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## New LPIE executive director named

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Elizabeth Horpedahl Photo provided

The Lafayette Partners in Education Executive Director Search Committee announced Dec. 20 that Elizabeth Horpedahl is LPIE's new executive director. Horpedahl will step into "a healthy, thriving organization where the stage is set to take us to the next level of strategic growth and impact," according to 2021-22 LPIE President Danielle Gallagher.

With over a decade of experience in philanthropy, Horpedahl is passionate about connecting donors with opportunities to enhance education and student success, Gallagher said. "Elizabeth has led development programs at education organizations throughout California, from large public institutions such as UC Berkeley, to community nonprofits based in San Diego and Oakland schools. Elizabeth has deep experience partnering with community members to improve educational systems and student outcomes. She has built development departments from the ground up, significantly diversifying support and increasing long-term funding. Her mission-driven approach is based on listening deeply and building community."

Horpedahl received a bachelor's degree in politics from UC Santa Cruz, and holds a Certificate in Fundraising Management from Indiana University's Lilly Family School of Philanthropy and an Excellence in Fundraising Certificate from UC Berkeley. She lives in Oakland with her husband, two kids (ages 14 and 11), three cats, a

dog, and four chickens.

"After a rigorous search, our committee is confident about Elizabeth stepping into this role and we could not be more thrilled to welcome her to the LPIE team when she starts on Jan. 10," Gallagher said. "Please make sure to stop by the LPIE office at 3450-A Golden Gate Way and introduce yourself, or email Elizabeth at [elizabeth@lpie.org](mailto:elizabeth@lpie.org)."

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