

Ethnicity: African Jamaican and Indian **Place of Birth:** Oakland, CA

Party Affiliation: Democratic **Highest Elected Position:** Vice President of the United States (2020-present)

Other Positions:

US Senate, California (2017-21); California Attorney General (2011-17); San Francisco District Attorney (2004-11); Oakland Deputy District Attorney (1990-98)

Clyde Pineda (SFSU 2021)

Kamala Harris (b. October 20, 1954)

Kamala's father was from Jamaica and her mother was from India. Both activist parents took Kamala to civil rights demonstrations that influenced her sense of justice. After her parents divorced, her single mother (d. 2009) raised the two daughters in Oakland, California. Kamala earned a law degree from UC Hastings (1989) and eventually embarked on a political career of public service. She has achieved many firsts: she is the first African-Indian American woman to be elected as Oakland's Deputy District Attorney, San Francisco's District Attorney, California's Attorney General, California State Senator, and Vice President of the United States. Kamala has fought for immigration and criminal justice reform, same-sex marriage, and the reproductive rights of women.