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## A woman of influence: Krishna Subramanian

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Krishna Subramanian, a 2021 Woman of Influence, is co-founder, president and chief operating officer of Komprise.

*Editor's note: This is an interview with one of the outstanding Silicon Valley professionals selected to be in the 2021 class of Women of Influence. The Business Journal will celebrate the honorees at a special virtual event on June 30; [get tickets here](#).*

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### Krishna Subramanian

**Title/position:** Co-founder, president and chief operating officer

**Company:** Komprise

**Location:** Campbell

**How has the pandemic changed how you lead others?** Remote work can be very isolating, so I use chats and texts to replace the hallway conversations at work, and we always have our webcams on so it feels more personal.

**How has the pandemic changed your outlook on life and work?** It has taught me the importance of enjoying the little things in life — baking cookies with my daughter or sharing a laugh with a colleague.

**What's your strategy for getting your business back to normal after the pandemic?** As a software company, we transitioned pretty easily to remote work, but we are going to a hybrid in-person model.

**What would you like to accomplish in the next year?** Scaling our go-to-market expansion and revenue momentum globally.

**What's the best piece of advice you have ever received?** Successful entrepreneurs are not afraid to take risks, but learn to not repeat the same mistake.

**What is the biggest challenge facing women who want to take on leadership roles?** The lack of sufficient role models means each woman has to push forth and break glass, which is hard.

**A female CEO or business icon you admire?** Indra Nooyi, CEO of PepsiCo — a successful female immigrant leader who created growth with positive societal impact.

**Something about you that would surprise others?** I grew up partly in West Africa.

**How many hours a week do you average at work?** 60

**How do you unwind after work?** Hiking and hanging out with my family.

**What was your first job?** High-performance software engineering to make parallel machines run faster.

**What was your favorite pop-culture discovery during the pandemic?** Podcasts — I am currently listening to Obama's podcast on my walks with our dog.