

# KECC Alumni Advisory Committee



**Rachel Hollar Umana**  
Macon, Georgia  
2015 Champion

Rachel Hollar Umana is the founder and executive director of Bike Walk Macon, a nonprofit dedicated to making bicycling and walking safer and more enjoyable through advocacy, education, and community initiatives. She created Bike Walk Macon in 2015 with support from the 880 Cities' Knight Emerging City Champions Fellowship program. Rachel holds a BA from Mercer University and a graduate certificate in Sustainable Transportation from the University of Washington. Rachel has lived in Macon, Georgia since 2008 and has been actively involved in various community leadership roles during that time.



**Dana Driscoll**  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
2018 Champion

Over the past 15 years, Dena has worked to strengthen access to public goods. She believes in well-funded public: education, housing, spaces, parks, services, and history. She has previously worked at such nonprofits as Neighborhood Bike Works, Smith Memorial Playground, School District of Philadelphia, and Bartram's Garden which have given her a unique perspective of how public goods are essential to a thriving city. Currently, she is the Director of Development and Communications for the Public Interest Law Center. She holds an M.A. in Museum Education from the University of the Arts and a B.A. in History from La Salle University.

When not working she further champions her city as a volunteer advocate for safer more livable streets including sitting on the executive committee of Transit Forward Philly and board member of Circadium, as a former fiscal officer and founding member of Open Streets PHL, and as former chair of 5th Square PAC.



**Timothy Paul Jackson**  
Detroit, Michigan  
2018 Champion

Timothy is a dedicated nonprofit leader and Detroit native committed to environmental conservation and urban revitalization. He co-founded Detroit Hives, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit focused on transforming vacant lots into educational green spaces that benefit both people and pollinators.

With over nine years of experience, Timothy has used urban beekeeping, placemaking, and community development to drive social, environmental, and economic change in underserved Detroit neighborhoods. He founded National Urban Beekeeping Day, led Detroit to become a Bee City USA Affiliate, and manages over 4.5 million honeybees in the city.

Timothy is an active member of several organizations, including Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, the American Beekeeping Federation, and Keep Michigan Beautiful. He is also a Bee Ambassador for the Honeybee Conservancy and serves on multiple advisory boards. A Certified Pollinator Steward and Master Beekeeper, Timothy continues to advocate for sustainability, environmental education, and pollinator conservation in Detroit and beyond.

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**Ellina Yin**  
San Jose, California  
2019 Champion

Ellina Yin is an activist, social entrepreneur and artist based in San José, California on the ancestral and unceded land of the Chochenyo Ohlone-speaking People. Ellina's work is rooted in lived experience at the intersection of art, technology, and lawmaking. She is a leading voice in the civic media and community storytelling movement to reimagine civic participation in local government as community service.

Ellina is the Founder and mind behind San José's first civic education podcast, Only in San José funded by the 8 80 Cities' Knight Emerging City Champions Grant. This work eventually led her to helping the City of San José establish its first ever Civics Masterclass in the three languages four years later. Additionally, Ellina worked in community on the creation and passage of the Measure I Ballot Initiative in San José in 2022, establishing the City of San José's first Racial and Social Equity Values and Standards Charter Amendment and Policy with unanimous approval among the top largest cities in America.

Recently, Ellina completed the Santa Clara County AAPI Activist Oral History Project in partnership with San José State University, and in partnership with the Japanese American Museum was an Executive Producer of Home, by Kamiko and Anna Macan.

Ellina is a Knight Foundation Emerging City Champion Fellow, Multicultural Arts Leadership Institute Fellow, and New Leaders Council Fellow.



**Emily Condon**  
Charlotte, North Carolina  
2020 Champion

Emily is a Charlotte-based landscape architect with expertise in community engagement and active transportation. Emily's work largely focuses on bicycle- and pedestrian-friendly streetscapes, urban greenways, and public open spaces that serve the entire community, regardless of socioeconomic background, age, or ability. Her passion lies in creating and advocating for public spaces that enrich the community experience and make people feel good. Emily also serves on the Board of Directors of Partners for Parks, a local non-profit dedicated to the preservation, advocacy, and enhancement of trails, parks, recreation, and active play. Emily was named an 8 80 Cities' Knight Emerging City Champion in 2020, and used that seed funding to close a 2-mile route of Charlotte streets for one day of walking and biking between three Charlotte parks in partnership with the Arts and Science Culture Blocks program and volunteer community representatives. The event, called Historic West End Path 2 Parks, aimed to demonstrate the value of equitable, active, and accessible open space and advocate for more walking and biking connectivity in Historic West End.



**Josh Nadzam**  
Lexington, Kentucky  
2017 Champion

Josh is the co-founder of On The Move Art Studio, a nonprofit mobile art room that has provided arts classes to over 70,000 at-risk youth. He also works for KnowledgeWorks as a Senior Manager of Strategic Partnerships and Development, teaches social work at The University of Kentucky, and engages in significant consulting work, including student development work with The Sullivan Foundation as well as facilitation work as a keynote speaker, workshop leader, and leader at retreats based on social impact and social change. An alumni of the University of Kentucky's Track & Field team, he is an avid runner, hiker, and nature enthusiast. Some honors include: Social Entrepreneur of the Year, 8 80 Cities' Knight Emerging Cities Champion, and Lauren K. Weinberg Humanitarian of the Year Award.