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Vernita is a long-time community activist with over 30 years of experience advocating for social justice and the advancement of sexual and reproductive health and rights in San Diego, California. As Vice President of External Affairs at Planned Parenthood of the Pacific Southwest, she directs strategy for the organization's external-facing work in the counties of Imperial, San Diego, and Riverside, including communications, supporter and community engagement, education, marketing, and public affairs. Vernita serves on several advisory groups and nonprofit boards. She holds a master's degree in Nonprofit Leadership and Management from the University of San Diego.

