



Kimberly Ellis

Executive Director
Emerge California

Kimberly Ellis has revolutionized Democratic politics in California through her work as the first African American Executive Director in Emerge America's national network. Kimberly has dedicated her career to supporting, training, and inspiring Democratic women to step into political power all across California.

In six years and under her leadership, Emerge California has greatly expanded its reach, effectiveness, and visibility. Today, more than half of Emerge California's 330 alumnae currently serve in elected or appointed office. Kimberly's commitment to diversifying the state's political landscape to become truly and authentically reflective of its electorate is reflected in the Emerge alumnae: 56% are women of color.

Ellis has worked in private industry, state government and the non-profit sector, developing leaders and successful organizations across platforms. In 2009, she was appointed by the Mayor of the City of Richmond to serve as a Commissioner for the Community Development Commission.

Currently, she serves as the Recording Secretary for the African American Caucus of the California Democratic Party.