

Carla G. Hernández

Carla G. Hernández is a passionate STEM special education teacher and student advisor in the East Side Union High School District, dedicated to addressing the opportunity gap in society. Carla was elected to the Oak Grove School Board of Trustees in November 2020 and is currently serving as the board's President and representative in the Board Policy, Evaluation, and East Side Alliance committees.

Carla began her teaching career with Teach For America in 2015 and has served on her school and district teams for social-emotional learning, school site council, multi-tiered support systems, and founded the school's BC2M mental health advocacy club chapter along with the school social worker. Carla has exercised her skills in policy and advocacy, engaging in fellowships such as Urban Leaders Fellowship, New Leaders Council, and Hispanic Foundation of Silicon Valley's Latino Board Leadership Academy and serving organizations like the National Disability Rights Network, Oakland Promise and First5 California. Carla also sits on the Young Education Professionals board and Movimiento Democratic Coalition board and is motivated by building community, learning from others, and drawing on her experience as a first-generation Latina. Vice President Hernández believes in a holistic approach to education and is an advocate for restorative and equitable practices, the mental and physical wellbeing of staff and students, and quality curriculum that reaches all learners and supports the instructional and school vision of staff.

Carla holds a B.A. in cognitive neuroscience from the University of Pennsylvania and a M.Ed in Special Education from Loyola Marymount University.