

ANDY GODINEZ**AGE: 44**

Parent/Code Officer

I am a proud Newport-Mesa Unified alum and lifelong Westside Costa Mesa resident, and I am honored and excited for the opportunity to serve as your Board of Education Trustee for Area 7. I attended Whittier Elementary, Ensign Intermediate, and Newport Harbor High. The first in my family to attend college, I chose a career in public service that allows me to give back to the community that shaped me.

I worked for five years for NMUSD and understand our school district facilities and operations. I have now worked for 18 years with the City of Costa Mesa (including roles with Parks and Community Services, City Clerk's office, and Code Enforcement) through which I have developed broad community relationships and a deep understanding of how government works including budgets, processes, and partnerships. I know how to get things done while staying rooted in our community and finding ways to open doors and uplift others.

Throughout my life, I have remained active in youth development and local leadership:

Board Member - Leadership Tomorrow

Board Member - Costa Mesa City Employee Association

Youth Mentor - Bright Youth

Youth Sports Coach and Program Volunteer Lead - MIKA CDC

Volunteer - Think Together, Love Costa Mesa, and CM Mutual Aid

My personal and professional experience combined with longstanding community relationships and passion for serving our neighborhood makes me uniquely qualified to be your Board Trustee. When homegrown community leaders are present and engaged, young people feel more empowered to believe in themselves. As someone who has walked in their shoes, overcome challenges, and paved my own path, I want to empower and support our students to do the same.

This year, our daughter will start her education in Newport-Mesa. My wife and I are determined that she and her Westside CM peers have better access to high quality education, best-in-class facilities, and enriching extracurricular opportunities that inspire them to dream. Having attended schools in both Westside Costa Mesa and Newport Beach, I have seen the disparities in facilities and resources firsthand. I want to meet that challenge head on with out-of-the-box solutions. I'll partner hand-in-hand with our parents, teachers, administrators, and community organizations to make sure every student is given an opportunity to thrive.

I'm honored to continue serving the community that shaped me. I'm ready to help all NMUSD students achieve their full potential.

I ask for your support and your vote.

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