

Elizabeth Aguilera

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Biography

Elizabeth Aguilera is an award-winning multimedia journalist. She joined CalMatters in 2016 from Southern California Public Radio/KPCC 89.3 where she produced stories about community health. Her reporting there revealed lead-tainted soil on school campuses near a former lead battery recycling plant that spurred district action. Previously Aguilera was a staff writer at the San Diego Union-Tribune where she covered immigration and demographics. At the U-T, she won a "Best of the West" award for her coverage of sex trafficking between Mexico and the United States. At the Denver Post, where Aguilera wrote about urban affairs and business, she was named a Livingston Award finalist for her reporting on the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. Aguilera has also worked at the Orange County Register. She is a Marshall Memorial Fellow and an International Center for Journalists alum. She is also a lifetime member of the National Association of Hispanic Journalists. The L.A. native is a graduate of Pepperdine University and the University of Southern California. She lives in Los Angeles.

Areas of Expertise

Editing and Production, Social Issues, Podcasting, Reporting, Radio Production

Affiliations

SAG-AFTRA : Member, Cerritos Community College : Journalism Advisory Board, National Association of Hispanic Journalists (NAHJ) : Lifetime Member, Association of Health Care Journalists : Member, CCNMA, California Latino Journalists : Member, Former Board Member

Education

University of Southern California, Annenberg School for Communication & Journalism,
M.A. Specialized Journalism

Pepperdine University,
B.A. Political Science and Journalism

Cerritos Community College
AA Journalism and Public Relations

Accomplishments

Price Child Health and Welfare Journalism Award, Children's Advocacy Institute at the University of San Diego
2020

National Edward R. Murrow Award for "Graying California,"
2020

California Fellow, Association of Health Care Journalists Conference
2020 (postponed to 2021)

California Fellow, Association of Health Care Journalists Conference
2019

One of the most "Influential Latinas" in journalism in Los Angeles, CCNMA
2018

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