



Education

My story: Growing up, I never could have imagined I'd one day be where I am, with the opportunity to represent my community in elected office. I owe so much of who I am to the incredible education I've had, which began right here in Campbell.

Coming from a low-income, immigrant background, English wasn't my first language. On the first day of kindergarten at Castlemont Elementary, I didn't know the English word for "sheet," to tell the teacher I had finished my assignment. But I had the benefit of an incredible public school teacher, who stuck with me and spent time before and after school, and during lunch and recess, to bring me up to speed. By the end of the year, I was reading two years above grade level, and that teacher helped spark a lifelong love of learning.

Today, I'm lucky enough to have had such incredible opportunities as graduating with a double major from Yale University, an Ivy League school, and pursuing a Master's at Duke University. My dream is for every Campbell student — no matter where they come from — to have the same opportunities I've had.

A vision for Campbell: I pledge to make Campbell the most pro-education community in Silicon Valley. Our school board members take the lead in making the policy choices that determine how our children will be educated. But as Councilmember, I plan to explore creative ways to work with our school leaders and support the work of educating our children.



I'm also proud to have the support of more education leaders than anyone in this race:

- Tony Thurmond - State Superintendent of Public Education
- Delaine Eastin - State Superintendent of Public Instruction (Former)
- Gilbert Wong - Trustee, Foothill-De Anza Community College District & Former Mayor, Cupertino
- Adrienne Grey - Trustee, West Valley-Mission Community College District
- Jose Magaña - Trustee, San Jose Unified School District
- Eddie Flores - Vice President, South San Francisco School District Board
- Nick Cortez - Vice President, Campbell High School Teachers Association
- Kalen Gallagher - Board President & Trustee, Campbell Union High School District
- Stacey Brown - Trustee, Campbell Union High School District
- Kristiina "Kiki" Arrasmith - Trustee, Campbell Union High School District
- Linda Goytia - Trustee, Campbell Union High School District
- Chris Miller - Trustee, Campbell Union School District
- Richard Nguyen - Trustee, Campbell Union School District
- Ben Austin - Executive Director, Kids Coalition

Policy proposals:

- **Work and meet with school board members**
 - Too often, our local governing bodies don't talk to each other. While a monthly joint meeting has been set up between the City and school boards, it is usually sparsely attended. I plan to proactively work with our education leaders to best serve our community. Where appropriate, I will also actively support our local districts' policy proposals at the state level, as well as to use my voice and platform to support our children's education, such as through penning op-eds in local papers.



- **Explore creative ideas for teacher housing**
 - One of the greatest challenges our community faces is attracting and retaining teachers, as [many can no longer afford to live in Campbell or the South Bay](#).¹ When teachers have to move out, it disrupts our children’s education and threatens the cohesiveness of our community. I’ll explore the use of city-owned land or the possibility of land swap deals to tackle our housing crisis and support our teachers.

- **Support necessary school funding measures**
 - I was proud to support Measures P and K to fully fund our public schools. While those measures failed to pass, I will advocate for increased state and local funding—including through the Schools and Communities First initiative—as we weather the pandemic-induced recession.

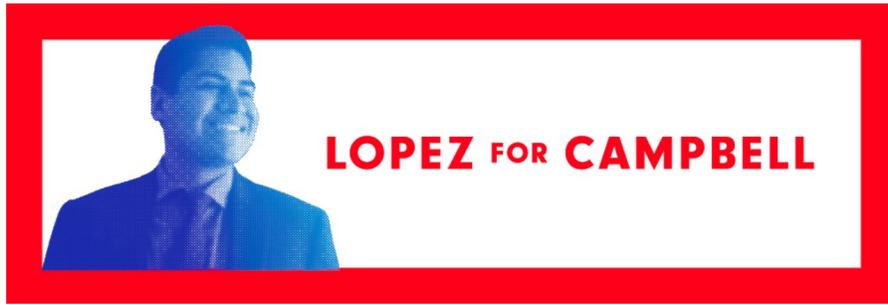
- **Pass citywide mental health policy**
 - Mental health is an issue identified by the Campbell Youth Commission as a major concern. I plan to implement a citywide mental health policy, inspired by [San Jose’s model](#)², in order to raise awareness, increase resources for treatment and prevention, and reduce stigma associated with mental health.

- **Support for school initiatives**
 - As Councilmember, I’ll use my platform to amplify school initiatives such as fundraising drives, and use my private sector experience to bring in new sources of revenue to our local schools.

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<https://sanfrancisco.cbslocal.com/2019/09/17/south-bay-teachers-share-housing-struggle-stories-at-santa-clara-county-town-hall/>

² <https://sanjosespotlight.com/san-jose-leaders-to-craft-a-suicide-prevention-policy/>

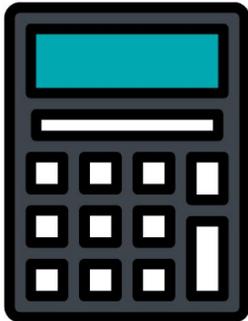


- **Support student pathways to career development**

- I'll work to design and lead a paid internship program for local students to assist in their career development. I will also work with local representatives to publicize the availability of alternative and technical education. Finally, I will enthusiastically participate in our schools' college and career fairs.

- **Meet with every elementary school classroom**

- I pledge to meet with every class of Campbell elementary schoolers and share my story — because everyone should grow up believing that they can succeed in their educational journey.



COST CALCULATOR:

Revenue Neutral

Will not add to existing
City budget