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## LISA SOBRATO SONSINI

COMMUNITY SPIRIT AWARD HONOREEE



### PHILANTHROPIST | CHAMPION FOR FOSTER YOUTH

Lisa Sobrato Sonsini established the Sobrato Family Foundation in 1996 as a vehicle for multiple generations of the Sobrato family to unify their philanthropic giving for maximum impact and has served as its Board Chair for over 25 years. The Sobrato Family Foundation is now part of a larger umbrella of philanthropic entities known as Sobrato Philanthropies whose mission is to partner with communities to meet immediate needs, address systemic barriers, and pursue social justice.

Lisa is a strong advocate for the rights of disadvantaged youth in both the educational and foster care systems. One of Lisa's most notable contributions is her longstanding support for Child Advocates. Her involvement began nearly 30 years ago when she responded to a flyer seeking volunteers while working as a practicing attorney. Lisa underwent training to become a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) and was paired with 12-year-old Rita as her first case.

Lisa's dedication to CASA extended beyond her role as a volunteer, as she served on the board for many years, eventually assuming the position of board chair.

In recognition of her exceptional leadership and humanitarian efforts, Lisa has received several prestigious awards, including the John W. Gardner Leadership Award from the American Leadership Forum, Humanitarian of the Year from Hidden Villa, and induction into the San Mateo County Women's Hall of Fame. She serves on the boards for KQED, SEAL, and Pivotal.

Lisa's academic background includes a J.D. from Berkeley School of Law and a B.A in Communication Studies from UCLA.

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