

Candidate Statement

Name: Anna M. Velazquez

Occupation: Mayor/District Director

Age: 53

With over 20 years of experience in local government—including four years as a City Council member, four years as Mayor and more in my current position as District Director for a State Senator—I bring a breadth of experience. My expertise includes administration of federal grants and knowledge of local and state policies. During my time in office, I fought to establish future affordable housing units, secured funding for acquisition of a fire engine to support future growth and public safety needs, initiated the establishment of a Youth Council, advocated for the first-ever inclusive park, and partnered with local organizations to provide evidenced based violence prevention programs and trainings to families.

I have a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminology from CSU, Fresno and an Associate Degree from Hartnell Community College and have participated in numerous Leadership courses.

As a lifelong resident of Soledad, I am passionate about serving our community and working towards a brighter future. When re-elected, I will continue to focus on affordable and workforce housing, economic development, and creating inclusive and equitable policies to encourage community engagement. I will continue to lead with honesty, compassion and integrity.