
I'm businessman Oscar Mendoza.

I'm a candidate for LA City Council – because I think the last thing we need is another career politician down at City Hall.

We need community leaders who represent us – not the insiders, lobbyists, big donors and interest groups who control our city government.

I run a small business. I meet a payroll every month, stay on a budget, and work to give my customers the service they deserve and demand.

I'm not running because I need a job. I have a job.

I'm running because I want to make sure that we finally get our fair share here in the Valley. I'm running because we need a leader who isn't too busy playing politics to pay attention to the quality of life issues that matter to our families.

Every time we hit a pothole on the street – that's a sign that politics as usual just isn't working. They're still spending plenty of money down at City Hall on perks like free cars. But they aren't doing nearly enough to fill the potholes on our streets.

When we send our kids to overcrowded schools – that's a sign that the professional politicians just aren't getting the job done.

We live in a community scarred by graffiti and crime –we suffer from overdevelopment in some parts of our neighborhoods and no development in others. We're still waiting for simple things like street lights, even paved streets. These are all signs that the politicians just aren't getting the job done.

If you're tired of waiting for real change– I've got a solution.

Let's stop the political musical chairs – and let's start electing leaders who will pay attention to us.

I'm Oscar Mendoza – and with your support I'll expand strong youth after-school and summer programs, and engage our young people in our government and our community.

I'll strengthen community-based policing programs and prevent graffiti and blight.

I'll create a greater voice for small businesses and reduce red tape and bureaucracy.

And most of all, I will insist on accountability from our city government to improve responsiveness, eliminate waste and focus on the greatest needs in our community.

I know we can do better. But we need to start by shaking up city hall – not sending another insider.

You can find out more about my plans at [Mendoza for council dot com](http://MendozaforCouncil.com). I hope you'll take a look. And I would be honored to earn your vote.