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I was raised in Santa Ana. My father is an immigrant and longtime skilled laborer, and my mother is a third-generation Santanera. Growing up on Minnie Street, I experienced many of the same challenges our families face today. After Kennedy Elementary and Villa Fundamental, my life changed when a social worker connected me to the A Better Chance Program, which took me to Chatham Hall in Virginia and later Reed College. That taught me a lesson I still carry: talent is everywhere, but opportunity is not.

As Director of Policy and Legal Strategy for an immigrant rights organization, my work happens in immigration courthouses, helping families find legal representation. It means standing beside parents afraid of losing their children, and bearing witness so no one faces the hardest day alone.

Those experiences show me our residents carry many burdens, and our city government can do more to protect them. We deserve leaders who understand what families face.

I have spent my life learning from this city and showing up for it. Now, I am asking for your vote to lead it, with compassion, courage, and a vision for where every resident can belong and thrive. Learn more: SandraForSantaAna.com

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