."

- Patricia Garamendi

#### Dear Women Leaders,

It is my honor to welcome you to our 2021 Women of the Year awards. The honorees today represent some of the most outstanding and dedicated women in the 3rd Congressional District. Nominated by their peers, these women and the leadership they have provided are being recognized for playing an integral and crucial role in improving the lives of everyone in their communities.

Last year, we marked the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment, guaranteeing and protecting women's constitutional right to vote. Since then, our nation has seen women take great strides in every American industry from business to politics to the arts. Many women before you have fought for the independence and rights you have today, and I thank you for continuing their legacy.

Though there is much work to be done to ensure that all women have equal pay, flexible work schedules and affordable education, each one of you will be a vital part of the work to get there. I am inspired by each and every one of you here today and firmly believe that when women succeed, America succeeds!

Congratulations,

John Garamendi Member of Congress

3rd District, California

## Sara Gavin

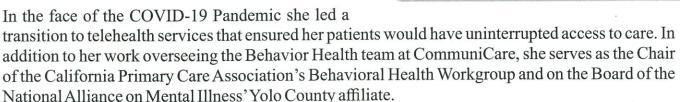
### Davis - Yolo County

Sara Gavin is a dedicated healthcare professional who works tirelessly to improve the health of her patients and her community at large.

Sara serves as the Chief Behavioral Health Officer for CommuniCare Health Centers, a Federally Qualified Health Center which serves one in nine Yolo County residents.

Under her leadership, CommuniCare has expanded the care and resources it offers the community to become the only provider of Medication-Assisted Treatment in Yolo County.

She has been an instrumental part of California's efforts to address the opioid crisis, lending her expertise and ingenuity to build a model for successful treatment.



Sara has been an outstanding leader in the behavioral health space who, through her expertise and innovation, has brought real change to her community. Sara Gavin is a vital member of her community whose devotion to her field is an inspiration for all those who know her.

