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Chida Rebecca Warren-Darby is the Editor-in-Chief of *Black & Magazine*, which is a premier digital Black lifestyle publication, catering to the 22 to 44-year-old African-American demographic. In addition to publishing, she serves as a media and marketing consultant through her business Rebecca & Company.

Prior to launching her businesses, Ms. Warren-Darby functioned as the Co-Publisher & Managing Editor of *The San Diego Voice & Viewpoint Newspaper*, a family business that serves as the city's oldest and largest African-American publication in its 60<sup>th</sup> year. From small church gatherings to major political campaigns, the *Voice & Viewpoint* as it is affectionately called, reports news from an African-American perspective, highlighting people and events in a more comprehensive manner. In that capacity for almost a decade, she was the youngest African-American newspaper publisher in the country, also serving as the Black Press Association's West Coast Region 5 President, which governed the African-American newspaper publishers tied to the association on the west coast.

Before operating in the role of Co-Publisher and Managing Editor, Ms. Warren-Darby spent her time learning the family's businesses, which included operating San Diego's first Black Chamber of Commerce, created by her mother in 1990. At 22 years old, she served as the organization's Executive Director, creating outlets and forums where economic issues affecting San Diego's Black business community could be addressed.

In 2010, Ms. Warren-Darby founded the Hadassah Project, a nonprofit organization designed to instruct school-aged girls on their image, communication skills, etiquette, educational development, and life lessons. During its summer and after school program offerings, Ms. Warren-Darby and her team were able to reach hundreds of girls locally, offering encouragement, as well as informing the community on the issue of sex trafficking in the Black community, drawing crowds of approximately 400 at sessions. A domestic violence survivor, Ms. Warren-Darby advocates for victims of domestic violence and is currently in the process of writing a recovery book for victims, with the hopes of helping them to advance towards survivorship. She is the author of the children's book *My Prayers Have Power*, which focuses on teaching children the power of prayer.

Currently, Ms. Warren-Darby serves various organizations, including the United Nations Association – San Diego and the Central San Diego Black Chamber of Commerce. She is the recipient of numerous awards and proclamations from Mayor Kevin Faulconer, NAACP, National Council of Negro Women, the San Diego Urban League, and a host of others.

In her spare time, Ms. Warren-Darby enjoys reading, writing, watching Turner Classics, and spending time with her two sons.