

Hello, I am Elizabeth Badger, and I am running for LAUSD school board.

I am running because, I know I can do a good work, and make a difference in the lives of our children. Our children are failing because we have, in fact, failed them. We've failed to provide them with Quality, Smart, Ethical and Thoughtful Leadership. Leaders who will not bow down or bend to the backwards thinking of the status quo. Leaders who fully understand that "Our lives begin to end the day, the day that we remain silent about things that matter." And that is Me!

Let me tell you a little bit about myself

I have lived in the SFV community for about 30+ Years.

Everything I am, I owe to my community

I married in my community,

I Raised a family in my community

I educated myself in my community. I graduated from California State University Northridge with both a Bachelor of Arts and Master's Degrees in Political Science and Public Policy

My husband and I owned a small business for more than 30 years, in SFV, which has taught me:

- **how to Read, Write, and Negotiate Contracts**
- **how to Read and Write budgets, and most importantly...how to stay within budget.**

Most importantly, I am a parent. I am a Mom, who had to fight the LAUSD system in an effort to gain services for my own, autistic, son, Lucas. When Lucas was about 4 years old, we were told, by LAUSD officials, that he probably would never be able to acclimate academically ...*fast forward to today*... Lucas is now a Senior at California State University Northridge with a 3.6 GPA. This happened, because I refused to take NO for an answer!! And I will fight just as hard for Your children...whether you have chosen to place them in LAUSD's Traditional Public or LAUSD's Charters schools, because each of our children, regardless of Race, Creed, Economic or Social Standing; ought to matter! I will be the conduit of thoughtful leadership. While simultaneously adhering to the

Values, Beliefs and Priorities for our children, by creating policies that will ultimately lead to an increase, in their educations, such as:

- **Safety and Security**
- **Investing in Special Needs**
- **Investing in early childhood education.**

I truly believe that every child in Los Angeles deserve a Quality Education. A Free, Fair & Appropriate Education. They deserve a representative who cares about their beginnings, and their endings. A representative who will Stand up and fight for them, even when the going gets rough. And that is me!

I am unafraid and unapologetic when it comes to issues of educational justice. I thank you, and I would be grateful if you would vote for change. Vote for building bridges. Vote for a qualified parent, on the LAUSD Board of Education!

And, I THANK YOU!!