

Application Submittal Checklist

The following items are required for submittal of the grant application. Please verify and check off that the items have been included in the application packet.

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AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

Lea Hong, Hawai'i State Director

PRINT NAME AND TITLE

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THE THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE
APPLICATION FOR GRANTS
CHAPTER 42F, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES

Type of Grant Request:

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Operating

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Capital

Legal Name of Requesting Organization or Individual: Db:

Trust for Public Land

Amount of State Funds Requested: \$ 500,000

Brief Description of Request (Please attach word document to back of page if extra space is needed):

Trust for Public Land is seeking support for design, planning, and permitting of community-driven park improvements for 'A'ala Park. This project will turn an underutilized urban space into a vibrant, safe, and accessible community hub in downtown Honolulu. Through grassroots community engagements and working with the University of Hawai'i Community Design Center, a community-designed proof of concept was developed through extensive input from local residents. For the over 18,000 residents within a 10-minute walk from 'A'ala Park, the park provides critical green space in a densely populated area with limited recreational opportunities. With this funding, we aim to restore the park's historic role as a gathering place for cultural, recreational, and community-driven events while addressing the urgent need for safe, welcoming public spaces in downtown Honolulu.

Amount of Other Funds Available:

State: \$ _____

Federal: \$ _____

County: \$ 86,500

Private/Other: \$ 251000

Total amount of State Grants Received in the Past 5 Fiscal Years:

\$ 0

Unrestricted Assets:

\$ 56,720,000

New Service (Presently Does Not Exist): ☐ Existing Service (Presently in Operation): ☒

Type of Business Entity:

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501(C)(3) Non Profit Corporation

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Other Non Profit

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Other

Mailing Address:

1164 Bishop Street

City:

Honolulu

State:

HI

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96817

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Authorized Signature

Lea Hong, Hawai'i State Director

Name and Title

1/17/25

Date Signed



STATE OF HAWAII
STATE PROCUREMENT OFFICE

CERTIFICATE OF VENDOR COMPLIANCE

This document presents the compliance status of the vendor identified below on the issue date with respect to certificates required from the Hawaii Department of Taxation (DOTAX), the Internal Revenue Service, the Hawaii Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR), and the Hawaii Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (DCCA).

Vendor Name: THE TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND

DBA/Trade Name: THE TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND

Issue Date: 12/16/2024

Status: Compliant

Hawaii Tax#:

New Hawaii Tax#:

FEIN/SSN#: XX-XXX2333

UI#: XXXXXX7647

DCCA FILE#: 4026

Status of Compliance for this Vendor on issue date:

Form	Department(s)	Status
A-6	Hawaii Department of Taxation	Compliant
8821	Internal Revenue Service	Compliant
COGS	Hawaii Department of Commerce & Consumer Affairs	Exempt
LIR27	Hawaii Department of Labor & Industrial Relations	Compliant

Status Legend:

Status	Description
Exempt	The entity is exempt from this requirement
Compliant	The entity is compliant with this requirement or the entity is in agreement with agency and actively working towards compliance
Pending	A status determination has not yet been made
Submitted	The entity has applied for the certificate but it is awaiting approval
Not Compliant	The entity is not in compliance with the requirement and should contact the issuing agency for more information

**DECLARATION STATEMENT OF
APPLICANTS FOR GRANTS PURSUANT TO
CHAPTER 42F, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES**

The undersigned authorized representative of the applicant certifies the following:


- 1) The applicant meets and will comply with all of the following standards for the award of grants pursuant to Section 42F-103, Hawaii Revised Statutes:
 - a) Is licensed or accredited, in accordance with federal, state, or county statutes, rules, or ordinances, to conduct the activities or provide the services for which a grant is awarded;
 - b) Complies with all applicable federal and state laws prohibiting discrimination against any person on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, creed, sex, age, sexual orientation, or disability;
 - c) Agrees not to use state funds for entertainment or lobbying activities; and
 - d) Allows the state agency to which funds for the grant were appropriated for expenditure, legislative committees and their staff, and the auditor full access to their records, reports, files, and other related documents and information for purposes of monitoring, measuring the effectiveness, and ensuring the proper expenditure of the grant.
- 2) If the applicant is an organization, the applicant meets the following requirements pursuant to Section 42F-103, Hawaii Revised Statutes:
 - a) Is incorporated under the laws of the State; and
 - b) Has bylaws or policies that describe the manner in which the activities or services for which a grant is awarded shall be conducted or provided; and
- 3) If the applicant is a non-profit organization, it meets the following requirements pursuant to Section 42F-103, Hawaii Revised Statutes:
 - a) Is determined and designated to be a non-profit organization by the Internal Revenue Service; and
 - b) Has a governing board whose members have no material conflict of interest and serve without compensation.
- 4) The use of grant-in-aid funding complies with all provisions of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii (for example, pursuant to Article X, section 1, of the Constitution, the State cannot provide "... public funds ... for the support or benefit of any sectarian or nonsectarian private educational institution...").

Pursuant to Section 42F-103, Hawaii Revised Statutes, for grants used for the acquisition of land, when the organization discontinues the activities or services on the land acquired for which the grant was awarded and disposes of the land in fee simple or by lease, the organization shall negotiate with the expending agency for a lump sum or installment repayment to the State of the amount of the grant used for the acquisition of the land.

Further, the undersigned authorized representative certifies that this statement is true and correct to the best of the applicant's knowledge.

Trust for Public Land

(Typed Name of Individual or Organization)


Lea Hong (Jan 17, 2025 12:29 HST)

(Signature)

Lea Hong

(Typed Name)

1/17/25

(Date)

Hawai'i State Director

(Title)

I. Certification

1. Hawaii Compliance Express Certificate

See attached.

2. Declaration Statement

See attached.

3. Public Purpose

The applicant shall specify whether the grant will be used for a public purpose pursuant to [Section 42F-102, Hawaii Revised Statutes](#).

The funding for this grant will be used for design, planning, and permitting efforts for the community-driven park improvements at 'A'ala Park for the public benefit of the estimated 18,000 residents within a 10-minute walk, park users, businesses, organizations, and broader community. The park provides critical green space in a densely populated area with limited recreational opportunities and this project will transform the park into a vibrant, multi-functional space driven by community vision.

The grant will be used for a public purpose pursuant to Section 42F-102, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

II. Background and Summary

1. Brief description of the applicant's background

Established in 1972, Trust for Public Land's (TPL's) mission is to create parks and protect land for people, ensuring healthy, livable communities for generations to come. TPL has been working in Hawai'i since the 1970s and opened a Hawai'i office in 1998. TPL has completed 52 projects across the state, protecting over 77,000 acres of land, establishing over \$200 million for land conservation in Hawai'i, and building capacity of local land trusts and nonprofits to own and steward land.

In late 2020, TPL launched our national Parks for People program here in Hawai'i with a pilot project at 'A'ala Park. TPL employed our collaborative grass-roots community-based participatory design process where residents, park users, businesses, and organizations created a shared vision for the future of the Park, honoring its rich history and diversity.

'A'ala Park is a 6.69-acre city-managed park in the heart of an exceptionally dense and diverse community. While the park is owned by both the State of Hawai'i and the City and County of Honolulu (City), it is managed by the City for park purposes under an Executive Order. This underutilized public space is located at the junction of Downtown–Chinatown, Kalihi–Palama, and Iwilei, an area with a strong legacy of community pride and a rich cultural history. Built in the early 1900s, this park has historically served as a political gathering place, a site for cultural festivals and athletic events (e.g., sumo, baseball, keiki

hula), a tent shelter, and in present day, sadly, a place where residents feel unsafe and unwelcome.

Today, over 18,000 residents—53% of whom are low-income and 55% of whom speak a first language other than English—live within a 10-minute walk of ‘A‘ala Park. The park provides critical green space in a densely populated area with limited recreational opportunities. The number of residents who live around the park is projected to increase with affordable housing and market rate housing projected to be developed or opened in Iwilei, Chinatown and Downtown. This project aligns with TPL’s mission to create quality parks and protect land for people, ensuring communities have access to spaces that foster cultural expression, environmental sustainability, and social connection.

During 2020-2024, TPL worked with partners to engage diverse community voices, activate the space, and implement quick-build upgrades to make the park more welcoming. Approximately 1,000 park users, unhoused community members, nearby residents, businesses, public officials, and over 30 nonprofit service providers were engaged in this process. Guided by this input, TPL partnered with the University of Hawai‘i Community Design Center (UHCDC) to create a community-driven proof-of-concept for the future of ‘A‘ala Park that reflects community needs and aspirations.

In 2025-2026, TPL will work with the public partners and community to transform the park into a vibrant, multi-functional space driven by community vision. TPL is working with the City’s Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) to formalize a partnership through a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA). At DPR’s request, TPL will manage the design, planning, and permitting of new park features at ‘A‘ala Park. Planned improvements include comfortable seating, native landscaping, enhanced lighting for safety, shade over the skatepark and basketball courts, and upgraded recreational areas featuring exercise equipment and a multipurpose plaza with skateboarding elements that honor ‘A‘ala Park’s historic role in Honolulu’s skate culture.

These initial improvements were prioritized by City DPR from the community driven proof-of-concept as elements the City DPR believed it could sustainably maintain given its capacity constraints. By the end of 2026, TPL will have finalized the construction design and plans, will continue to work with the City on the permitting process, and assist the City in raising and applying for funding for construction. Under the MOA, the City will be responsible for implementing and contracting for construction. Concurrently, TPL will continue working with community partners to host free community driven park programming, including keiki skateboard classes, cultural festivals, and health workshops. These efforts aim to build local capacity for long-term stewardship, celebrate the neighborhood’s diversity, and address the community’s outdoor space needs.

2. The goals and objectives related to the request

Goal: The project goal is to restore the park’s historic role as a gathering place for cultural, recreational, and community-driven events while addressing the urgent need for safe, welcoming public green spaces in downtown Honolulu. This will be driven by and with the community. ‘A‘ala Park will serve as a model for equitable urban revitalization, addressing

the needs of underserved communities while celebrating the park's deep historical and cultural significance.

Objective: Produce design and construction documents and preliminary planning/permitting documents for the initial stage of 'A'ala Park improvements.

3. The public purpose and need to be served

'A'ala Park presents an incredible opportunity to work closely with residents to improve their health, quality of life, resilience, and community connections. 'A'ala Park's surrounding neighborhoods are identified by the federal Council on Environmental Quality Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool to be overburdened and underserved. Like many lower-income communities in Hawai'i, Downtown/Chinatown suffers from inequitable social, economic, environmental conditions, and health issues related to those inequities. The park is currently underutilized but provides opportunities for improved health, social connection, economic vitality, and environmental benefits in a growing and dense urban environment.

Health Benefits: A community's quality of life and health is in large part determined by the built and natural environment in which the community lives. Hawai'i is following the national trend of rising obesity rates. In 2024, the State Department of Health released findings that over half (60%) of adults and 29% of high school students are overweight or obese, contributing to early-onset higher respiratory problems, diabetes, and high blood pressure. Parks promote physical health and are associated with significant increases in physical activity. A vast body of evidence, in studies of both adults and children, confirms that contact with nature in parks promotes a range of mental and physical health benefits. A 2016 national study on neighborhood parks found that parks with amenities that provide passive recreation are associated with a rise in physical activity. The project at 'A'ala Park will include fitness equipment, widened walking loops, shade canopy over the skate park and basketball court, and other improvements that will encourage physical activity and wellness.

Social Connection and Mental Health Benefits: Parks are essential spaces for people to exercise, rejuvenate, learn, and connect. Parks and outdoor spaces also improve mental health, reducing stress, anxiety, and loneliness. The renovated park and continued efforts to activate the park with culturally relevant events and programs will provide many opportunities for social engagement between neighbors who live near the park. The multipurpose plaza is designed to host gatherings of people, either for outdoor classes, performances, community events, and/or recreational skating. Upgraded fitness areas will provide opportunities for residents to come together, and seating areas will encourage spontaneous interaction between residents who may not otherwise be engaged in structured activities at the park.

Economic Benefits: Parks and open spaces have measurable financial value for neighborhoods. The improved park will help revitalize the surrounding community, creating vibrant recreational and public gathering space. Resource fairs hosted by service providers would increase residents' exposure to services, job training, and entrepreneurship opportunities. Additionally, quality parks and recreation systems bring economic benefits to communities in the form of increased property value, tourism dollars, and business attraction and retention.

Environmental Benefits: Hawai'i is also experiencing the effects of climate change at an increasingly fast pace. Warming air temperatures and reduced trade winds intensify the urban heat island effect. Studies document rapidly increasing air temperatures fourfold in Hawai'i over the past four decades. Parks improve urban environments and mitigate residents from the growing threat of climate disasters – heat waves, severe flooding – and other urban health threats such air pollution and extreme heat. The proposed project will focus on maintaining existing tree canopy and planting new trees at the park that will contribute to broader climate action goals and sequestering carbon from the atmosphere. Tree locations in or near large areas of pavement will reduce heat island effect in and around the park. The proposed stormwater garden near the parking area will aim to collect and filter stormwater before it enters Nu'uuanu Stream.

Parks are essential spaces for people to exercise, rejuvenate, learn, and connect. They are proven to improve physical and mental health, heal communities, protect the environment, and strengthen our economy. Unfortunately, communities greatly vary in their cultural, nature-based, and recreational opportunities, making access and investment in parks an issue of equity for underserved communities like Downtown/Chinatown. TPL has decades of parks improvement experience on the continent and for the past years, has been facilitating grassroots, community driven visioning process to form a shared vision for 'A'ala Park honoring its past and looking toward a shared future. We are working with City DPR to contract for construction design and planning, prepare permitting documents, and assist the City to raise funds for construction.

4. Describe the target population to be served

The area has a strong legacy of community pride and a rich, diverse cultural history. There are currently an estimated 18,000 people live within a 10 minute-walk of 'A'ala Park. This population includes:

- 53% of households are low-income or below
- The area is diverse with large populations of Asians (61%), Pacific Islanders (~10%), and Mixed Race (over 12%)
- 16% are youth under the age of 20, 22% are seniors age 65+
- 45% are born in another country
- 55% speak a first language other than English.

The neighborhood includes public housing, affordable rental and senior housing, market-rate condominiums, small businesses, banks, schools, and the Chinatown/Downtown Business district. With State and City plans for population growth, the density of residents in the neighborhoods are only expected to increase. Additionally, once the City's rapid transit is built, the Park will be only a few blocks away from the Iwilei and Chinatown stops and will be heavily traversed by those using the rail stations.

Within the next 30 years in the Iwilei neighborhood there will be substantial population growth as planned mixed-used redevelopment focuses on providing affordable housing and rental opportunities. The Liliha Civic Center Master Plan proposes mixed-used development for up to 600 residential units, located directly across the street from 'A'ala Park, and the Iwilei Master Plan, which includes the park in the plan area, could potentially result in up to 27,500 new housing units.

5. Describe the geographic coverage

‘A‘ala Park is a 6.69-acre city-managed park in the heart of an exceptionally dense and diverse community. ‘A‘ala Park is State of Hawai‘i (State) and City and County of Honolulu (City) owned, but through Executive order, City managed for park purposes. The State owns the 3.64-acre eastern section park located nearest to River Street (including the Skate Park) but has transferred the park to the jurisdiction of the City Department of Parks and Recreation via Governor’s Executive Order No. 4254. The City owns 3.05 acres at the apex of King and Beretania Streets. This underutilized public space is located at the junction of Downtown–Chinatown, Kalihi–Palama, and ‘Iwilei, an area with a strong legacy of community pride and a rich cultural history.

III. Service Summary and Outcomes

1. Describe the scope of work, tasks and responsibilities

Scope of work:

Contracting with and managing the design team for the ‘A‘ala Park project, finalizing construction design and planning documents, and working with the City to obtain required permitting documents.

Tasks and Responsibilities:

- Project initiation (contract with and onboard design team)
- General project management
- Site assessment and survey (may include site analysis, environmental impact assessment/survey, historical surveys, land surveying and mapping, and other studies deemed necessary)
- Continued community outreach and engagement
- Design development
- Construction and planning documentation
- Submission of permits

2. Provide a projected annual timeline for accomplishing the results or outcomes of the service

Timeline (July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026):

July	Project initiation/Request for Proposals
August	Contract with design and planning firm; continuous meetings with DPR and partners to ensure community vision is being implemented (ongoing)
September	Design development and planning documentation (ongoing)
October	Oversight of site assessments and surveys (ongoing)
June	Finalize design and planning Continue working with the City on permitting Transfer construction documents over to City

3. Describe its quality assurance and evaluation plans for the request. Specify how the applicant plans to monitor, evaluate, and improve their results; and

TPL Hawai'i staff and Board Members are committed to the 'A'ala Park project. TPL is a national nonprofit, and the HI office can tap the support and staff of the larger organization – including our expert parks program staff (landscape architects), finance department, marketing and communications department, human resources department, legal department, and support from our project and philanthropy staff on the continent. For the 'A'ala Park project, TPL will issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) for professional landscape architecture and design services to be paid from this GIA. The RFP will require the design firm to have qualified, industry-standard personnel with proven experience in local projects. We will hire experienced consultants and contractors with the capacity to complete the project within the timeline and collaborate with our team to value-engineer the project to reduce costs, if necessary. During the project, the City and TPL will review design documentation at designated submittal milestones to ensure constructability and that it meets current standards and maintenance needs. Upon completion, the evaluation will be based on the fulfillment of project tasks in accordance with the estimated timeline and the satisfactory delivery of project tasks, as reviewed by TPL and the City.

4. List the measure(s) of effectiveness that will be reported to the State agency through which grant funds are appropriated (the expending agency).

Notice of initiated transfer of construction documents to the City via City Gift Process

IV. Financial

1. The applicant shall submit a budget utilizing the enclosed budget forms as applicable, to detail the cost of the request.

Please see attached for capital request. For this grant ask, we are requesting \$525,000 to support the construction design and planning costs. The total estimated project budget for park improvement design and planning is \$775,000 (10% of the total estimated cost for construction), and we are seeking or have secured additional funding to cover the remainder.

2. The applicant shall provide its anticipated quarterly funding requests for the fiscal year 2026.

Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	Total Grant
\$131,250	\$131,250	\$131,250	\$131,250	\$525,000

3. The applicant shall provide a listing of all other sources of funding that they are seeking for fiscal year 2026.

Trust for Public Land has secured and is pursuing other sources of funding in FY26 such as private grants, individual donations, federal funding, and more. Below are the requested and secured funding for FY26.

- Atherton Foundation: \$21,500 (applied)
- Chamber of Commerce: \$21,500 (applied)
- American Savings Bank: \$200,000 (secured)

4. The applicant shall provide a listing of all state and federal tax credits it has been granted within the prior three years. Additionally, the applicant shall provide a listing of all state and federal tax credits they have applied for or anticipate applying for pertaining to any capital project, if applicable.

Trust for Public Land has not applied for or been granted any state/federal tax credits, and we do not anticipate applying for any.

5. The applicant shall provide a listing of all federal, state, and county government contracts, grants, and grants in aid it has been granted within the prior three years and will be receiving for fiscal year 2026 for program funding.

The below is a list of all federal, state, and county government contracts, grants, and grants in aid that support TPL's project at 'A'ala Park.

FY2025

City and County of Honolulu Grant-In-Aid: \$150,000 (\$86,500 for design and planning) (secured)

6. The applicant shall provide the balance of its unrestricted current assets as of December 31, 2024.

TPL's national unrestricted current assets as of 12/31/24 are \$56,720,000.

V. Experience and Capability

1. Necessary Skills and Experience

On the continent, TPL's Parks for People program has a rich history of designing, building, and stewarding innovative park projects that incorporate community-driven participatory design and place an ever-increasing number of people within a 10-minute walk of a quality park or green space. In fact, more than 8 million people across the country already live within a 10-minute walk of a park or open space protected by TPL. Example projects include:

SAN FRANCISCO, CA

Boeddeker Park in San Francisco's Tenderloin neighborhood, has the highest percentage of households living below the poverty line, is one of the densest districts in the city, and suffers from a critical lack of open space. In partnership with the City of San Francisco Recreation and Parks, we collaborated with seniors and schoolchildren to renovate and transform this inhospitable park that the community avoided due to perceived safety concerns into a loved and well-used community space that features playfields, a community center, a Fitness Zone area, and gardens. The new park design was envisioned by the surrounding residents and addressed community concerns, including improving safety, recreation opportunities for all ages, and beautification elements.

DENVER, CO

Working closely with the City of Denver's Parks and Recreation, the Colorado Health Foundation, local nonprofit, and business partners, and, most importantly, residents – we transformed a vacant lot into New Freedom Park. Working with immigrant residents in an underserved east Denver neighborhood, we created a cherished common ground where garden plots, a soccer field, and play spaces bring far-flung cultures together as multi-national war refugees put down roots in their new country.

COLORADO SPRINGS, CO

Panorama Park in Colorado Springs turned from a once-desolate 13-acre park to now teeming with residents reaping the benefits of a close-to-home space for exercise and relaxation. The park relied heavily on community input during its \$8.5 million renovation that reopened to the public in August of 2022. Among the amenities are a bike park, splashpad, skateboarding area, fitness station, bathrooms, sports fields, and a great lawn. TPL partnered with RISE Southeast to lead the engagement process and brainstorm ideas for the park. We also worked with the City of Colorado Springs on design and construction.

2. Facilities

TPL has an office in Downtown Honolulu on Bishop Street, a ten-minute walk from 'A'ala Park. TPL's Hawai'i staff include a state director, three land protection project staff (a fourth Maui-based project staff person will be joining the team shortly), three philanthropy staff, a paralegal who supports Hawai'i and Western state projects, a Parks Program Manager, and part-time parks events/activities staff person. As discussed above, the Hawai'i office can call upon staff resources on the continent – including legal and parks staff (including landscape architects) to assist with this project.

'A'ala Park is a City-managed park which currently has maintenance staff that provide baseline parks maintenance needs daily.

Through the Memorandum of Agreement with the City, TPL and DPR will utilize the resources from both organizations to ensure this project's success.

VI. Personnel: Project Organization and Staffing

1. Proposed Staffing, Staff Qualifications, Supervision and Training

Please see the below qualifications on the key staff that will be working on this project.

LEA HONG

Lea Hong has been Trust for Public Land's Hawai'i State Director since 2006. During her tenure, 43 land protection projects have been completed, permanently conserving 75,866 acres of land valued at \$219 million within the state. Under her leadership, TPL has created, defended, and enhanced public funding sources at the State and all county levels, resulting in over \$200 million in dedicated land conservation funding that have in turn leveraged hundreds of millions in federal and private funding for land conservation. TPL's Hawai'i office has an established Aloha 'Āina program that returns lands to Native Hawaiian stewardship and ownership, a Sustainable Hawai'i program that protects lands that impact Hawai'i's food, forests, and water, and most recently, a Parks for People Program with a project at 'A'ala Park. During her time as State Director, TPL has built the capacity of local land trusts, community organizations, and Hawaiian organizations to conserve land. Prior to joining TPL, Lea was a partner in the law firm of Alston Hunt Floyd & Ing (now Dentons), and chair of its cultural and natural resources law group. Honolulu Magazine repeatedly recognized her as one of Hawai'i's Best Environmental Lawyers. She also litigated environmental and cultural issues at the Earthjustice Legal Defense Fund before joining Alston Hunt. A recognized community leader of environmental causes, Lea has received the prestigious Hawaii Community Foundation Ho'okele Award for community leadership, the Hawai'i Conservation Conference Outstanding Leader Award, and the Pacific Business News/Bank of HI Community Leader of the Year Award and was named an Islander of the Year by Honolulu Magazine (2015, environment). Lea has taught environmental litigation and conservation transactions at the William S. Richardson School of Law at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, serves on the Friends of Law School Board, and has served on numerous nonprofit and volunteer boards. Originally from Wahiawā, O'ahu, she graduated from Leilehua High School, Rice University, and the University of Hawai'i William S. Richardson School of Law.

Lea will provide project oversight and administration.

LESLIE UPTAIN

Leslie Uptain is the Pacific Region State Director of Philanthropy. She is responsible for steering the nonprofit's major and institutional gifts, leading local capital campaigns, and increasing community awareness of conservation efforts across Hawaii. Prior to joining TPL in 2012, she worked for the Muscular Dystrophy Association for seven years as the Director of Business Development in Hawaii and Executive Director in San Francisco. She has volunteered for local organizations and boards and is a member of the Pacific Century Fellows leadership program, class of 2014. Leslie moved to Hawai'i 25 years ago. Originally from Alabama, she attended the University of Montevallo and graduated with a bachelor's degree in business administration.

Leslie will identify funding gaps and pursuing private funding sources.

EMILY PERRY

Emily has been with Trust for Public Land since 2023 as the Parks for People Program Manager. Since joining, she has managed the growing partnership with the City and County

of Honolulu Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) and worked on a Memorandum of Agreement between the TPL and the City that is close to being finalized and signed. Emily has also worked with numerous community partner organizations to host activations and events in the park. Previously, she worked as the Community Forestry Program Manager with the City's DPR Division of Urban Forestry. Starting the Community Forestry Program in 2019, Emily worked to support a strong, resilient network to plant, maintain, and expand the tree canopy across the island of O'ahu. In her time with the City, Emily aimed to increase internal capacity and develop partnerships with community organizations to plant and care for trees in public spaces.

Emily will manage the project on a day-to-day basis. She will oversee the design team, tracking project schedule, scope of work, project budget, and adherence to grant requirements.

ANNIE YOUNGERMAN

Annie is a Landscape Architect and a Senior Program Manager. She will advise the TPL Hawai'i team to ensure that all work meets a high level of standard and aligns with City goals. Annie has overseen similar scale park projects, including Ashland Zocalo Park in California, as well as streetscape and schoolyard design projects in California.

Annie will provide landscape architectural review of Project designs to ensure they meet current standards.

2. Organization Chart

Please see attached.

3. Compensation

Below are the three highest paid employees of the organization by position title in the national TPL organization.

President: \$520,712

Senior Vice President/ Chief of Philanthropy: \$382,465

Senior Vice President/ Chief of Communications and Marketing: \$300,575

VII. Other

1. Litigation

Below are two lawsuits that TPL is a party to on the continent. These are not anticipated to impact the 'A'ala Park project.

Citizens for Balanced Use, W.R.H. Nevada Properties, Inc. v. MT Fish Wildlife and Parks, Fish and Wildlife Commission, Trust for Public Land, Green Diamond Resources Co, John

Does 1-10, Montana 19th Judicial District Court, Lincoln City, Civil Case DV-27-2024-0000153-OC, Filed 8/13/24.

Ralph Monks v. City of Los Angeles, et. al., Superior Court Case No. 24STCV02484, California Superior Court, County of Los Angeles, Filed 1/21/24.

2. Licensure or Accreditation

Annie Youngerman is a licensed Landscape Architect and has over five years of Parks project experience with TPL.

TPL will onboard a local Hawaii design team that are experienced, professionals involved in construction design, specific qualifications are essential to ensure compliance with industry standards and local regulations. The design team will include licensed Landscape Architects and Engineers.

3. Private Educational Institutions

The applicant shall specify whether the grant will be used to support or benefit a sectarian or non-sectarian private educational institution. Please see [Article X, Section 1, of the State Constitution](#) for the relevance of this question.

Not applicable – This grant will not be used to support or benefit a sectarian or non-sectarian private educational institution.

4. Future Sustainability Plan

The applicant shall provide a plan for sustaining after fiscal year 2026 the activity funded by the grant if the grant of this application is:

- a. Received by the applicant for fiscal year 2026, but
- b. Not received by the applicant thereafter

For 50 years, Trust for Public Land has worked to enrich cities with parks, playgrounds, trails, gardens, and open spaces. TPL brings together civic leaders, agencies, neighbors, and donors to create these special places which improve residents' health, strengthen neighborhoods, and bolster local economies. Hundreds of communities and millions of people have benefited from our experience and expertise. The funds asked for in FY26 will support the design and construction documents for the initial stage of 'A'ala Park improvements. This will be coupled with fundraising and other grants to ensure the fiscal resources necessary are received for the project. After FY26, TPL will work with the City to identify and apply for federal funding for the construction of the park improvements. TPL will deploy our national expertise to leverage existing federal and private sources of funding for parks planning and construction, providing drafting and logistical support to DPR staff for funding applications (this will only occur if DPR concurs with and supports applying for the funding opportunity); potential funding sources including but not limited to: Land and Water Conservation Fund - State and Local Assistance Program, National Parks Service Land and


Water Conservation Fund - Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Program; and Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant. Additionally, there currently is \$250,000 in City Construction Improvement Projects budgeted for 'A'ala Park that TPL will work with the City with to deploy those funds for this project.

TPL is also working with community partners to form or identify a 'A'ala Park Steering Committee to oversee a shared vision and provide long-term stewardship of the park. This Committee will be composed of nonprofits, banks, businesses, and community organizations.

BUDGET REQUEST BY SOURCE OF FUNDS

Period: July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026

Applicant: Trust for Public Land

BUDGET CATEGORIES	Total State Funds Requested (a)	Total Federal Funds Requested (b)	Total County Funds Requested (c)	Total Private/Other Funds Requested (d)
A. PERSONNEL COST				
1. Salaries	0			
2. Payroll Taxes & Assessments	0			
3. Fringe Benefits	0			
TOTAL PERSONNEL COST	0			
B. OTHER CURRENT EXPENSES				
1. Airfare, Inter-Island	0			
2. Insurance	0			
3. Lease/Rental of Equipment	0			
4. Lease/Rental of Space	0			
5. Staff Training	0			
6. Supplies	0			
7. Telecommunication	0			
8. Utilities	0			
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TOTAL OTHER CURRENT EXPENSES	0			
C. EQUIPMENT PURCHASES	0			
D. MOTOR VEHICLE PURCHASES	0			
E. CAPITAL	525,000		86,500	251,000
TOTAL (A+B+C+D+E)	525,000	0	86,500	251,000
SOURCES OF FUNDING		Budget Prepared By:		
(a) Total State Funds Requested		Emily Perry 808-204-2730		
(b) Total Federal Funds Requested		Name (Please type or print) Phone		
(c) Total County Funds Requested		 1/17/2025		
(d) Total Private/Other Funds Requested		Signature of Authorized Official Date		
TOTAL BUDGET		Lea Hong, Hawai'i State Director Name and Title (Please type or print)		

BUDGET JUSTIFICATION - CAPITAL PROJECT DETAILS

Period: July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026

Applicant: Trust for Public Land

FUNDING AMOUNT REQUESTED						
TOTAL PROJECT COST	ALL SOURCES OF FUNDS RECEIVED IN PRIOR YEARS		STATE FUNDS REQUESTED	OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDS REQUESTED	FUNDING REQUIRED IN SUCCEEDING YEARS	
	FY:2023-2024	FY:2024-2025	FY:2025-2026	FY:2025-2026	FY:2026-2027	FY:2027-2028
PLANS						
LAND ACQUISITION						
DESIGN, ENGINEERING, PERMITTING		86,500	525,000	251,000		
CONSTRUCTION						
EQUIPMENT						
TOTAL:		86,500	525,000	251,000		
JUSTIFICATION/COMMENTS: This ask includes costs for design, planning, and permitting and indirect costs. Costs may include site analysis, environmental impact assessment/ survey, historical surveys, land surveying and mapping, and other studies deemed necessary						

GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS, GRANTS, AND / OR GRANTS IN AID

Applicant: Trust for Public Land

Contracts Total: 150,000

	CONTRACT DESCRIPTION	EFFECTIVE DATES	AGENCY	GOVERNMENT ENTITY (U.S./State/Hawaii/ Honolulu/ Kauai/ Maui County)	CONTRACT VALUE
1	FY2025 Grant In Aid	10/1/2024 to 09/30/25	City and County of Honolulu	Honolulu	150,000
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TPL Leadership Org Chart

December 2024

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Carrie Besnette Hauser
President & CEO

Jeff Danter
EVP & Chief Program Officer
(Fields Programs, PAGR, Lab)
Principal Deputy to CEO

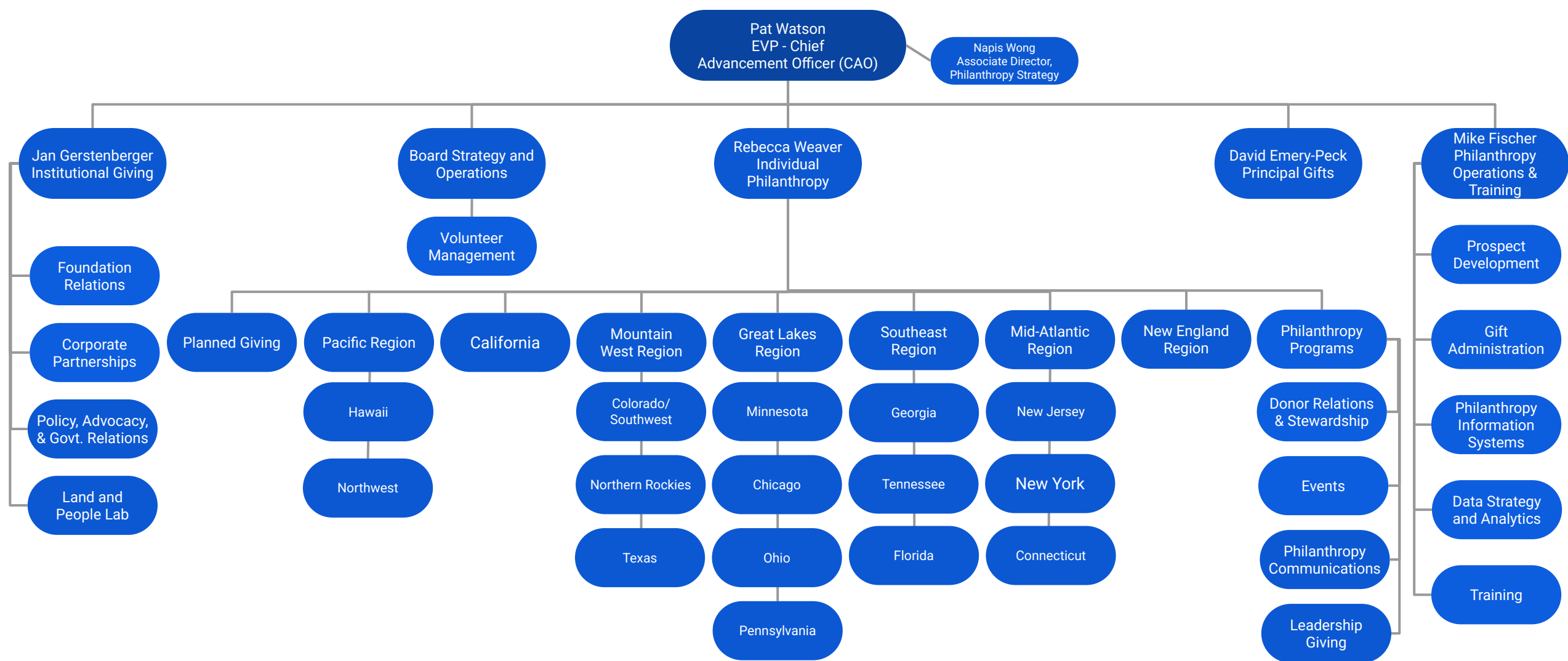
Malcolm Carson
General Counsel
Legal & Program Operations

Pat Watson
Chief Advancement Officer
*(Philanthropy, Comms, Marketing,
Board Affairs)*

Jim Obendorf
Chief Financial &
Administrative Officer
*(Finance, Information Systems,
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Ronda Lee Chapman
AVP Equity & Belonging
Sr Advisor to President

Sharon Martinez
Executive Assistant
Office of the President



Functional Organizational Chart, Philanthropy Department

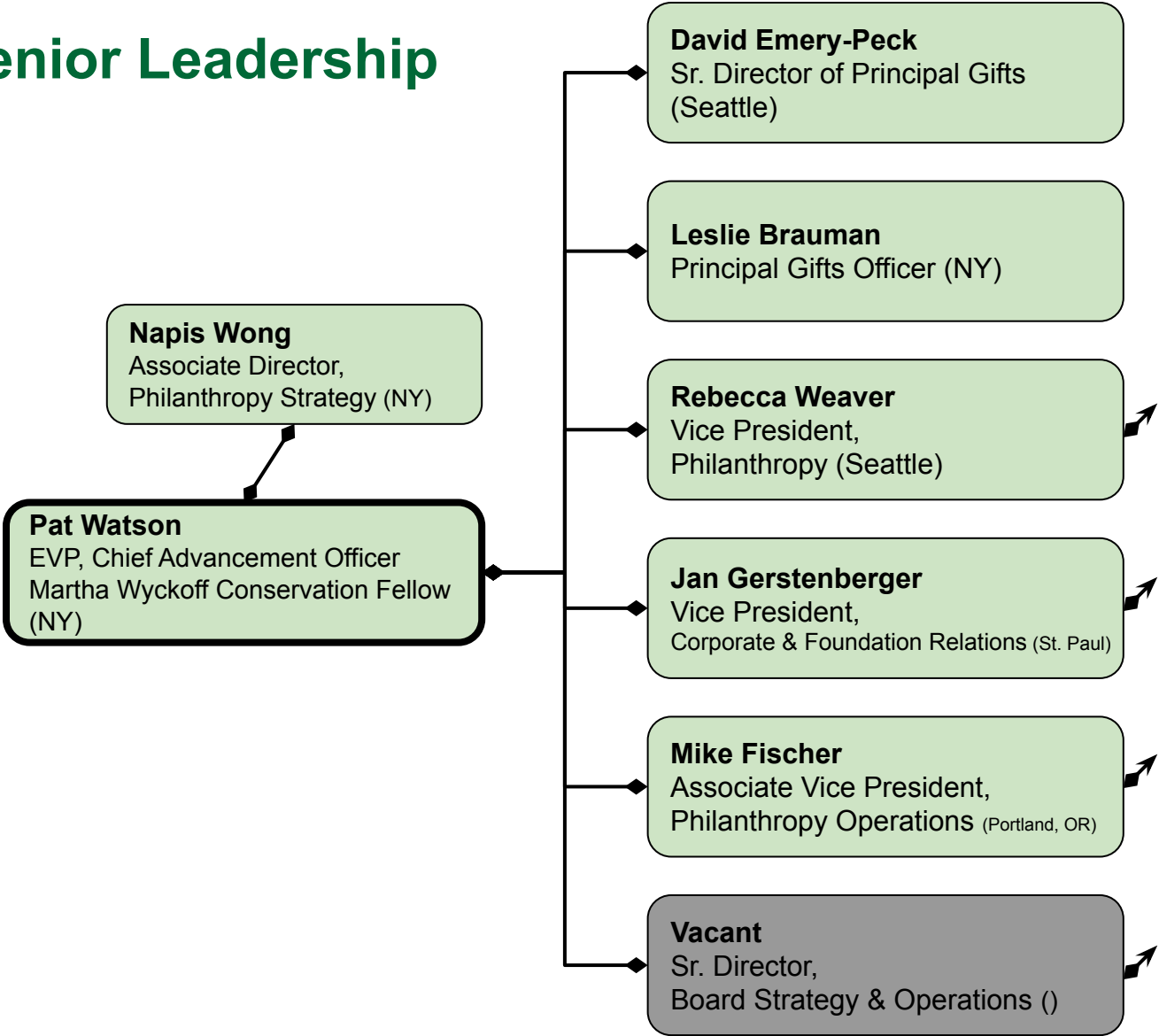
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Philanthropy Senior Leadership

Organizational Chart

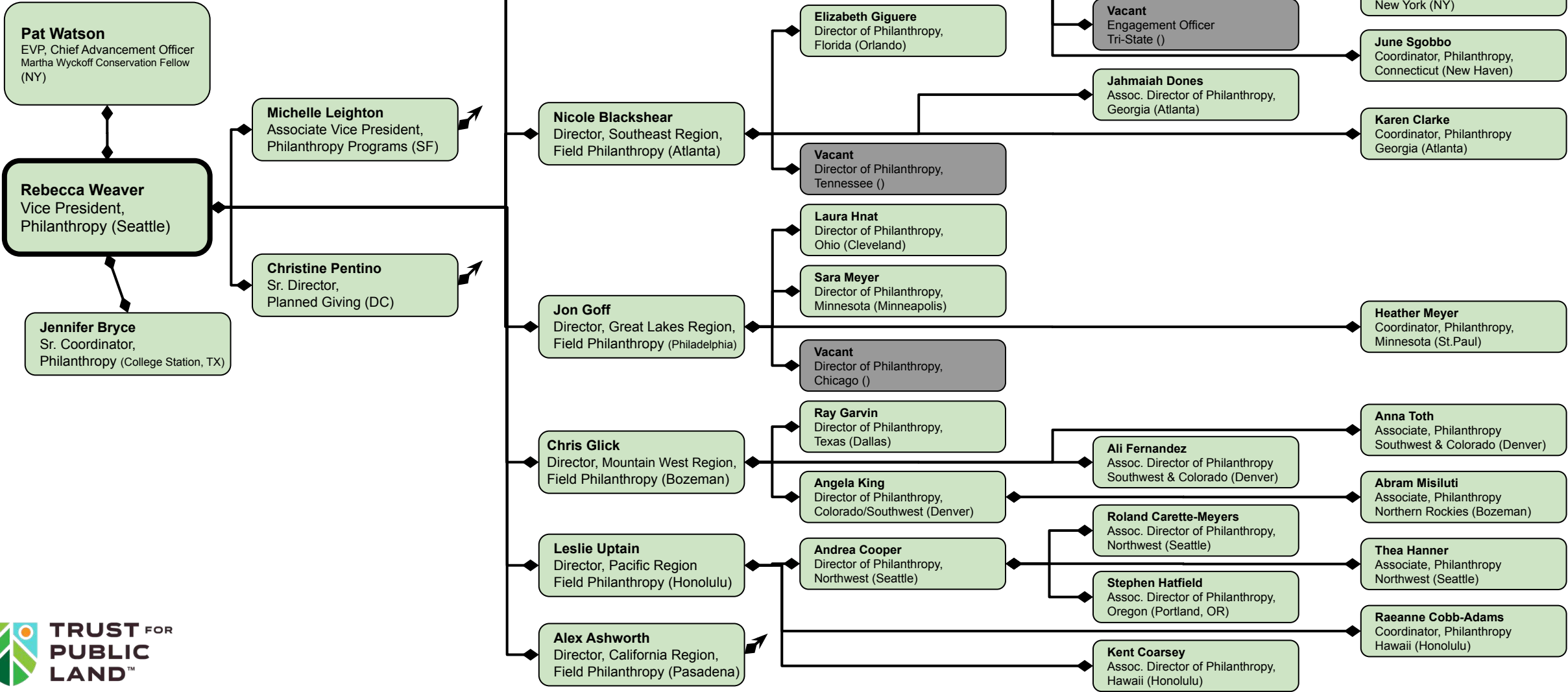
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Field Philanthropy

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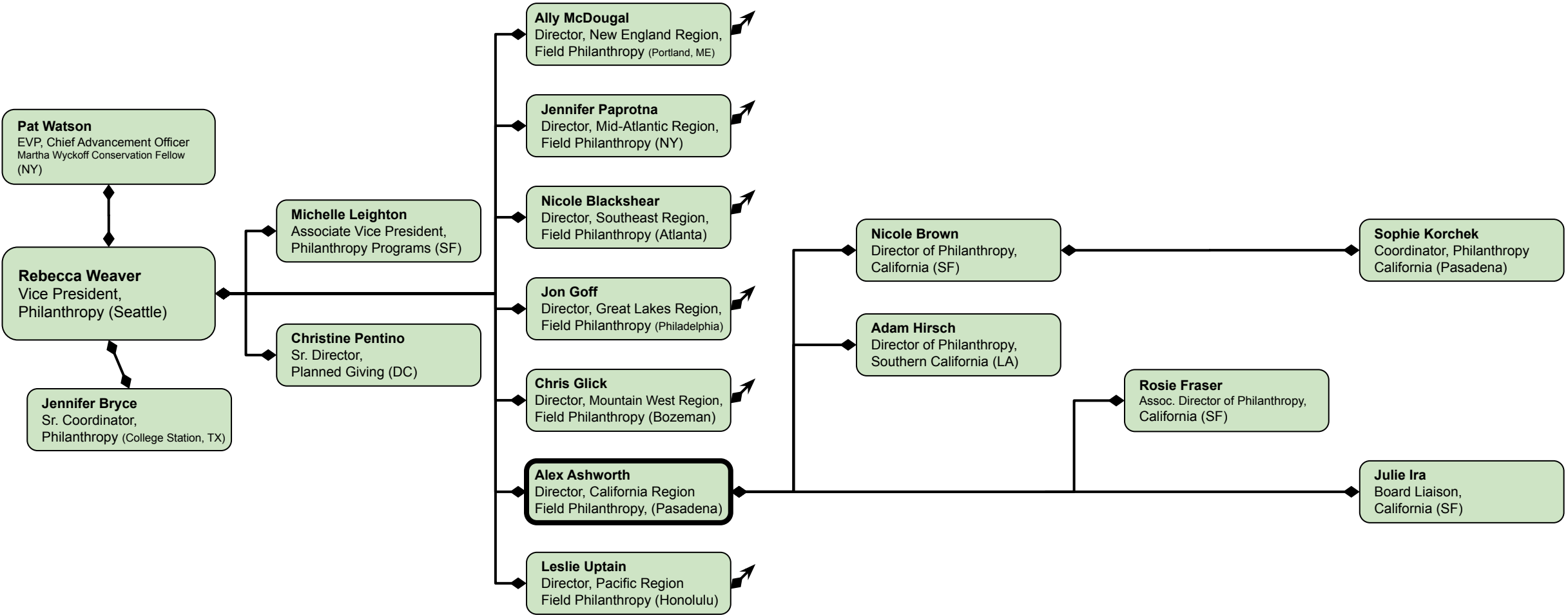
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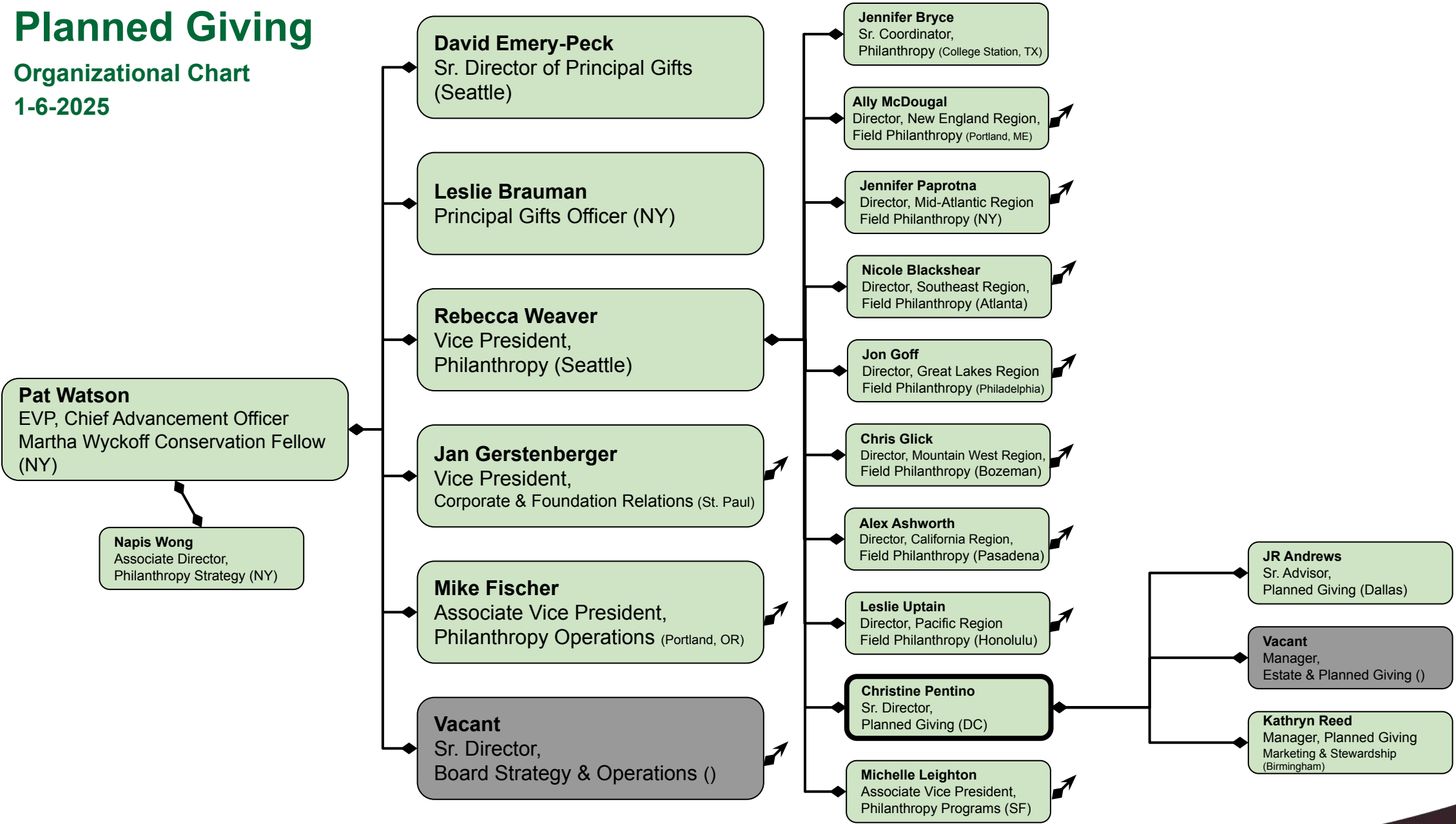
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Planned Giving

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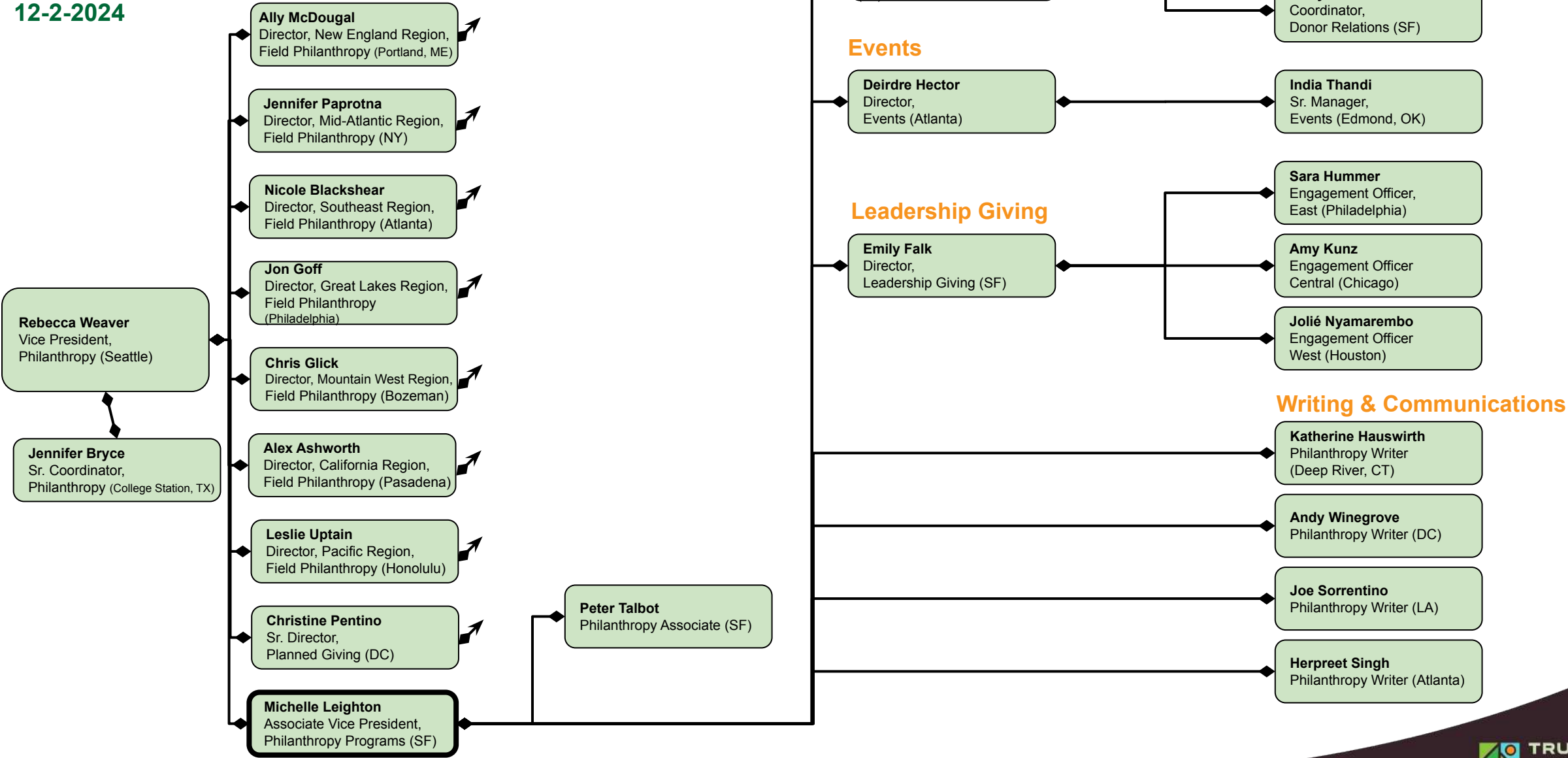
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Philanthropy Programs

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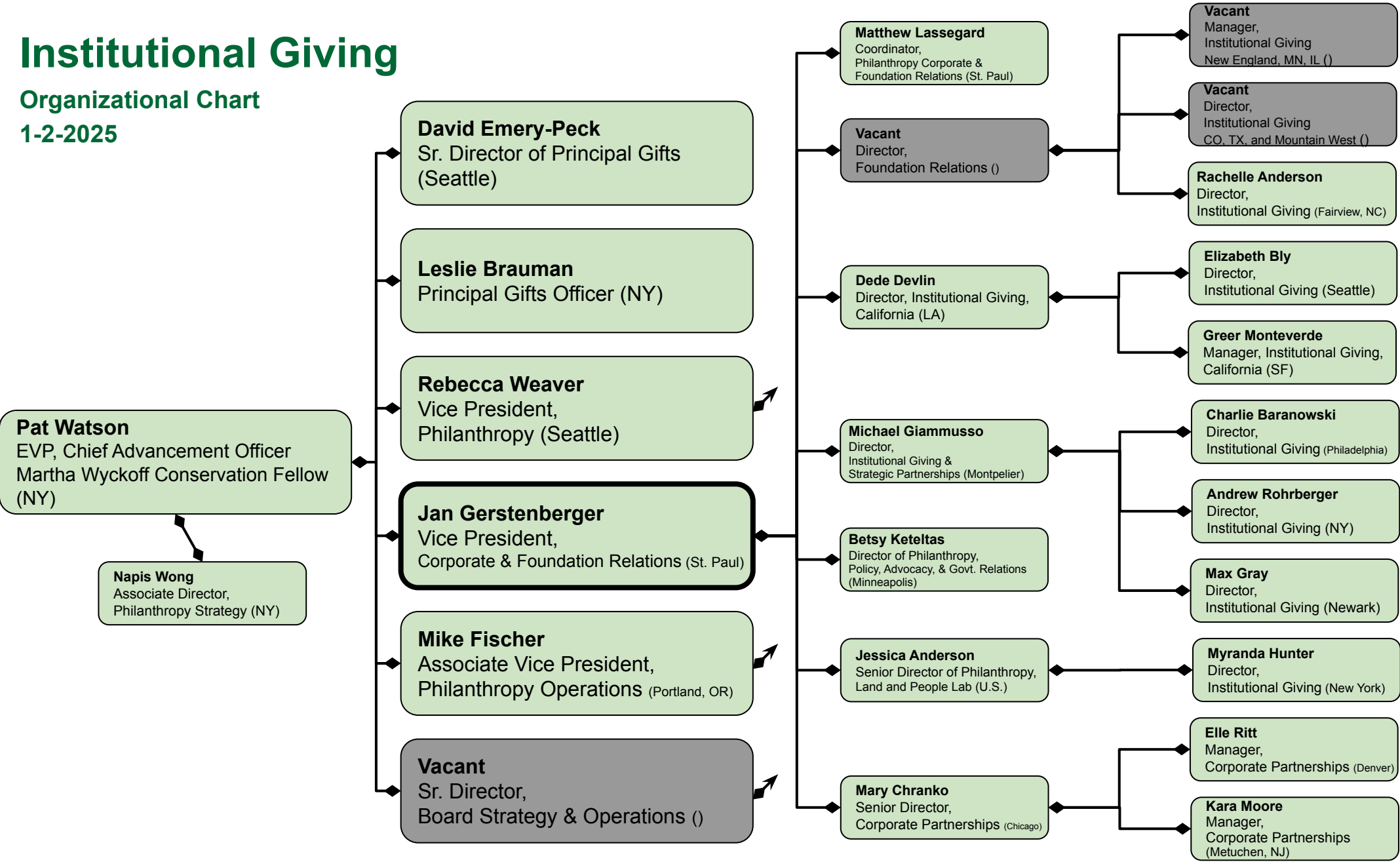
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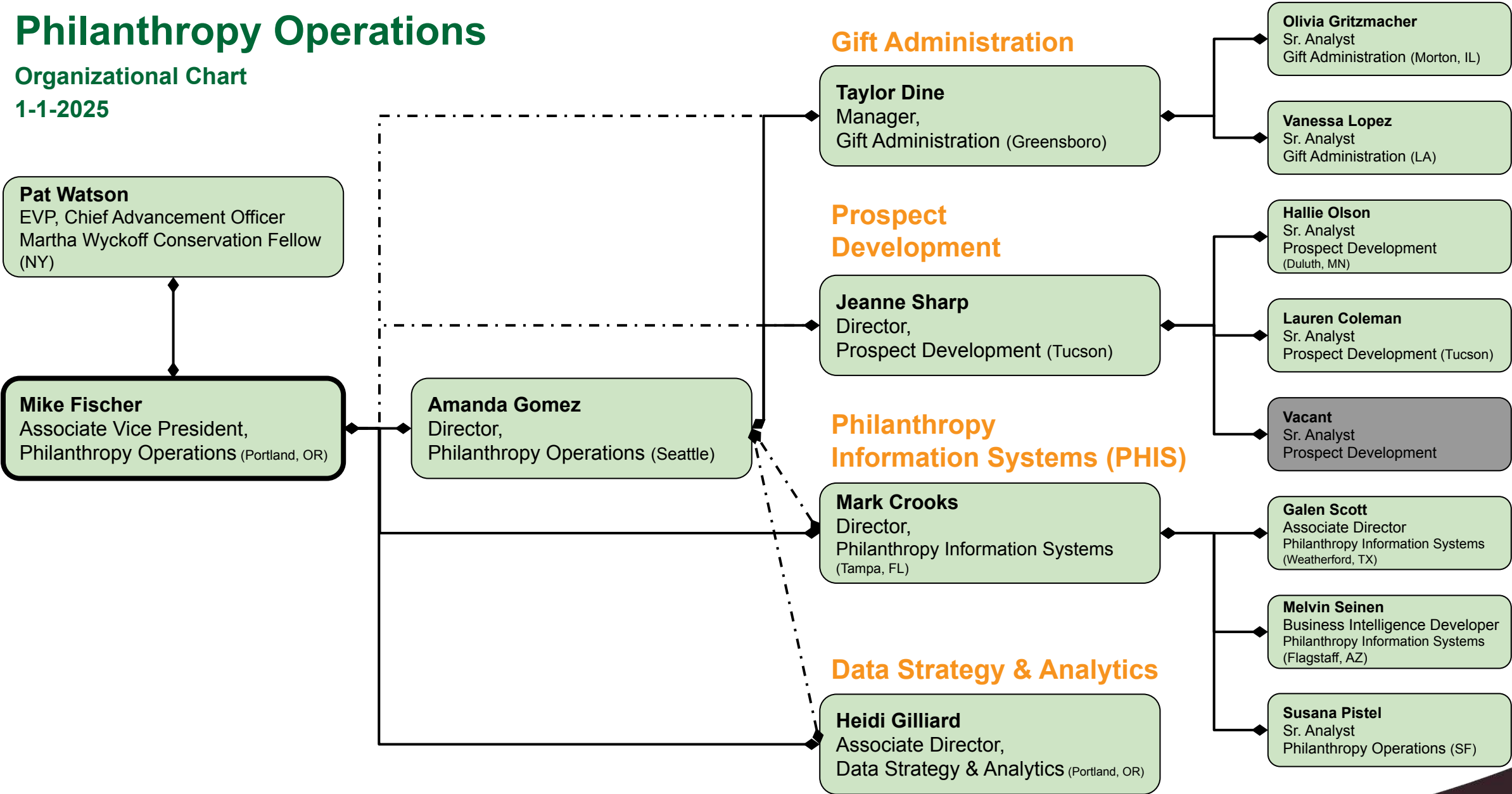
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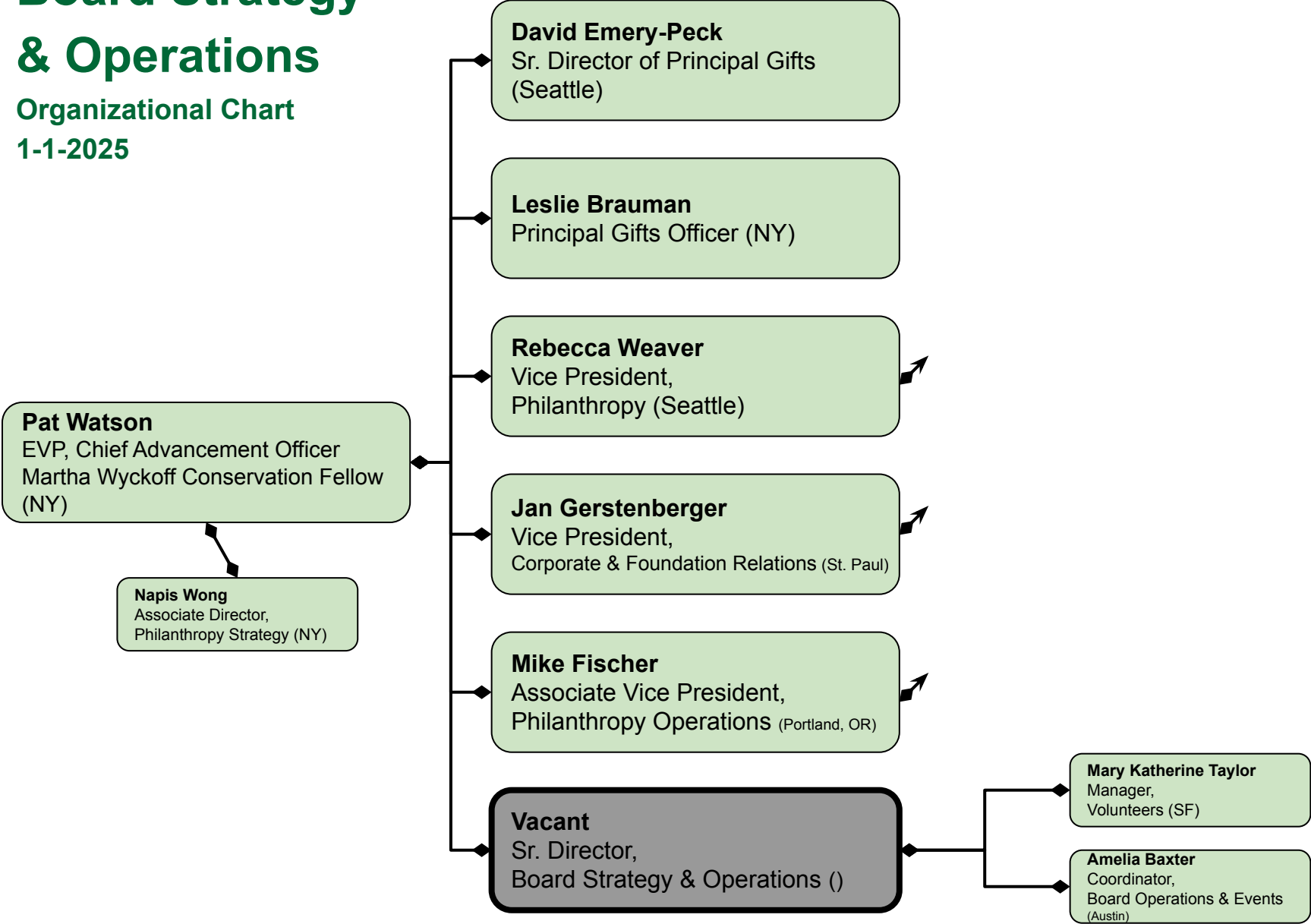
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Board Strategy & Operations

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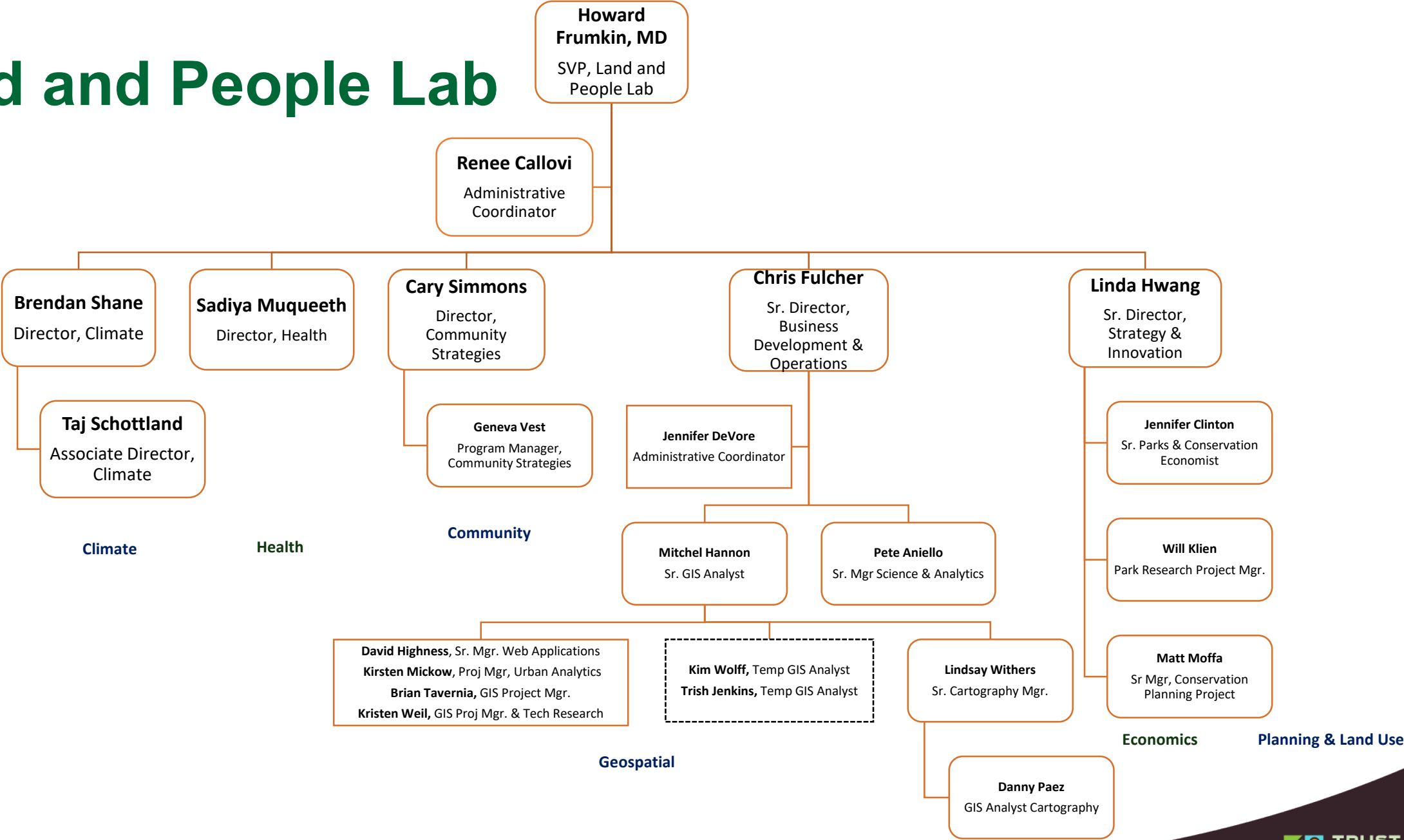




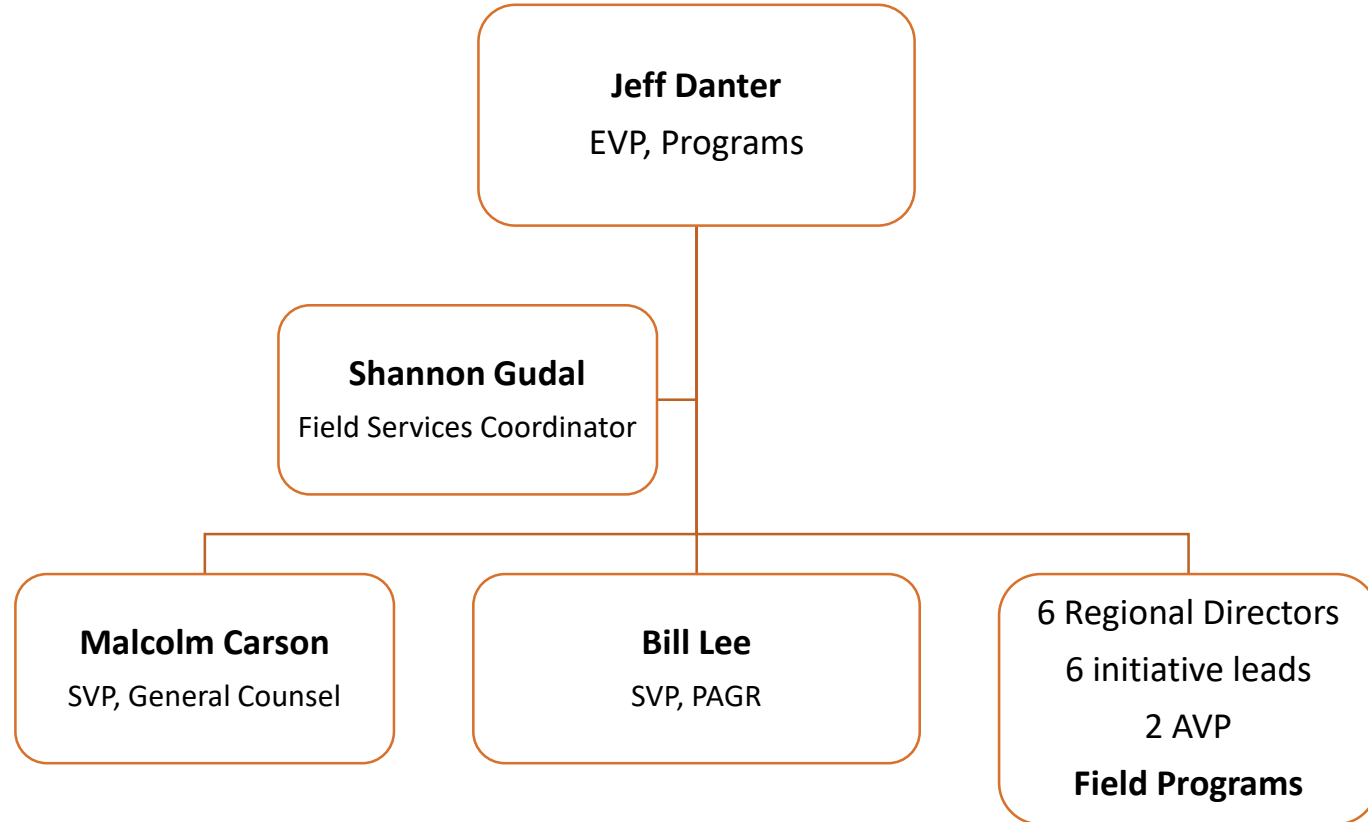
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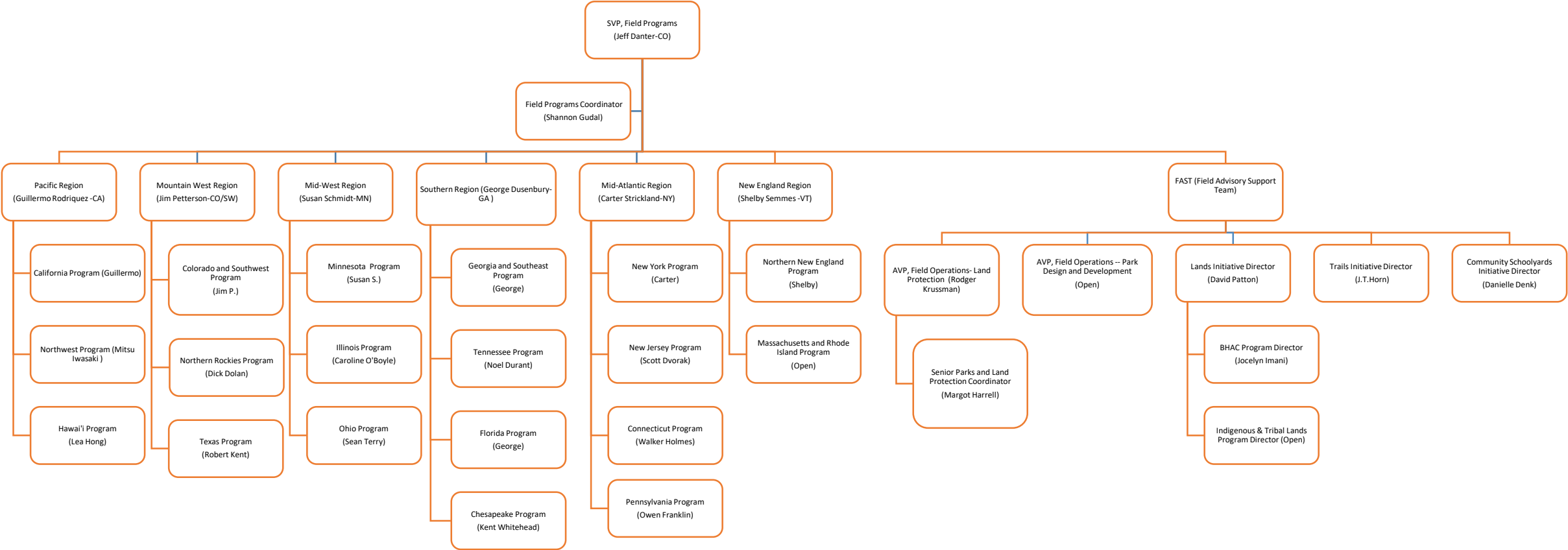
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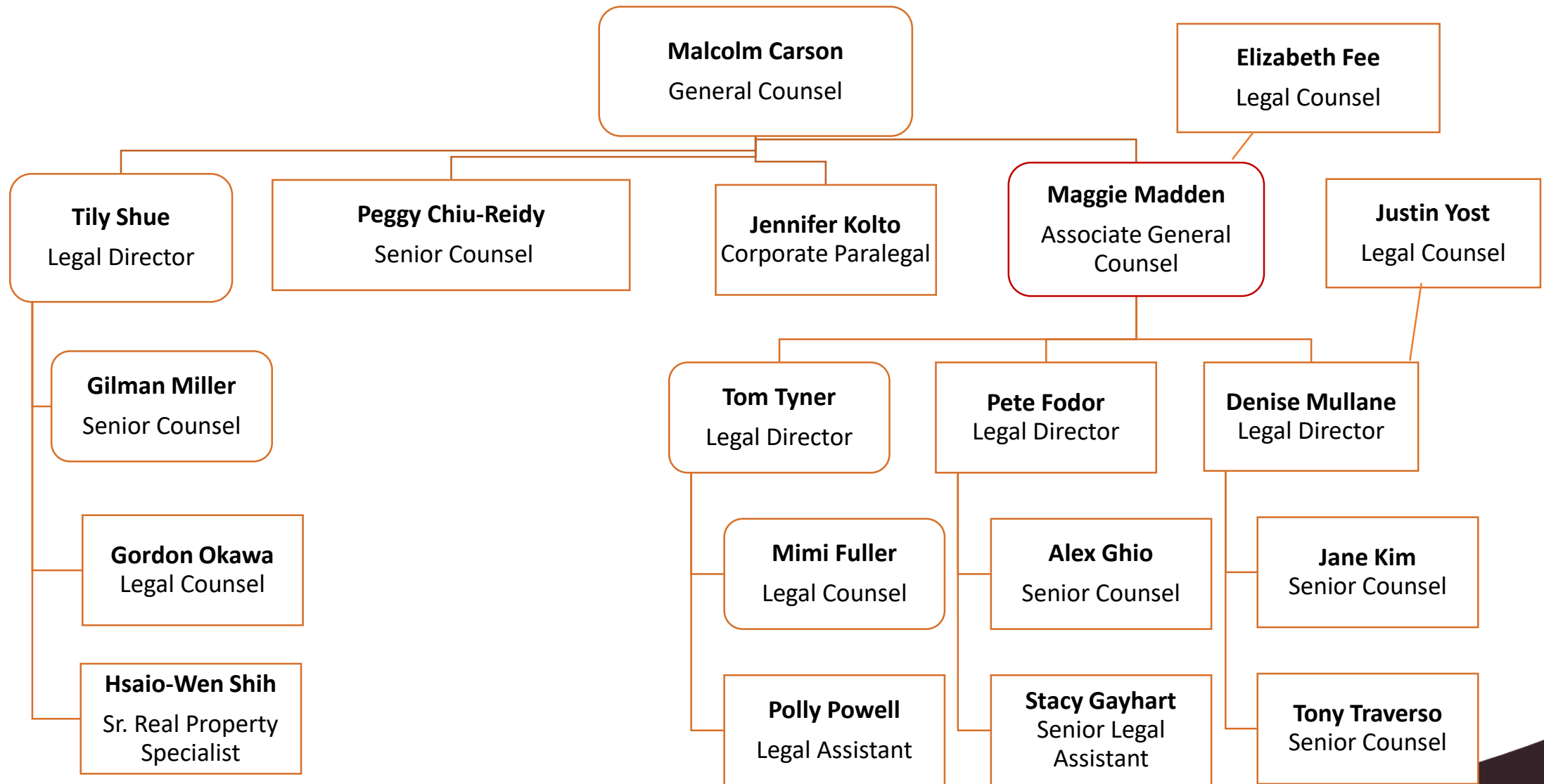
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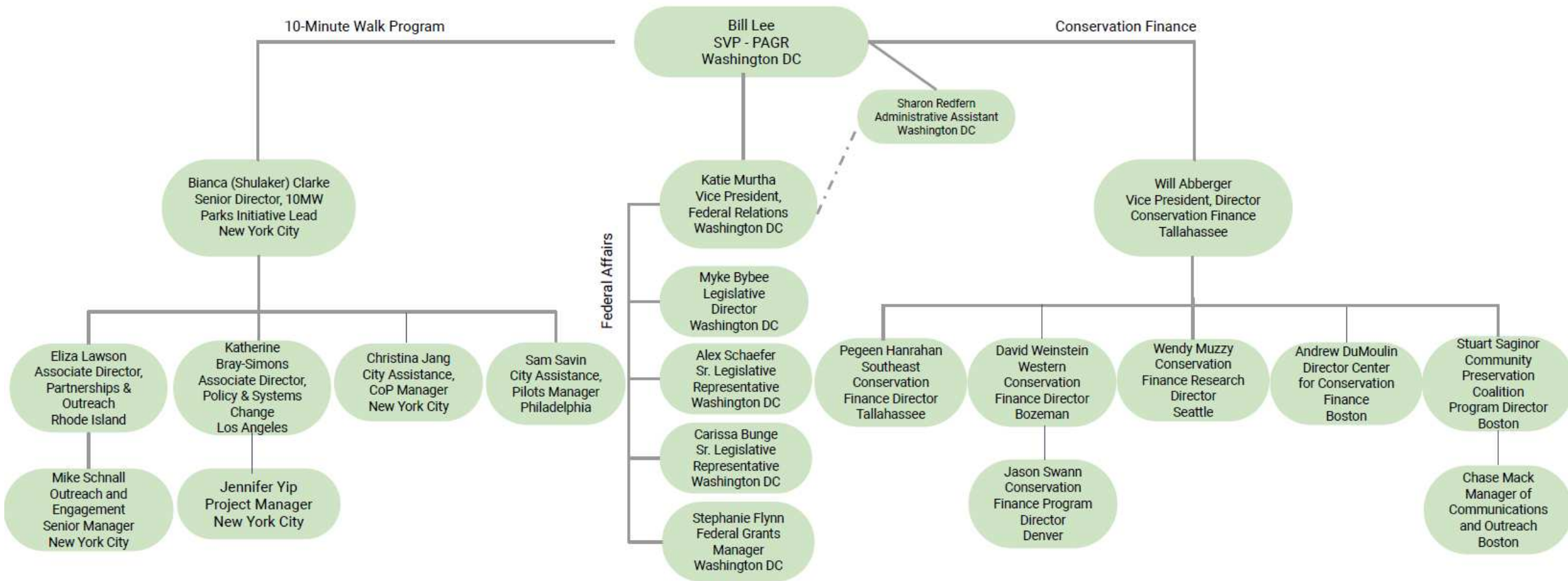


Field Programs



Legal Team

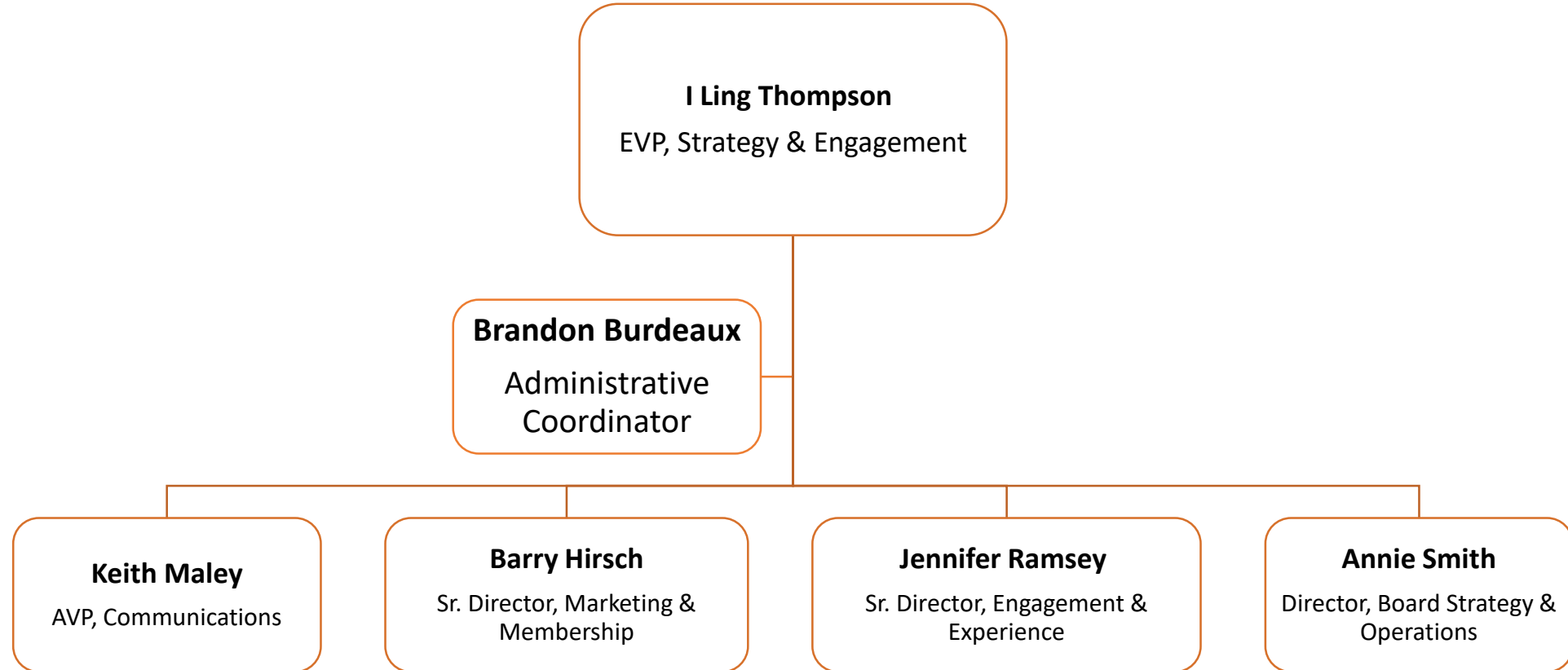




Policy, Advocacy & Government Relations (PAGR) Organization Chart

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The External Engagement Practice








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