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THE CVTA-ENDORSED CANDIDATES FOR CVUSD SCHOOL BOARD



Loretta Perez
new candidate



Valerie Garcia
incumbent

WHY THE COACHELLA VALLEY TEACHERS ASSOCIATION ENDORSED THESE CANDIDATES:

- They know how to work together for positive change.
- With their own children in our schools, they know what is important to parents.
- They take the time to understand their roles and what works for CVUSD.

VOTE for both on 11/3/26



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Good morning!

We are down to 31 school days left!

As you can see above, we have shared our two endorsed candidates for CVUSD School Board. We hope to endorse a candidate running for the Thermal (Area 2) seat, as well. Right now we have endorsed two candidates for the two available seats in Coachella (Area 1), Valerie Garcia and Loretta Perez. We are going to need volunteers to help out in several ways! Please use [this link](#) to sign up for a variety of volunteer opportunities.

This month has 5 Wednesdays, which means this Wednesday you can decide if you are holding another PLC, or the time could be used for a grade level/department meeting. You are required to hold/attend a meeting even on the 5th Wednesday.

CVUSD School Board Meeting this week

There are several ways to participate in the School Board Meetings.

- You can watch online, using the link shared below in the Important Dates.
- You can submit comments to the board using the same link, and although they will not be read aloud at the meeting, they will be shared with the entire board.
- You can grab a friend and attend the board meeting, even if you can only be there for 15-20 minutes. 5:30 pm is when closed session begins. Open session is supposed to begin at the time listed on each board agenda, but you can check the Zoom session to see the listed or updated time.
- Finally, you can attend the board meeting AND speak during public comments. Do you have concerns about how something is (or isn't) working at your site, in your classroom, or while performing your job duties? "Silence is acceptance," as I've shared before. Let your voice and opinion be heard. Chances are you aren't the only one feeling that way. We can help, if you need it.

Hope to see some of you there on Thursday night in the board room!

Our Classrooms. Our Voice.

We have had very little response to the small requests and survey responses we have shared recently. A lot of people are hesitant to participate, even at the lower levels, because they don't want attention - and that's real. That's why we are creating ways to participate that are low-risk and not public. Your voice matters, even if it's not public.

We understand your job is getting harder. Colleagues are being laid off, and job duties are being passed on to you. Combo classes aren't created randomly. Those are decisions. And right now, those decisions are being made without educator input.

If you haven't already done so, would you be willing to take a moment to respond to this 1-question survey: [What concerns you most right now?](#)

If you are wanting to increase your involvement by staying a bit more informed, consider signing up for informational texts here. Our plan is to share important information in between the weekly emails. [Add your name here.](#)

When anyone refers to "the union", they typically mean the president or other elected leaders. But in reality, "the union" is you and our approximately 850 members! Working together is the way we can make progress.

Teacher (Educator) Appreciation

Your site reps are planning something for the week of May 11-14. If you love to help plan and organize gatherings, please reach out to them and offer your help!

Grievances

If you need to file a grievance, [begin here by completing the form](#) so our Grievance Chair, Ethan Lubin, can guide you. You can also reach him at grievancescvta@gmail.com.

Have a great week!

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Important Dates

- April 28th: CVTA Eboard Meeting, 4:30 p.m. via Zoom
- April 29th: End of Day Deadline for Final Evaluation Conferences
- April 30th: CVUSD School Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m. @ the DO and on [Zoom](#)
- May 4th: PAC and Organizing Committees Meeting, 4:30 pm @ Macario's in Indio
- May 8th: Negotiations - Show your support by wearing a CVTA shirt!
- May 11th - 15th: CVTA Celebrates Educators at their School Sites!! (Reps will announce)
- May 12th: Final CVTA Rep Council Meeting, 4:30 pm via Zoom
- May 18th: Negotiations - Show your support by wearing a CVTA shirt!
- May 19th: Office Hours @ 4:30 pm, virtual
- May 25th: Memorial Day - No School
- May 20th: End-of-Year Rep Dinner @ 4:30 pm, location TBD
- June 10th: CVUSD Last Day of School
- June 11th: CVUSD School Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m. @ the DO and on [Zoom](#)
- June 25th: CVUSD School Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m. @ the DO and on [Zoom](#)
- July 23rd: CVUSD School Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m. @ the DO and on [Zoom](#)
- August 13th: CVUSD School Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m. @ the DO and on [Zoom](#)



Carissa Carrera
CVTA President

"An injury to one is an injury to all."

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