

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
CALEXICO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

MARGARITA MAGALLANES

Occupation: Business Owner

Education and Qualifications: I am running for the Calexico Unified School District Board of Trustees because I believe that schools are the backbone of a community and directly impact our future. I am very concerned about a number of issues facing our schools due to our small community's location on the United States-Mexico border with the much larger City of Mexicali. Latino students enter our public schools with varying degrees of language literacy. Some are from families who have been in the U.S. for generations and happen not to speak fluent Spanish. Some are bilingual in Spanish and English. Some are immigrants who cannot speak a word in English, while others are illiterate in their own native tongue from lack of formal schooling. Developing fluent bilingualism gives our children a variety of economic, cultural, cognitive, and psychosocial advantages. I look forward to contributing to the success of Calexico schools by taking an active role and joining the school board. I believe my experience as a business professional can provide a meaningful contribution to the school board. Throughout the course of my career I have experience in challenging business situations in the financial and insurance industry. The key to managing through these situations is the ability to think strategically, but also develop realistic plans to solve the issue or take advantage of the opportunity. I believe I can use my skills to help the school board think strategically about long term growth and health of Calexico schools for the benefit of our children.