

## *More info about the G5*

**Juan Orozco**, the first Latino immigrant Mayor in the history of the city of Ukiah, has lived in Mendocino county for 41 years. Juan was born in a small village in the mountainous region of the state of Michoacan, Mexico. He is the youngest of 12 children his mother raised. He followed the footsteps of older brothers and sister when he migrated to Mendocino County in 1980. Orozco has always been active in community organizing and working full time jobs. He applied for citizenship status under the 1986 Agricultural Workers Amnesty, and helped many others apply for citizenship as well. Mr. Orozco obtained college and university degrees, as well as a multi subject teaching permit. Juan feels deeply indebted to the people of this country for all the opportunities and successes he has enjoyed.

['From Goat Herder to Mayor': Juan Orozco Sworn In as Ukiah's First Latino Mayor](#)

**Chatnaree Upton** was born and raised in Bangkok, Thailand. She earned a BS in Physics and Education from Chulalongkorn University. It has been her passion to teach and to help others understand and have that "aha" moment. Subsequently she traveled the world as a flight attendant for Japan Airlines. After four years, she moved to the United States. She became a part-time physics and astronomy instructor at Mendocino College while working at Ukiah High School as the physics/mathematics/MESA teacher and STEM club advisor. She later earned a Master of Science in Mathematics from Emporia State University. Integrating mathematics and science is the passion that she wishes to continue sharing with her students.

[Mendocino College Professor of Mathematics](#)

**Michael Hunter** has served as Tribal Chairman of the Coyote Valley Band of Pomo Indians. He studied at Sonoma State University and is a dedicated advocate for his community. In this he continues the work of his mother [Priscilla Hunter](#), a renowned Tribal leader and environmental activist who was committed to preserving her Pomo cultural heritage for future generations.

[Pomo Perspective with Michael Hunter](#)

**Troyle Tognoli** studied Administration of Justice/Social Science at Mendocino College and then worked 10 years with the Mendocino County courts, in juvenile probation, drug court, and the development of Mendocino Counties Victim Witness Program. She implemented protocols for the courts to interact directly with the local battered women's shelter in order to protect women seeking help. Subsequently, Troyle was employed for nearly 20 years at Mendocino County Health and Human Services Agency.

Long an advocate for rights and an activist at heart, Troyle founded Black Lives Matter Mendocino. [SEIU 1021 Member Spotlight: Troyle Tognoli Retires After Decades of Bringing Needed Change to Mendocino County](#)

**Ian Morris** grew up on Dora St. and attended school in Ukiah, graduating from high school in 2011. He followed his father John Morris into the construction profession and family plumbing business.