Nikki Calma aka Tita Aida, is a familiar name to the Bay Area communities for the past twenty five years. She is a tireless and proud transgender community leader in the Asian & Pacific islander LGBTQI community and also in the greater LGBTQI of the Bay Area. Her grassroots activism and community advocacy started in the 90’s.

She spearheaded remarkable initiatives and programs to prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS in the A&PI LGBT community that has changed and improved many lives. Tita Aida also has also used her activism and advocacy by producing various events that mobilizes the Transgender Community of San Francisco and has raised significant support for various organizations including the Transgender Law Center, AIDS Housing Alliance and A&PI Wellness Center to help them sustain and continue their vital programming.

She is currently the Director of Programs and Community Engagement at San Francisco Community Health Center (formerly API Wellness). Under her wing are some of the San Francisco’s most important programs that serves marginalized communities in San Francisco. One of them is the Trans Thrive Program, a drop-in center that is dedicated to helping the transgender community succeed in San Francisco. Serving almost over a thousand per year of transgender individuals particularly transgender people of color that are marginalized, homeless and living with HIV from the Bay Area, they provide support to clients, provides them with case management, HIV prevention and education, basic services and support including meals, and provides a safe space for expression and empowerment.