

## Biography for Liang Chao

### **Education**

B.S. Computer Engineering, National Chiao Tung University  
Ph.D. Computer Science, Princeton University

### **Elected/Advisory Board**

- Board Member, Cupertino Union School District (CUSD), 2016-present
- Board Member, YMCA Camp Campbell, 2016-present – outdoor science education & overnight camps

### **Awards**

- Cupertino Recognizes Extra Steps Taken (CREST) Award, 2017
- Young Investigator Award, National Science Foundation, 1994

### **Community Involvement and Advocacy (ongoing)**

- Environmental Protection:
  - Representative for CUSD Board in Safe-Route-to-School (SR2S) meetings in Cupertino and Sunnyvale
  - Member, Sierra Club, Loma Prieta Chapter
  - General Chair of 2019 Ride4Diabetes , De Anza Lions Club
- City Planning Policies:
  - Co-founder of Better Cupertino - a community group for transparency, accountability and community engagement in local government
  - 2018 Housing Chair, League of Women Voters, Southwest Santa Clara Valley Chapter
  - Member, Livable California – 9-county group for local control in planning decisions
- Science and Technology Education
  - Volunteer Teacher with TEALS to teach Computer Science in high schools, serving underprivileged students
  - Encorps Fellow (STEM Teachers Program) for STEM classes
- Community Services
  - Member, De Anza Lions Club
  - Volunteer for food distribution at Second Harvest Food Bank
  - Volunteer for voter registration at Citizenship Ceremony with Asian Law Alliance

### **Leadership Education (completed)**

ALF School Board Leadership Academy, 2018  
Asian Pacific American Leadership Institute, 2017  
Sheriff's Communication Academy, 2017

### **Employment**

- CEO, MindX (current, a startup for education enrichment & technology)
- Software Engineer, Quickturn and then Cadence Design Systems, 18 years.
- Visiting Researcher, Technical University of Munich, Germany, 2 years.
- Assistant Professor, Department of Computer and Electrical Engineering, Iowa State University, 3 years.

### **Hobbies**

Skiing, biking, hiking and visiting beaches with family and friends.

I used to love ballroom dancing, swimming, gardening, and painting. Now I only have time to take cellphone photos of what I appreciate since my new hobby is volunteering.

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