

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
COUNCIL MEMBER CITY OF IMPERIAL**

KATIE BURNWORTH

Occupation:

Education and Qualifications: I am a mother, project coordinator, planning commissioner, business partner, and fifth generation Imperial resident. I graduated from Imperial High School and later earned my Bachelor's degree in Biological Sciences. I returned home focusing my career on local public health issues in Imperial County, mainly the environmental disaster at the Salton Sea. I've been able to improve our quality of life through partnerships, breaking through bureaucratic barriers, and connecting with our community. As a mother of two, I don't enjoy having my children play on playground equipment in a dried-out retention basin classified as a "park." I will ensure that this is no longer the model for parks in Imperial. A thriving business community generates needed funds to maintain our existing infrastructure. It's time for Imperial to focus on a long-term plan that improves the quality of life for current residents, rather than short-sighted growth that leaves our City financially burdened and unable to afford our most basic needs. If elected, I will focus on preserving Imperial's small town roots while advocating for sustainable growth. Imperial has been my family's home for over 100 years and I look forward to making it a better place to call home