

I am a 31-year-old Latina professional, proudly born and raised in East Palo Alto. As a first-generation college graduate with a master's degree in Urban Affairs and Public Policy, I have dedicated myself to volunteering with local organizations, advocating for affordable housing, fighting for renters' rights, equitable community development, and staying civically engaged in local policy matters.

Professionally, I lead a grassroots nonprofit organization focused on social, environmental and racial justice. I have spent 5 years mentoring youth from East Palo Alto to become civically engaged through advocacy and community organizing. Additionally, I served 5 years on the East Palo Alto Planning Commission and was Vice-Chair, where I was a consistent, strong voice for equitable development that prioritizes our residents' needs and respects our City's vision. In 2022, I was elected to the East Palo Alto Sanitary District where I am a strong advocate for transparent and efficient governance that prioritizes ratepayers.

I will always keep in mind what is best for EPA and not what suits corporate or individual interests. The residents of EPA will be in the forefront of my decisions. I humbly urge you to vote for me, Ofelia Bello, to serve the community's interest faithfully.