

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
CENTRAL UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT**

MARIA L. PEINADO

Age: 48

Occupation: County of Imperial Employee

Education and Qualifications: As the mom of an amazing son who faced challenges, I am a strong believer in the positive impact of music and the performing arts in the lives of students as well as a longtime advocate for the inclusion of all children in the classroom. As the daughter of a Bracero and native of the Imperial Valley, I understand the unique needs of many local students and their families. After attending public schools and earning a Bachelor's degree in Political Science from the University of California, San Diego, I returned home, where I have been employed as a public health professional for over twenty years. I am completing a Master's Degree in Public Administration. Improving the lives of local youth is a priority in my personal and professional life. I am a Board member of MANA de Imperial Valley, March of Dimes Supporter, and served on the Special Education Local Plan Area Community Advisory Committee and School Site Council at Southwest High School. As a first-generation college student, I welcome the opportunity to serve my community as a resource for aspiring youth. I'm a life-long advocate focused on Community, Education and Progress. I would be honored to earn your vote.