

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF MORENO VALLEY, DISTRICT 1, SHORT TERM**

ELENA BACA SANTA CRUZ
OCCUPATION: Employee Association President
EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

My family has a long tradition of serving this community. My mother Victoria Baca held this seat for many years, and it is my honor to build on her legacy of compassion, hard work, and helping those who need it.

As your councilmember, I pledge to focus on:

- Creating high-quality local jobs
- Ensuring our kids receive the education they deserve
- Increasing public safety through initiatives that address homelessness, and more
- Making infrastructure improvements such as bettering our roads

I also want to return trust in our local government, something critical to our city's long-term success. During the campaign I will knock on every door I can in District One, while maintaining safe Covid-19 protocols. I will also call voters and make myself available via Zoom, to ensure all local voices are accurately and powerfully represented.

My mother was a job creator and so am I. But I also bring with me a wealth of experience from my years as a Union Representative working in education. I'm committed to bettering the lives of all Moreno Valley citizens and I'm ready to move our city forward into an incredible future.

I would be honored to have your vote for City Council.

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RENE R. RAMOS **AGE: 52**
OCCUPATION: Youth Care Worker
EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

EDUCATION/QUALIFICATIONS: Parent/40 Year Moval Resident / WESTEC COLLEGE/Moval Little League Coach and Food Bank Volunteer. I will fight for immigrants, youth, seniors and the disabled! I will fight to improve the safety of Indian Street! I attended Moval public schools and was an Air Force Junior Officer Cadet. I love Moval! The voice of the middle-class needs to be heard at City Hall!

SAFETY/CORONA VIRUS: Our streets are a mess! Potholes and UGLY Landscaping, you name it we got it! A car killed a child walking by my house in 2017 because of bad street lighting. A driver smashed into my house on Indian street in early 2020. I can't find any CORONA VIRUS test kits for my kids! HOMELESS wander our streets!

WHAT I'LL DO ABOUT SAFETY/CORONA VIRUS. I will promote the SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROGRAM, a federal grant program that promotes walking and biking to school. I will fight to promote a social media hotline for the reporting of potholes. The City must purchase CORONA VIRUS test kits for direct distribution to residents.

GOVERNMENT: I will push to hire a permanent City Attorney! I was raised by a strict Mexican-American mother. Civility not Silliness!

VOTE RAMOS!

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GERARDO MERCADO **AGE: 45**
OCCUPATION: Director / Design Professional
EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

It is time for a new voice in Moreno Valley's District 1. I am running for City Council because I am proud of our community and believe in our future. District 1 needs an experienced leader to fill the void left in this vacant council seat. I have proudly called Moreno Valley home for 20 years. I will always put constituents first by considering what is best for our diverse groups of residents.

As your Councilman, I will be a tireless advocate and will deliver results for you by:

- Ensuring police officers and firefighters have the resources they need to keep us safe
- Ensuring voter approved tax dollars are spent efficiently and for the intended purpose
- Helping our local businesses thrive and attracting innovative high-wage employers
- Attracting businesses and opportunities so residents do not feel forced to commute
- Advocating for youth programs that keep our youth out of trouble and help them succeed
- Addressing homelessness through housing, long-term care and job placement
- Working to improve our infrastructure and community amenities

I would be honored to have your vote. Together, we can make a positive difference in Moreno Valley.

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