

My name is Jorge Hernandez Rosas and I am currently running for Los Angeles City Council, District 9 because our community deserves better and I am ready to work for it.

I was raised in South Los Angeles and attended 61st Street Elementary, 68th Street Elementary, Bethune, and Fremont High School. Like many families here, my parents came from Mexico for a better life. When my mother passed away when I was 17, I had to grow up fast and take on responsibilities. That experience made me stronger and shaped my commitment to helping others.

Today, I serve our community as an adult education ESL teacher with LAUSD, helping people learn English and improve their lives. I also work as a mental health therapist for a nonprofit, supporting individuals and families through stress and difficult situations. I am currently working on my doctorate in education.

I believe leadership should be fair, caring, and focused on helping people. But the truth is this: for many years, District 9 has been ignored. We have forgotten the use of illegal dumping, broken streets, poor lighting, and unsafe neighborhoods.

Families should not have to walk their children to school and see homelessness, encampments, and prostitution along the Figueroa Corridor, and streets that are not taken care of. Small businesses are struggling and many residents feel unheard.

On top of that, families are living in fear because of ICE raids that are separating families and causing pain in our communities. The fear is real and we must respond with care, support, and action.

If I'm elected, I will focus on real situations. I support affordable housing and strong eviction protection programs so families can stay in their homes. I will also work to reduce homelessness by bringing housing, mental health support, and rehabilitation services directly into our neighborhoods. I will support small businesses and work with large businesses to bring jobs into our community. I will clean our streets, fix our roads, and improve lighting so our neighborhoods feel safe again. I will stand up for immigrant families by helping them access legal support and resources. I will also invest in youth programs and community solutions to prevent crime.

I am not a career politician. I am an educator and mental health professional, and someone who has lived in this community my whole life. I understand the struggles because I have lived them too.

This campaign is not about me.

It's about us.