



Letters of Support

August 14, 2024

Please note these letters were received after the June Committee meeting. Letters received for the June Committee meeting are on the [Cradle-to-Career Data website](#).

Myra Q. Sanchez

August 2, 2024

To whom it may concern,

I am pleased to write this letter of support for Natalia Gonzalez' appointment to the Community Engagement Advisory Board for the California Cradle to Career Board. I have had the pleasure of knowing Natalia for 20 years as her former kindergarten teacher, and now her colleague working for the Riverside County Office of Education, and I am confident that Natalia possesses the qualifications, drive, and vision needed to make significant contributions to the Board.

Natalia has consistently demonstrated a commitment to her community. She is currently a Board Member for the Desert Park and Recreation District, a local non-profit, where she advocates for community engagement and equity for our youth. She is also The Community Engagement and Partnerships Representative for the Riverside County Office of Education, where she is able to partner with community leaders and organizations to assess and address community needs, as well as create meaningful educational opportunities for families.

Natalia's qualities are many, but her ability to listen and understand the diverse needs of the community is key. Her strong relationships in the community foster inclusive environments where all stakeholder's voices are heard, which is important for engaging communities. In addition, Natalia's experience working within the field of education has given her a clear vision of what the educational needs are in her community, county and in the State of California. Furthermore, Natalia's combined academic and professional background have provided a strong foundation for informed decision making, strategic planning, and the ability to identify educational disparities in our communities.

I am confident that Natalia will bring a wealth of knowledge, a collaborative spirit, and a strong commitment to the mission of the C2C Board. Thank you for considering my recommendation. If you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at [REDACTED]

Sincerely,

Myra Sanchez

Myra Sanchez
Migrant Education Program, Director, Riverside County Office of Education



OneFuture Coachella Valley



August 5, 2024

Selection Committee
California Community Engagement Advisory Board
California Cradle to Career (C2C) System

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing to wholeheartedly endorse Natalia Gonzalez's nomination for appointment to the Community Engagement Advisory Board for the California Cradle to Career System.

I have had the pleasure of working with Natalia over the past two years in her current position as Community Engagement and Partnerships Representative for the Office of the Riverside County Superintendent of Schools (RCOE) where she has been a dynamic partner and invaluable asset to our Regional Plan collaborative.

OneFuture Coachella Valley is a nonprofit that unifies regional efforts to increase educational attainment and career preparedness among low income students to assure healthy and economically thriving youth, families and communities and, simultaneously, a high quality workforce and strong regional economy. A cornerstone of this strategy is developing robust community partnerships and Natalia's efforts at RCOE and across the Inland Empire have been central to this effort.

Natalia is an accomplished professional with an exceptional combination of skills, including a passion for building partnerships that advance success for students across our K-12 system. Recently, she led the expansion of Riverside County Office of Education's signature Student of the Month program to the Coachella Valley with great success. Six times each year, senior leadership from every high school in our valley come together with civic leaders and parents to celebrate an exceptional rising graduate from their schools, culminating with an opportunity for honorees to secure college scholarships in the Spring. The student stories shared are a powerful and inspiring testament to the great things happening on local campuses and sponsorships secured by Natalia fund the scholarships.

Natalia grew up in the Coachella Valley and has built a strong professional network across the Inland Empire. Her leadership style is engaging and she is well-respected by her colleagues and peers at RCOE, Palm Springs Unified School District, Desert Sands Unified School District, Coachella Valley Unified School District, as well as across local government and higher education. Her experience aligns perfectly with your board's goals to facilitate cross sector collaboration among education, workforce and health services to ensure a seamless education pathway for all students.

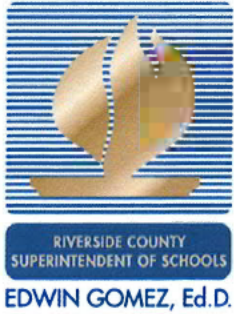
Natalia is a person of integrity, passion and determination. She would be an exceptional addition to the Community Engagement Advisory Board for the California Cradle to Career System, assuring that voices from the Inland Empire and eastern Riverside County are part of the conversation.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [REDACTED]

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kim McNulty".

Kim McNulty
Vice President Regional Strategy



OFFICE OF THE COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT

August 8, 2024

Dear Governing Board:

Subject: Community Engagement Advisory Board Letter of Support for Ms. Natalia Gonzalez

I am writing this letter to wholeheartedly support Ms. Natalia T. Gonzalez's candidacy for appointment to the Community Engagement Advisory Board with the California Cradle to Career (C2C) system. As the Riverside County Superintendent of Schools, I have had the privilege of working closely with Ms. Gonzalez, who currently serves as the Community Engagement and Partnership Representative (CEP) for our office in the Coachella Valley. Ms. Gonzalez is an exceptional candidate with outstanding qualifications, strong leadership skills, and a genuine commitment to educational improvement.

Ms. Gonzalez's role as a CEP Representative is of critical importance in our efforts to build and nurture relationships with various stakeholders in the education sector. She has consistently demonstrated her ability to establish effective communication and collaboration between businesses, school districts, charter schools, advocacy groups, non-profit organizations, philanthropic groups, public sector agencies, and government entities. Through her exceptional interpersonal skills and strategic thinking, Ms. Gonzalez has successfully facilitated the establishment of partnerships that have positively impacted education throughout Riverside County.

The Community Engagement Advisory Board plays a crucial role in ensuring diverse community voices are heard in the development and implementation of educational policies. Ms. Gonzalez's extensive experience in community engagement aligns closely with the board's goals. Her passion for education and her deep understanding of the challenges and opportunities in the field make her an ideal candidate to represent the Inland Empire, an area currently lacking representation on the board.

In conclusion, I wholeheartedly support Ms. Natalia T. Gonzalez for appointment to the Community Engagement Advisory Board with the California Cradle to Career (C2C) system. I am confident that Ms. Gonzalez's passion for positive change, coupled with her exceptional abilities and dedication, will enable her to excel in this role and contribute significantly to the board's mission. Please feel free to contact me by email at [REDACTED] or by cell phone at [REDACTED] if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Edwin Gomez, Ed.D.
Riverside County
Superintendent of Schools

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August 8, 2024

Community Engagement Advisory Board
California Cradle to Career (C2C)

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to wholeheartedly recommend Natalia Gonzalez for the California Cradle to Career (C2C) Community Engagement Advisory Board. Ms. Gonzalez has spent her career, albeit in its early stages, ensuring engagement with communities throughout the Inland Empire to enhance the education system for students. In particular, Ms. Gonzalez has worked diligently to see that underserved and underrepresented students and families receive equitable services. If selected for this role, I am certain that she would serve with pride, integrity, and bring important diversity to the board, as she is more than able to represent the needs of students in California's fastest growing region.

As Ms. Gonzalez's direct supervisor at the Riverside County Office of Education, I can say with certainty that she consistently goes above and beyond in her work because she believes deeply in the power of education to change the trajectories of our students. She embodies the goals of the Community Engagement Advisory Board and would greatly strengthen its ability to engage diverse communities across this region and the state to ensure they are heard and participate in the development and implementation of education policies. She would actively work to identify and promote best practices for community engagement that can be utilized statewide. And she would support the transparency and accountability in community feedback being implemented in C2C's decision-making process.

Ms. Gonzalez is an up-and-coming leader in the field of education and her input and reach would be meaningful additions to the advisory board. She is passionate, accountable, and connected. She is the kind of professional who would expand the reach of C2C and she would do so reliably and thoroughly. She would be able to connect with other advisory board members and build bridges with underserved communities.

I am confident that Ms. Natalia Gonzalez will be an excellent addition to the California Cradle to Career Community Engagement Advisory Board. This appointment would continue to fuel her passion for the power of education. Her career path is certain to be a stellar one, and one thing will remain constant – she will give back to her community and serve as an example to everyone with whom she comes in contact that there is a bright future ahead of them thanks to education. Please do not hesitate to contact me at [REDACTED] or by phone at [REDACTED] if I can provide further support.

Sincerely,

Dominique Samario
Office of the Riverside County Superintendent of Schools

August 9, 2024

Dear Community Engagement Advisory Board,

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for Natalia Gonzalez's appointment to the Community Engagement Advisory Board within the California Cradle to Career (C2C) system. I am confident that Natalia's inclusion will bring invaluable perspectives and contributions to this board.

Through her work at the Riverside County Office of Education, Natalia Gonzalez has consistently demonstrated a deep commitment to community engagement. Her efforts have been instrumental in fostering partnerships between schools, families, and the broader community, ensuring that diverse voices are heard and actively integrated in our districts.

In addition to her professional achievements, Natalia is a full-time doctoral student at the University of Southern California (USC). The unique perspective gained from her advanced studies will be an invaluable asset to the board, allowing her to bring fresh insights and innovative approaches to community engagement and educational policy.

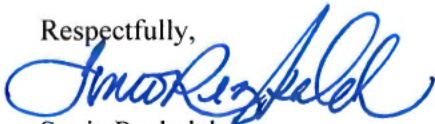
Natalia's appointment would not only represent the diversity of the community but also her firsthand experience and understanding of the unique challenges and opportunities in our region, which make her an ideal candidate to advocate for the community's needs and aspirations.

The work of the Community Engagement Advisory Board is pivotal in creating an inclusive and equitable educational landscape across California. Natalia's proven ability to engage with diverse communities, identify best practices, and champion transparency and accountability will significantly enhance the board's effectiveness. Her leadership will ensure that the voices from the Inland Empire contribute meaningfully to the development and implementation of statewide educational policies.

I urge you to consider Natalia Gonzalez's application favorably. Her dedication, expertise, friendly demeanor, and vision for inclusive community engagement will be a tremendous asset to the California Cradle to Career system and the broader educational community.

Thank you for considering this letter of support.

Respectfully,



Sonia Rezkalah
Administrator, Family Engagement
Leadership Wellness, & Student Services
Riverside County Office of Education

