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## Holly Quan

Reporter/Anchor  
KCBS RADIO, CA

Born and raised in Oakland, **Holly Quan** graduated from San Francisco State. She got her start in radio at age 16 by interviewing high school friends for the Oakland-based radio news magazine “Youth News.” As a teen reporter In 1984, she covered the Democratic National Convention in San Francisco and was hooked on news. She notes, “I got Ed Bradley’s, Bill Moyers’ and Walter Cronkite’s autographs on the same page. Twenty years later at the Democratic Convention in Boston, I still got butterflies when CBS News’ Bob Schieffer strolled by.”

Her first job came three days after graduating from college at KQED-FM, first as a producer, then reporter and anchor covering the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake and the 1991 Oakland Hills Fire. After a few years at KPIX-FM, she found her home at KCBS Radio in 1997 as a reporter and anchor. Quan isn’t really a foodie; she just loves to eat, whether it’s roasting Hawaiian kalua pig or testing out the latest izakaya. After studying French for 12 years, Quan tried to learn Italian but can only reliably speak dim sum, sushi and tapas.

She says, “It is my privilege to experience first-hand the key moments in Bay Area history — like San Francisco’s gay marriage movement — and bring those human stories to our listeners. Whether it’s standing in the driving rain so commuters know what’s flooded and what’s not or investigating disproportionate cancer rates in Marin County, these are the stories of our communities and ultimately the stories of our lives.”