

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
MAYOR,
CITY OF RIVERSIDE**

ANDY MELENDREZ **AGE: 67**
OCCUPATION: Riverside City Councilmember / Businessowner
EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Dear Neighbor,

I'm running for Mayor to lead Riverside forward through the unprecedented economic and public health challenges we face.

I believe that my experiences as a City Councilmember, business owner and community leader make me uniquely qualified to solve the problems and I am ready to put in the time and energy needed to get things done for our residents.

On the City Council, I've helped to make neighborhoods safer, recruited new job-creating businesses to our city, protected open space, improved the delivery of services that maintain our neighborhoods and will work to reduce homelessness. As your Mayor, I will work tirelessly to help our residents and businesses recover from the COVID-19 pandemic and I'll fight to protect the things that make Riverside such a special place to live.

My family has lived in Riverside for over 100 years and I have owned and operated a local business for over 35 years. My long record of community involvement includes helping establish the Youth Opportunity Center, founding both the Riverside Arts Academy and the Riverside Opera Program.

I would be honored to earn your vote.

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PATRICIA LOCK DAWSON
OCCUPATION: Businesswoman / School Boardmember
EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Riverside is my hometown and I care deeply about our community. My husband and I are raising our children here, where they are Riverside Unified School District students. I own a small business in Riverside, where I helped nonprofit groups and government agencies secure \$185 million to preserve our open spaces, trails, and parks. Riverside is a great place to live and I am committed to making our city even better.

As our Mayor, I will:

- Help Riverside recover from the COVID-19 pandemic
- Attract new, high-quality jobs and career opportunities
- Reduce crime and reverse the 33% increase in homelessness
- Balance the budget and ensure a reserve fund
- Provide our children with safe schools and a world-class education

As your elected Riverside Unified School District Trustee, I have a proven track record delivering results. Under my leadership, we increased graduation rates to 97%, increased college readiness of minority students by over 40%, and ended years of deficit spending to produce a balanced budget and reserve fund.

My record and experience have earned me bipartisan endorsements, including Riverside Mayor Rusty Bailey and former Mayor Ron Loveridge, Riverside County Supervisors Karen Spiegel and Kevin Jeffries, Riverside's State Senator Richard Roth, and Riverside's trusted organizations: Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce, Riverside City Firefighters Association, Riverside City Teachers Association.

I would be honored to receive your vote. www.patriciaforriverside.com