

Anahid (Baboomian) Brakke is a first generation Armenian whose father immigrated from Iran, and she is the first in her family to earn a bachelor's degree. Anahid grew up in a small, working class town in Oregon and paid for her own education at Wellesley College by working and taking numerous semesters off to earn and save money. After graduation, Anahid spent 5 years managing data on fixed income securities for a financial software company, specializing in mortgage backed securities and collateralized debt obligations. After relocating to San Diego, at the age of 31, Anahid changed her career path and began working in philanthropy at the San Diego Foundation. Over the next decade, she worked as a program officer at different foundations and has provided and managed more than \$14M in grants to support anti-poverty programs and nonprofit collaboration countywide.

Over the past 7 ½ years, as CEO of San Diego Hunger Coalition, Anahid has applied her deep knowledge and expertise on solutions to poverty, fostering collaboration, and nonprofit capacity building to growing the Hunger Coalition, more than tripling the organization's budget, staff size and number of programs and collaborative tables. She currently serves as Chair of the County of San Diego's Social Services Advisory Board and, in 2021, served as Chair of its ad hoc Enrollment, Access & Outreach Task Force, created by the Board of Supervisors to improve how the County's Health and Human Services Agency administers SNAP and other benefits, with the goal of making it easier for populations that face barriers to enroll.