

ESTUARDO

for LA City Council

Estuardo David Mazariegos Bio

Candidate for Los Angeles City Council, District 9

Estuardo Mazariegos was brought to Los Angeles at age three, fleeing political violence in Guatemala. Growing up in working-class neighborhoods, he saw firsthand how his community was shut out of decisions shaping housing, work, and safety. Inspired by these challenges, Estuardo chose organizing as his path to build real community power. A proud LAUSD graduate who attended Dorsey and Fairfax High Schools, he went on to earn an Associate of Science from LA Trade-Tech, a B.A. in Labor Studies from Cal State Dominguez Hills, and a Master's in Public Administration from Cal State LA, completing his advanced degree as the first in his family.

From the start, Estuardo has turned neighborhood demands into City Hall action. His very first organizing project was on the block, working with South LA neighbors to press the city and successfully secure a stop sign at a dangerous local intersection. Over the last twenty years, his grassroots campaigns have grown in scope—from fighting foreclosure profiteering and big bank predation to delivering generationally significant policy wins for working families. His methodology has remained entirely consistent: knock doors, build trust, build power, and win structural solutions.

As the Los Angeles Co-Director of the Alliance of Californians for Community Empowerment (ACCE), Estuardo has fought on the frontlines of the affordability crisis. Knowing that skyrocketing rents and corporate displacement are the primary drivers of declining public school enrollment—and that nearly half of all LAUSD employees are housing insecure themselves—he has championed housing security as a pillar of community stability. Estuardo co-authored and won the Tenant Anti-Harassment Ordinance (including its 2024 expansion) to stop landlord intimidation and spearheaded the Resident Protection Ordinance, which guarantees a renter's right of return in rebuilt housing and secured relocation payouts of up to \$100,000. Additionally, he helped write the South LA Community Plan Implementation Overlay to close the demolition loopholes that fuel displacement.

Estuardo wins citywide because he knows how to build unbreakable labor-community coalitions. Representing ACCE, he has served as a principal partner and convener within the Reclaim Our Schools Los Angeles (ROSLA) coalition, standing shoulder-to-shoulder with UTLA to defend neighborhood public schools against predatory charter co-locations and privatization. He proudly walked the picket lines in active solidarity during both the 2019 and 2024 UTLA strikes. As a founding organizer of the FIX L.A. Coalition, he pioneered "bargaining for the common good" by linking municipal contracts to direct community benefits, and co-founded the USC Forward Coalition to hold massive private institutions accountable. He co-led the campaign to pass Measure ULA to fund social housing, and introduced the progressive \$15 million Measure ULA motion to provide emergency rent relief to immigrant families impacted by ICE raids.

Estuardo is an immigrant, a lifelong organizer, and a proud public school parent who just enrolled his eldest daughter in LAUSD for her first year of Transitional Kindergarten (TK). Backed by UTLA and running a strictly grassroots, corporate-free campaign, Estuardo refuses all contributions from real estate developers, corporate PACs, and the California Charter School Association. He is running for City Council to bring real, unbought co-governance and working-class power to the center of decision-making at City Hall.

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Endorsements

Category	Endorsers & Supporters
Labor Unions	• SEIU UHW • SEIU-USWW • SEIU 1000 • UAW Region 6 • United Teachers Los Angeles (UTLA) • National Union of Healthcare Workers (NUHW) • Engineers and Architects Association (EAA) • AFT 1521 • SEIU Committee of Interns and Residents (SEIU-CIR) • United Steelworkers (USW) Local 675 • CWA-UPTE • LA County Public Defenders Union Local 148 • United Union of Roofers, Waterproofers, and Allied Workers Local 36
Elected Officials & Community Leaders	• U.S. Senator Bernie Sanders • Los Angeles City Controller Kenneth Mejia • Assemblymember Sade Elhawary • LA City Councilmember Eunisses Hernandez • Former LA City Councilmember Mike Bonin • LAUSD Board Member Rocio Rivas • LAUSD Board Member Karla Griego • Jorge Nuño (Former Primary Opponent)
Organizations & Community Allies	• California Working Families Party • ACCE Action • Democratic Socialists of America - Los Angeles (DSA-LA) • Initiate Justice Action • LA Defensa • LA Forward • Los Angeles League of Conservation Voters • Center for Biological Diversity Action Fund • Sunrise Movement Los Angeles • Jane Fonda Climate PAC • Lead Locally • Stonewall Democratic Club & Stonewall Young Democrats • Korean American Democratic Committee • Pilipino American Los Angeles Democrats • One Fair Wage • Run for Something • Americans for Democratic Action - SoCal • Organize for Peace • Beyond the Ballot • Evolve California • Bruin Democrats • Huelga L.A. Activist • Moms Demand Action Gunsense Candidate Distinction

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