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Teacher/Researcher

As a first-generation college graduate, I understand the value of education but also recognize that everyone deserves a living wage regardless of education. I grew up in Santa Ana and graduated from Martin Luther King Jr., Carr Intermediate, and Valley High school. I received my bachelor's in Sociology and Political Science from UCSB and my Master of Public Policy from Pepperdine University. Working four years in Sacramento, I realized the limiting research on how Latino/a/x people are treated differently in the justice system because of their race. So, I decided to return home and attend UCI for a Ph.D. in Urban Planning and Public Policy. At UCI, I worked on a project surveying Santa Ana residents about the OC streetcar and gentrification. I learned the critical need for housing, safety, and cleaner streets. If elected, I will fight for affordable housing, community safety, and parking concerns. Since COVID-19 and high rent still impact many, I plan to introduce rent control and housing programs. In addition, I will address housing-related parking issues that many face through community-based solutions. Finally, I want to help older and younger people access community-based mental and behavioral health programs. You can contact me at amaliamejia4citycouncil@gmail.com for questions.

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