

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
IMPERIAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE AREA 1**

ANNETTE GONZALEZ BUTTNER

Occupation: Member, Imperial County Board of Education

Education and Qualifications: As your elected representative on the Imperial County Board of Education for seven years, I know how difficult it is to get the Imperial Valley College Trustees to discuss K-12 preparation and ways IVC can improve Associate's Degree completion rates. I have been a strong voice for Calexico on the Imperial County Board of Education. I will advocate effectively for Calexico as your new voice on the Imperial Valley College Board. We need more dual enrollment programs for high schoolers, more tutoring for all students and more course offerings. I ask for your vote. Even for me personally to earn a degree in Paralegal Studies, I had to study at a Community College outside of Imperial County because IVC does not offer a Paralegal Studies degree or classes in Court Reporting, both of which are key employment needs for our County. CHS graduate Elaine Gastelum says "Annette raised her kids through Blanche Charles, Willie Moreno and Calexico High. She knows that students face challenges and IVC can enhance dual enrollment to smooth the way for academic success. Annette encouraged me and now I am about to receive my Bachelor's Degree from UC Riverside. Please join me in voting for Annette to represent us on the Imperial Valley College Board of Trustees."