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Dr. Govine is CEO of G. Govine Consulting (1985-present) and specializes in human resources/diversity/organizational development, labor, and workplace issues as an expert witness, litigation consultant, investigator, mediator, coach, trainer/facilitator, writer, and public speaker.

From 1983-1990 she was Executive Director, Pasadena Commission on the Status of Women. Her prior work experience includes National Director of Education, NAACP focused on civil rights and racial inequities within public schools and higher education institutions.

Dr. Govine is co-founder/facilitator, Pasadena City Conversations about Race; co-founder/Board Secretary of Consejo Fronterizo de Arte y Cultura (COFAC), an international arts and culture 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization based in Pasadena, CA and Tijuana, B.C., Mexico. In 2007, COFAC received a generous grant from the Annenberg Foundation to renovate a building to create an international art and culture center, "La Case del Tunel" a few feet from the Border. Consejo Fronterizo de Arte y Cultura (COFAC) was a recipient of a mini-grant from the City of Pasadena Cultural Affairs Division to sponsor a group of musicians, La Ballena de Jonas, from Tijuana, B.C., Mexico to play at One Colorado during Pasadena's Art Weekend, October 2007. Dr. Govine is the President of The Friends, a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization in Pasadena, CA focused on gender issues in the workplace, primarily sexual harassment and economic violence against women.

She was a member (community diversity expert) of a four-person team including artists Wick Alexander, Robin Brailsford and Luis Ituarte in 2004-2005, to compete with other teams and create a memorial public art piece on Highway 94 in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. via the City of San Diego Commission for Arts and Culture. We were chosen as one of three finalists. Dr. Govine is a member of Public Address: Artists Shaping Public Spaces, comprised of artists and citizen artists in San Diego since 2005. In 2006, Dr. Govine created an altar in memory of Rosa Parks in collaboration with Los Angeles-based artist Victoria Howard during the "Day of the Dead" celebration at Barnsdall Art Center, City of Los Angeles Cultural Affairs Department. She wrote an article entitled "Honoring Rosa Parks," for the Pasadena/San Gabriel Valley Journal November 20, 2005. In 2007 she joined artists Nina Karavailes and Mario Lara to develop a proposal to compete with other teams for a memorial public art piece at San Diego Mesa College in honor of Rosa Parks

Dr. Govine is Co-Producer with Charlotte Collins, "Economic Violence—Life Interrupted: Sexual Harassment and the Downward Spiral of the Working Woman," video, and video Study Guide, a Project of The Friends of the Pasadena Commission on the Status of Women, Pasadena, CA. and WWAC Productions, Sierra Madre, CA, July 2002. She was Co-Director & Co-Producer with Sarah Schneiderman, "Women for A Change" video, Pasadena, CA, March 30, 1992. Dr. Govine is an international speaker and columnist for the Pasadena/San Gabriel Valley Journal Newspaper, and Writer for PIHRAScope Magazine, The California Labor Letter, Business Life magazine, and The Magazine. She is the author of Laying the Foundation: An Employer's Guide to Developing an Effective Diversity Program Handbook and The Individual Action Mapping ("I AM") Report.

**She received a “Woman of Excellence Award in Business” from the Pasadena YWCA and Mary Lamps Award for outstanding support and contributions to issues and programs impacting women from the City of Pasadena Commission on the Status of Women. Dr. Govine was honored to be a participant, in “ROOTS–Celebrating 25 Years!,” Television broadcast, NBC/Warner Brothers, Los Angeles, CA, January 18, 2002.**

**A selected number of clients include: Art Center College of Design, Pasadena; Museum Stores Association, Los Angeles; Pasadena City College; City of Pasadena, Pacific Oaks College; Wescom Credit Union; Walt Disney Company; Flintridge Foundation; Eastern Association of Colleges and Employers (EACE); and Denny’s Restaurants.**

**Dr. Govine taught business courses at Glendale Community College, Pasadena City College, Pacific Oaks College, Chapman College and the University of Phoenix. She earned a Bachelor’s degree and Masters in Business Education from New York University and a second Masters and Doctorate in Higher and Adult Education Administration and Research from Columbia University. While at New York University, she was the first recipient of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. one-year scholarship to complete her first masters. She holds a Certificate in Alternative Dispute Resolution from Pepperdine University School of Law, and a Certificate in “Environmental and Public Policy Facilitation Training” from UCLA. She received a State of California Community College Teaching credential, (AKA Gerda Steele).**

**She lives in Pasadena, CA and Tijuana, B.C., Mexico with her husband artist, teacher and cultural promoter Luis Ituarte, and their Queensland Blue Heeler (Australian Cattle dog), Tres Colores.**

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