

8th City Council District

Ralina Cardona (D)

Hello my name is Ralina Cardona. Thank you for taking the time to meet me. I am asking for your vote for city council district 8.

I am a lifelong resident of this community. I was born, raised, and live here and I plan on raising my family here.

We face many issues on a daily basis, but unified we can deal with them head on.

Housing is my highest priority because we have one of the highest saturations of public and subsidized housing in the US which causes and perpetuates poverty.

Another focus: Youth. As I say "Our youth are not bad. They are bored."

If we do not keep them busy others will. I propose to develop a provocative young people's campaign titled Imagine A Better Tomorrow. Our youth need quality education and healthcare for a better future.

And where would we be without our elders? If we do not take care of them who will?

Seniors are the pillars and backbone of the history and culture of our families and communities. In advocating for our seniors, we advocate for ourselves, our traditions and our future.

The twilight years of our seniors must not be an economic, social and medical struggle.

These initiatives cannot happen unless we have a healthy economy.

I will work to design a strategy focused on helping our local entrepreneurs become more successful, to bring more wealth into the community, by focusing on retaining consumer dollars that escape the community and attract outside consumers to the district.

Thank you for your interest and time.

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