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First 5 Contra Costa Welcomes Pankti Clerk as the New Finance and Operations Director

First 5 Contra Costa is pleased to announce that Pankti Clerk has accepted the position of Finance and Operations Director and will officially join the team on December 30, 2022.

Pankti brings an abundance of knowledge to the role and has almost two decades of local government experience. She has worked in operations, finance, change management, IT, city planning, public works, business/economic and community development, and organization development.



“I am pleased to welcome Pankti into the First 5 team and statewide First 5 Network of leaders.” said Ruth Fernández, First 5 Contra Costa Executive Director. “Her broad understanding of local government, and her strong leadership and management skills are a complement to First 5’s strengths. Pankti will be an important part of furthering our important work on behalf of young children and families.”

Most recently Pankti was an Administrative & Fiscal Services Manager with the City of Berkeley. Prior to that, she served as a management and organization development consultant. Pankti grew up in the South Bay before going on to earn a bachelor's degree in economics from the University of California, Santa Cruz and a master's degree in organization development from Sonoma State University.

First 5 Contra Costa is confident that Pankti's passion for finance and operations will continue the organization's success and contribute to its vision that all of Contra Costa's young children will be healthy, ready to learn, and supported in safe, nurturing families and communities.

Please join First 5 Contra Costa in welcoming Pankti and share in the excitement as we enter into a new chapter of our continual support of parents and families and strengthening systems that give our youngest children the best start in life.



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About First 5 Contra Costa

First 5 Contra Costa helps young children start school healthy, nurtured and ready to learn by investing in services and activities focused on children during their first five years—the most important time in children's development. Learn more at www.first5coco.org.