



Community Advisory Committee
Election of Officers 2022-2023
Candidate Interest Form



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Bryan Davis

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Hello, my name is Bryan Davis, I am one the former Public Relations Officers of CAC. I am current parent of a student with and active IEP and a father of seven children. During my tenure as the public relations officers, I worked with the school’s Parent Center Director to inform them of the various activities of the CAC, encouraged then to empower their parents that have special need to get involved be proactive at their child’s IEP meeting and to advocate for supports and services. If you choose to cast your vote for me, I will continue the work by the previous public relations officers working to build the Parent Ambassador program, attend community fairs/events as I have done during my tenure to bring awareness to all our school communities, I have an extensive background in working with different communities including our homeless population.

I will advocate to have a CAC at our school just like they have an ELAC or an SSC. I will also promote school staff to help parents navigate through the system of special education, advocate for schools to have mandator workshops about special education supports and services. I truly believe this is key in building awareness. As the Public Relation Officer I will work with all parents, staff, and community organizations that want to support our cause for students with special needs.

We as a collaborative group of parents’ leaders we can make a change, help me be the leader who is willing to work had to make that change!

Please vote for me Bryan Davis, your humble servant.



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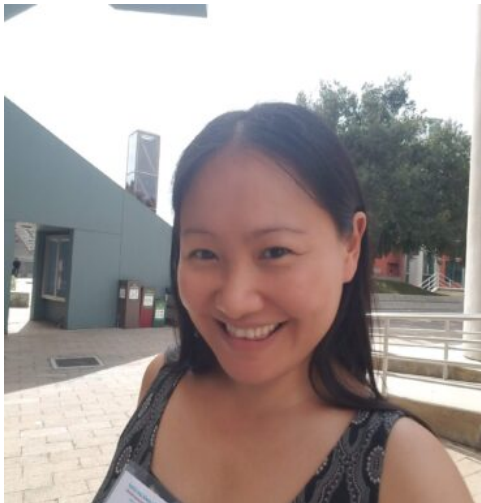
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Miho Murai

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As a former bilingual (Spanish/English) elementary school teacher, a community activist, an immigration/special education attorney for the past 14 years, and a recent educational therapist, I am excited to be a part of the CAC again this year. I work with a broad range of clients, from pre-K to 22 years old, and mostly represent monolingual Spanish speaking families and students who are in the foster care and juvenile justice systems. In addition to serving as the Executive Director of Community Lawyers, Inc., a non-profit based in Compton, I am the Treasurer and Membership Coordinator of CAPCA, the California Association for Parent Attorneys and Advocates and serve as the At Large Board Member of the Historic Cultural North Neighborhood Council. Last year, I had the honor of serving as CAC's Parliamentarian/Historian and the Chair of the IEP Sub-Committee.

I am running again as the Parliamentarian/Historian since I am very familiar and knowledgeable about the CAC Bylaws, the Education Code, the Brown Act, the IDEA, Robert's Rules of Order, and the services and programs that are offered by LAUSD. In addition, I have been involved in multiple organizations in various leadership positions and so I feel very comfortable in ensuring that rules are properly followed in order to have a smooth, respectful, inclusive, and efficient meeting.

In addition to running as the Parliamentarian/Historian, I am also interested in running as the Training and Education Officer. I have years of experience in organizing trainings and serving as a presenter on various topics related to special education. I frequently attend webinars and conferences and so I can bring more diverse speakers to CAC.

If elected for either of these positions, I will ensure that parents' and students' voices are heard and that more efforts are made to educate parents and the IEP team about ALL of the various supports, services, and placement options that are available to students with special needs.



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I have often said that the postion on any commiittee which does the most work during a meeting is the Secretary. In my experience, the person who needs the most “prior knowledge” coming into the room before a meeting starts is the Parliamentarian. The rules for how to run a meeting in a manner that is fair, efficient, and respectful of all can seem very complex, and indeed they are.

Many people believe that the role of a parliamentarian is to tell members how long they may speak, when their time is up, or that they have to be quiet and “come to order.” Actually these statements are made only by a chairperson. What a parliamentarian does is to silently advise the chairperson or other presiding officer on meeting procedure, while a historian maintains records of actions taken.

I have been a parliamentarian on many School Site Councils, PTA and PTSA boards, and in other LAUSD committees and councils. I served as CAC Parliamentarian for two years during my last term on our Committee. I am thoroughly familiar with Robert’s Rules, the CAC Bylaws, and the Brown Act. I humbly ask for your vote as CAC Parliamentarian and Historian. Thank you.

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YOUR FIRST AND LAST NAME:
Ariel S. Harman-Holmes



MY FAVORITE LEADERSHIP QUOTES:

A leader is best when people barely know he exists, when his work is done, his aim fulfilled, they will say: we did it ourselves. —Lao Tzu

You don’t need a title to be a leader. —Unknown

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Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, concerned citizens can change world. Indeed it is the only thing that ever has. —Margaret Mead

At the heart of the Vice Chairperson position is encouraging the leadership of others. The VC should support other officers and members, listen, and strengthen the organization. As a parent of three children with disabilities, I understand the frustration, anger, loneliness and disappointment that many Special Ed families continue to feel in the wake of Covid. Two years ago I joined the CAC and served as Parliamentarian in order to connect with the larger community and learn more about advocating for our kids. As Parliamentarian, I did my best to increase leadership opportunities, clear obstacles to getting our work done, and generally keep everything running smoothly. I also reached out to individuals who expressed frustration or anger with the CAC and its sub-committees and tried to build bridges so that everyone would feel empowered. Last year as Vice-Chair we faced some challenges with losing members and officers throughout the year, but I am so proud and humbled to have played some small part in the work we did accomplish. If you elect me, I promise to continue to do everything I can to listen to your concerns and ideas, to raise your voice and encourage your leadership, and to empower the entire CAC to do the best work possible.

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It is a sad fact that parents and families of students who are newly identified as being in need of Special Education services often have no clue what to do, whom to contact, or even which questions to ask. Remember that very first IEP meeting? You walked into a small room full of teachers and administrators you did not know. You were nervous, anxious, or even scared. You had no idea what was going on, what was expected of you before the meeting ended, or what would happen next.

Yes, somehow you managed to survive that scary IEP meeting. But imagine how many other parents did not have the same positive outcome for their child. These are the parents whose concerns I always remember, because very few of them are aware that our CAC exists and that it supports parents and guardians to become knowledgeable, powerful advocates for children with exceptional needs.

For this reason among many others, we must make it a high priority to publicize our CAC and its important work to the LAUSD Board of Education and to all families in LAUSD. I humbly ask for your vote as CAC Public Relations Officer. Thank you.

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It is often said that in real estate, the three most important factors are: Location, Location, Location. Similarly, the three most important ingredients for us as CAC members to understand our roles and perform to the best of our abilities are these: Training, Training, Training.

Committee members must receive full and complete training as soon as possible. Only with proper training can we be fully prepared to assume our positions on the Community Advisory Committee and do the critically important work of advocating for all LAUSD students with exceptional needs.

Education is just another form of training. Once we have been fully trained, we must then learn as much as possible about the various services provided by the Division of Special Education, not only for our own knowledge, but also to assist us as we reach out to parents and families of students receiving these services. Parents often have no clue what to do, whom to contact, or even which questions to ask, when their child is newly identified as being in need of services. As parent leaders who serve on the CAC, I believe we have an obligation to lift up these families along with our own.

I humbly ask for your vote as CAC Training and Education Officer. Thank you.

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Arlaina Jackson

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My name is Arlaina Jackson. I am a Special Education Teacher for LAUSD. I believe I am a transformative leader. I will leverage all of my resources to create change in the area in which I serve. I promise to stay true to our core values and to use my abilities to assist in implementing the various plans that we come up with. I want to work our vision by imbedding them in my work. I look forward to serving you on the CAC.

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