

Hi, I'm Chris Salabaj your candidate for city council for district 15. First of all, I would like to thank you for taking this opportunity to educate yourself about the choices you will have in the next election. Your vote will determine the destiny of San Pedro, Wilmington, Harbor City, Harbor Gateway, Watts and Los Angeles.

Friends, we are facing a critical time in our history. Every level of government is facing a fiscal crisis. Locally, we are on the road to a multimillion dollar deficit this year.

Our utilities are sky-rocketing in a time when businesses are closing and people are losing their jobs. And on top of all of this, we have the constant threat of terrorism on our ports and city.

As bleak as things may seem, there are brighter days ahead. A majority of the problems, that we are now facing, were caused by mismanagement, carelessness and a lack of accountability. And like many of you, I say it is time for change.

There are four immediate areas that we need to focus on.

Education

A. The LAUSD is in need of massive restructuring. The mismanagement of its \$20 billion budget has brought the school district to a point in which they will be out of money by the end of this year. We can't sit back and allow this type of negligence to continue.

B. The construction of new schools needs to stop and we need to focus on fixing the schools that we already have. On the same note, the school district needs to listen to the community when there are concerns regarding new developments. We need to invest in our students, not in real estate ventures.

2. Gangs

First of all, we need to support the LAPD with their efforts to rid the streets of these scandalous terrorist groups. The schools are a vital source of intervention. I will work with the district to develop a strategy for our children.

3. Job Creation

Los Angeles has been identified as the 5th most expensive city, in the nation, to do business in. The study was based on the taxes and fees the city impose on businesses. We need to simplify our procedures and reduce costs for those that want to do business here. This will increase the city's revenue and create jobs.

4. Port Relations

A. All aspects of the ports are vital to our community. We need to realize how important these people really are, not only locally, but nationally. Safety of all of the workers and the families that live around the ports needs to be a priority.

Friends, we all know that things have gotten way out of control. The "open wallet" way of spending needs to stop. My decisions will be based on research and practicality.

I promise you change loyalty and progress.

Please visit my website <http://www.chrissalabaj.com/>

You will find more information about me, links to news articles and video pertaining to our district.

Thank you for your time and on March 3rd Vote Chris Salabaj for city council.