

Cristina Carrizosa

Council Member for District 3

Cristina Carrizosa was born in Tepic Nayarit, Mexico. She made Pomona her home in 1963. She worked in various jobs such as picking strawberries, playground supervisor and Instructional Aide in the Pomona Unified School District. Mrs. Carrizosa earned a B.A. and M.A. from California State Polytechnic University Pomona. After receiving her teaching credentials, Mrs. Carrizosa began teaching at Philadelphia Elementary School, where she is now a Resource Teacher.



Mrs. Carrizosa's interest in another aspect of public service was born out of concern for the students she served and their families. She ran for Pomona City Council and was elected to represent District Three in 1993. She served in this position until 2002.

Mrs. Carrizosa is a strong advocate for education and has received numerous recognitions for her contribution to education. In 2002 she was named "Woman of the Year" by Assembly woman Gloria N. McLeod (61st District). In 2005, Mrs. Carrizosa was recognized as "Teacher of the Year" by State Senator Nell Soto (32nd District).

Mrs. Carrizosa strongly believes in building upon a foundation of mutual respect between teachers and their students. "When shown the same respect and dignity that are normally afforded to adults, students tend to respond in the same manner," she says. "A positive student-teacher relationship paves the way for teachers to put in practice the theories and methodologies that have prepared them to deliver instruction as well as to manage their classrooms."

Her extensive community involvement mirrors her education efforts. She has served on numerous community boards and committees including the Pomona Library Board of Trustees, Philadelphia Bilingual Advisory Committee, Garey High School Advisory Committee, and the Pomona Unified School District - City of Pomona Liaison Committee. Mrs. Carrizosa also co-created Proyecto Renacimiento at Angela/Chanslor, Afternoons in the Park, and many activities at Philadelphia Park Community Center.

In 2006, Mrs. Carrizosa decided to return to the political arena and was again elected as Councilmember for District Three. Aside from serving her community as an educator and Council representative, Mrs. Carrizosa and her husband Raul raised three children and are the proud grandparents of four grandchildren. They have lived in Pomona 44 years.

