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Northern California COMTO

COMTO of Northern California is deeply saddened by the loss of our beloved National President/CEO, Ms. Julie Cunningham. Julie was a force of nature, a fabulous and inspirational leader and a very caring person. Julie fought tirelessly for a level playing field so that minorities could fully participate at the highest levels in transportation-related careers, contracting opportunities and projects that impacted minority communities.

It was clear from every contact with Julie Cunningham that she held a higher vision. When I asked her about our Northern California chapter concerns, her responses always made me stand more proudly and think more broadly. I shared her concerns for youth, as COMTO of Northern California has been an early and enthusiastic participant in the C.I.T.Y. intern program. During the Council of Presidents meeting in September of 2013, I was deeply moved when Julie Cunningham expressed concern for one of the COMTO interns, saying “Although at times he can be rough around the edges, we will hold onto him with love and never let go – these young people represent an essential part of our COMTO family”. I totally agreed with her that we must hold open the doors for those coming behind us and train them to become our best selves. We offer our thoughts and prayers to Julie Cunningham’s family, friends, and to our COMTO family.

Sincerely,

Dana Lang
Chapter President
COMTO of Northern California