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***Palm Springs Life Celebrates the Coachella Valley's '40 Under Forty'***  
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PALM SPRINGS, CA (July 24, 2018) — Every four years, *Palm Springs Life* asks the community to nominate the Coachella Valley's most inventive leaders and achievers under age 40 who are melding fresh ideas and a strong work ethic to help shape our region's future.

The nominations are in, and a panel of judges has selected a new 40 Under Forty, leaders in a variety of fields — healthcare, architecture, finance, media, real estate, visual and performing arts, fashion, retail, public administration, nonprofit, and others — to be featured in the October 2018 issue of *Palm Springs Life*.

This bright young group will assemble this summer at the Kimpton Rowan Palm Springs for a *Palm Springs Life* photo and video shoot and interview. The San Jacinto Mountains and the hotel's chic décor create a perfect backdrop to celebrate these talented individuals. Video interviews and profiles will be posted on [palmspringslife.com](http://palmspringslife.com).

We invite you to join us at the Kimpton Rowan Palm Springs, for the opportunity to get to know these individuals and share their talent with your platforms. The photo shoot and video interviews will take place Wednesday July 25 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Please RSVP to [events@palmspringslife.com](mailto:events@palmspringslife.com). We hope to see you there!

**Congratulations to the 40 Under Forty:**

Kristin Bloomer: *Sponsor & Development Manager, Palm Springs International Film Society*

Dr. Athena Brasfield, OD: *President/CEO, Coachella Valley Optometry*

Claudio Bravo: *Owner/CEO, Bravo Properties*

Ryan Campbell: *Artist*

Briana De Aztlan: *Entrepreneur, Eventscape*

Tizoc De Aztlan: *DeAztlan Consulting, LLC*

Robert Downing: *Broker Associate, Robert and Tracy Real Estate Group*

Katelyn Empey: *Attorney, Slovak Baron Empey Murphy & Pinkney LLP*

Katie Evans: *Director of Communications and Conservation, Coachella Valley Water District*

Dennis Flaig: *VOP/General Manager, Saks Fifth Avenue*

Pastor Derek Fossey: *Senior Pastor, Hope Lutheran Church*

Dr. Sonja Fung, ND: *Owner/Naturopathic Doctor, Live Well Clinic*

Kimberleigh Funkey: *Owner, Power Yoga Palm Springs*

Jenny Gil: *Executive Director, Desert X*

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Christy Gilbert Holstege: *Councilmember/Attorney, City of Palm Springs*  
Marcie Graham: *Marketing Management Coordinator, City of La Quinta*  
Chelsea Healey: *Associate Attorney, Slovak Baron Empey Murphy & Pinkney LLP*  
Andie Hubka: *Owner/Executive Chef, Cork & Fork, Cooking with Class, Heirloom Craft Kitchen*  
David Humphrey: *Attorney/Partner, Cosgrove, Cosgrove & Humphrey*  
Troy Kudlac: *Owner/President, KUD Properties Inc.*  
Athalie Lapamuk: *Owner & Operator, Ice Cream & Shop(pe)*  
Adnan Lapamuk: *Founder, OnTable Media*  
Dr. Jenna LeComte-Hinely: *CEO, HARC, Inc.*  
Jeanette Leon: *Owner/Designer of Mixé Clothing and Leon's Landscaping & CCO Tree Service Inc.*  
Rafael Lopez (Alf Alpha): *DJ Alf Alpha*  
Abe Liao: *General Manager, Kimpton Rowan Palm Springs*  
Oscar Lua: *Partner/Contractor, Statewide Services Inc.*  
Claudio Marfia: *General Operator/Chef, Il Corso*  
Tyler McLean: *Co-founder/Producer, Splash House*  
Davis Meyer: *Partnership Manager, Greater Palm Springs Convention & Visitors Bureau*  
Richard Nolan: *Managing Director, The Agency*  
Alexis Ortega: *Director of Community Engagement, The LGBT Community of the Desert*  
Richard Read: *Owner/Interior Designer, Richard Read Interiors*  
Catherine Robinson: *Business Development, First American Tile*  
Robert Sabo: *Operations Manager, Desert Moving Company*  
Steve Shields: *Owner/Contractor, Shields Residential*  
Christine Soto: *Owner, Dead or Alive Bar*  
Jamie Steinberg: *CEO/President, Mint Modern Marketing*  
Michael Verbitski: *Director of Patient Access, Tenet Health*  
Mike Weibel: *General Manager, Indigo Auto Group*  
Dr. Brittany Yates: *Veterinarian, VCA Desert Animal Hospital*

Take a good look and read their bios in the issue, coming October 2018. We're certain you'll be as impressed as we were.

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## **About Palm Springs Life**

For 60 years, *Palm Springs Life* has been widely known as "California's Prestige Magazine." The award-winning monthly publication celebrates the culture, vibe, and people of Greater Palm Springs with witty and thoughtful coverage of fashion, dining, architecture, interior design, real estate, art and culture, the environment, philanthropy, society, and more.