

Paulina Gonzalez

Occupation: Appointed incumbent

Age: 50

My education and qualifications are: I am asking for your vote on November 5, 2024 to the Peralta Community College Board of Trustees Area 2 (East Oakland). I'm not only the appointed Trustee for Area 2 but I am also the parent of a Laney College student, ~~with a disability~~, I know how important it is to center students in all decision making and that is what I do in every vote I take. In my tenure as Trustee, I have been a consensus builder and in December 2023 I was elected President of the Board.

I've dedicated more than 20 years of my life to leading economic justice organizing campaigns to expand worker rights, immigrant rights, and the rights of low-income and underrepresented communities of color.

As a trustee, I've been working to knock down barriers for students of color in East Oakland who have long been ignored or excluded by traditional institutions. Community colleges are a key point of entry for young people looking to make their way and older workers looking to advance their earnings and careers through job training. East Oakland deserves somebody who will fight for them and that is what I do. This is why I am asking for your support.

I am endorsed by: Oakland City Council President Nikki Fortunato Bas, Oakland City Councilmember Kevin Jenkins, Oakland City Councilmember Janani Ramachandran, Oakland City Councilmember Dan Kalb, Building Trades Council of Alameda County, Teamsters Local 856, and Sheet Metal Workers Union Local 104.