

THE LIBRA FOUNDATION

Crystal Hayling Named the New Executive Director of The Libra Foundation

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The Libra Foundation is pleased to announce the selection of Crystal Hayling as its new Executive Director. “At this pivotal time in our country’s history, we want to keep pushing the boundaries of what’s possible in social change philanthropy,” said Regan Pritzker, the family member who led the search process.

Crystal brings to The Libra Foundation a wealth of domestic and international experience across a broad spectrum of issues, grounded in equity. She recently lived in Singapore where she built bridges between civil society and emerging donors in Southeast Asia concerned about income inequality. As managing director of the Aspen Institute’s Environment Fellowship, she designed a global leadership program focused on the food system’s impact on the environment. Previously, she was CEO of the Blue Shield of California Foundation where she spearheaded work to achieve universal health coverage. She was part of the founding team at The California Wellness Foundation where she led a groundbreaking initiative to shift youth violence prevention from a criminal justice issue to a public health one. She has served on the boards of the Center for Effective Philanthropy, Northern California Grantmakers, Asian Venture Philanthropy Network, and Grantmakers in Health. She has also lived and worked in China and Mexico.

The Libra Foundation is unique and compelling because it centers social justice at the heart of its work,” said Ms. Hayling. “With so many communities under attack, I am thrilled to build the team that guides the next wave of Libra’s support of organizations fighting for human rights both here and abroad.”

Born and raised in Florida, Crystal is a graduate of Yale University and Stanford’s Graduate School of Business. She and her husband live in the Bay Area with their two teenage sons.

She joins the Foundation on a full-time basis in September 2017.