

## **La Luz Center – Director of Development**

La Luz Center is pleased to welcome Filomena Spero as the new Director of Development

11 July 2022 – Sonoma, CA: **La Luz Center** has selected **Filomena Spero** as the organization's new Development Director.

"We are very excited to have Filomena join our team as the new Development Director for La Luz. We believe she will bring her passion and love of development and strategic vision to La Luz." says Executive Director, Leonardo Lobato.

Filomena has over 25 years of development and educational experience. Having begun her career as an educator, she is passionate about fundraising to provide opportunities for every individual, regardless of obstacles, the resources needed to recognize their full potential.

In 2015, Filomena left her native Chicago to accept a multi-year contract with Katherine Delmar Burke School, an independent all girl school in San Francisco, to assist with their 20M capital campaign. Following her role with Burkes, Filomena served as the Executive Director for FACE (Family Aid-Catholic Education) for the Oakland Diocese providing financial assistance to students attending elementary and secondary diocesan schools throughout Contra Costa and Alameda Counties.

Prior to moving to the Bay area, Filomena was recruited by Neurosurgery Research and Education Foundation (NREF), the foundational arm under the American Association of Neurological Surgeons, to develop an individual giving campaign and create the infrastructure needed to meet their fundraising needs in specialized areas of research. Before joining NREF, Filomena spent 10 years working in higher ed development where she began as the Director of the Annual Fund before transitioning into Major/Planned Giving.

"Although my professional career has been primarily in the educational sector, I was looking for a purposeful mission to apply the strategies and successes I have learned over the years. La Luz is exactly the type of organization I was hoping to join and I am thrilled beyond words to be joining such a successful, passionate and committed team." ~ Filomena