

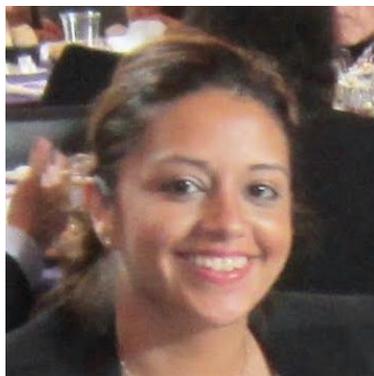
WATCH CDC-- *Slate of Board of Directors*-- June 2020



**Caroline Coste (Co-President)** is originally from the Dominican Republic and is a homemaker. She joined the Board because she greatly admires the work that WATCH does for the Waltham community and because she likes to help other people. Through WATCH, she feels like she is contributing something to the community. Caroline thinks this work is important because it guides the immigrant and low-income communities to excel in different ways and helps them access the opportunities our community offers. She wants to thank WATCH for the support and guidance she received when moving to the United States.



**Paulette Jenner (Co-President)** teaches English as a Foreign Language to adults. She is originally from Toronto, Canada. Paulette joined the Board because she wanted to help make Waltham a better place for everyone, especially immigrants, children, seniors, and low-income residents. She thinks WATCH's work is important because everyone needs education and safe, affordable housing to help them realize their dreams. Paulette admires that WATCH works to bring these essential ingredients for a happy life to the entire community, and connects people to their neighbors so that everyone feels at home in Waltham.



**Kiara Cardona (Treasurer)** is an architect and mother of two. Her parents came to this country from Guatemala, lived in California and migrated to Waltham when Kiara was a year old. Kiara recently became a certified architect. Kiara sees Waltham as a town with a rich history of hardworking immigrants who work for better futures for themselves. One of Kiara's goals is to be able to give back to her community and use her talents to make Waltham a better place for us all.



**Mary Benard (Clerk)** has lived in Waltham with her husband George for 10 years. She started her involvement with WATCH as an English tutor because she wanted to pay forward the help she has gotten from others over the years and because she believes that immigrants bring many gifts and strengths to a community. She is the publishing director for the Unitarian Universalist Association.



**Sherline Germain (Executive Committee)** is originally from Haiti and came to the United States with her mother. Sherline works as a bus driver for the NRT transportation company. She joined the board of directors for WATCH in order to help herself and others. She thinks WATCH's work is important because we do a lot for the community and care deeply about individual needs.



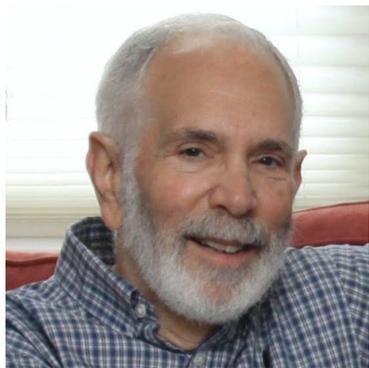
**Melvin Acevedo** is originally from Guatemala and has lived in Waltham for the past 16 years. He currently works at Buy & Consign in Waltham. He is passionate about WATCH's mission and helping the community. Melvin thinks WATCH's work is important because WATCH helps immigrants to learn English and understand their rights.



**Saber Girgis** is originally from Egypt, where he worked as a social worker and had a background working with nonprofits and NGOs. Saber joined the board because he wanted to express his opinions about immigrants and help to solve problems related to immigration. He thinks WATCH's work is important because we offer lots of help to people who are coming to the United States and do a wonderful job of supporting immigrants and people with limited financial and housing means.



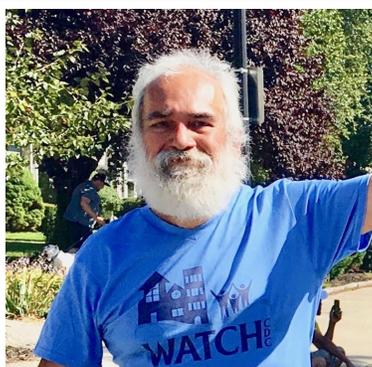
**Virginia Monroe** became a WATCH member in 2004. Virginia provides important insight into the needs of the community, as she has been an involved resident on the South Side for many years. Virginia enjoys spending time with her grandchildren and also volunteers at the Salvation Army soup kitchen and is active with the Mel King institute. She supports WATCH to keep Waltham affordable for working class families. Virginia shows us how to lead with courage in the continuing fight for more safe and affordable housing in Waltham.



**Ken Rabinoff-Goldman** is a retired chiropractor who spent most of his life in New York, before moving to Waltham three years ago to be closer to his grandchildren. He is an avid cyclist, baker and cook and loves to read, study and volunteer. He first came to WATCH as an assistant ESL teacher; he loves watching the students work hard and succeed. Ken feels the opportunity to serve on the Board of WATCH will allow him to assist in accomplishing its many goals as we respond to our community's ever changing needs.



**Nuria Sanchez** is a native of El Salvador and works as a Parent Liaison for Waltham High School. She is an avid learner and an active participant in the Tenant Action Group (TAG). She earned a certificate from Mass Bay Community College in Early Childhood Development. Nuria is married to Eswin Garzona and is the proud mother of five sons. She has also studied English at WATCH.



**Ascander Suarez** is a renowned computer scientist from Venezuela with experience teaching as a professor. He and his wife Adriana have been attending ESL classes at WATCH since the fall of 2018. He volunteer-taught a Spanish language computer course for WATCH students that ran three sessions. He is a leader inside and outside the classroom.



**Linda Walden** is retired from work as a college writing instructor for ESL students and has taught and tutored at WATCH and volunteers at the office. She is originally from Maine. Linda joined the Board because she believes that the programs, services, advocacy, and leadership opportunities offered by WATCH are so vitally needed by the clients. She thinks this work is important because WATCH plays a vital role in educating the community on the issues and needs of our clients.