

Halia Y. Perkins

Ms. Perkins is President and Management Consultant at Hypress Enterprises, the company she founded in 2000. Her company is multi-faceted and includes management consultancy, commercial finance, international real estate sales, and philanthropic interests. Beginning her professional career as an educator, Halia has worked in the mortgage banking and real estate industries for over 30 years both domestic and internationally. She is a licensed California Real Estate Broker, a HUD Direct Endorsement Underwriter and Certified Review Appraiser.

Halia was named Urban Banker of the Year in 1995. She received Union Bank of California's Community Service Award in 1996. Her philanthropic involvements leading to and following those two awards include multiple leadership positions, such as:

- North San Diego County Association of Realtors as Commercial Real Estate Division Chair
- Christmas in April*USA Board Member and National Fundraising Chair for 1996 National Conference
- National Association of Urban Bankers as Vice President for Economic Development
- San Diego Urban Bankers as President/CEO
- Founding President at Christmas in April*Greater San Diego (now known as Rebuilding Together)
- Board Member, Christmas in April * Flagstaff, AZ
- President at San Diego Home Loan Counseling Service
- Community Advisory Council Member at San Diego Community College District
- President at African American Museum of Art.

Along with other involvements in the San Diego Catholic Diocese over the past 30 years, Halia currently serves as a certified Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist and as certified Lector at The Church of the Nativity in Rancho Santa Fe, CA.

Her work in the private sector has included management consultant, middle and senior management positions at Wells Fargo Mortgage Bank, J. P. Morgan Chase, Countrywide Home Loans, Nationstar Mortgage, and other financial institutions. She developed the Mortgage Banking Studies Program at the San Diego Community College District, then taught there part-time for two years as Adjunct Professor.

She received the Master of Public Administration from University of Nevada-Las Vegas where she specialized in Urban Planning (1978). She subsequently completed post-graduate studies in finance, accountancy, and business communications at Grambling State University (1982). Her B.A. in Psychology (1972) was followed by post-graduate studies in Developmental Psychology at University of San Francisco (1973).

Halia, a native of Louisiana, relocated to San Diego County in 1986 and has been a resident of the Del Mar/Rancho Santa Fe area since 1995. She has performed internationally as both jazz and gospel singer and authored one illustrated children's book under pen name Hedy Perkins entitled, "Gino the Giant Slayer", currently available on Amazon.com.