

Introduction to JACKIE GOLDBERG

When Jackie speaks, I listen.

If you've seen the film "Berkeley in the '60s", you've seen the early Jackie, ever brilliant, ever angry at injustice, ever militant. Most of you know her as an elected leader -- as a member of the LAUSD School Board – from 1983-91 and 2019-2024 – or LA City Council District 13 1993-2000. Or the California State Assembly 2000-2006, the focus of the *other* movie about Jackie -- POLITICAL ANIMALS -- about the 4 lesbians who were the first openly gay people elected to the California legislature. Jackie was in the State Assembly 2000-20006 and she made MARRIAGE EQUALITY happen -- There was a time when wouldn't have had ANY rights as LGBTQ people without Jackie! She took the Domestic Partnership bill back then and put ALL THE SAME RIGHTS as non-gay folks have in it.

Jackie taught in Compton for 17 years before she was elected to the School Board.

She's an expert on Education but more than that on the movement for greater equality in our world.

Over to you Jackie:

My first question to you is a softball....

We loathe the orange fascist here at MWD. Tell us in particular why the cuts at the Dept of Education are so awful....