



If “YES”, what office did you run for, or previously hold? - Ran for Mayor of National City in 2022

### Goals, Issues & Policy Objectives

1.) Why are you running for office? I want to assure we stabilize rent prices, build more home ownership opportunities, and continue to invest in our infrastructure; roads, streets, parks, etc.

2.) Why are you seeking endorsement from the Imperial Beach Democratic Club? Imperial Beach and National City face similar obstacles; the need to address environmental problems, smaller jurisdiction and high renter rates. I would be honored to receive the endorsement of the Imperial Beach Democratic Club.

3.) List your top three policy agenda goals for your campaign:

Expand Home ownership opportunities for National City residents

Stabilize rent prices in National City

Re-invest in our National City infrastructure and parks

4.) Imperial Beach and the South Bay Area is ever increasingly under greater threat of sea level rise, high-tide flooding, coastal erosion, and higher storm surge.

a) Do you believe the science that says climate change is real?

YES  NO  Requires further explanation:

b) Do you believe that climate change can be mitigated or reversed?

YES  NO  Requires further explanation:

c) If elected, how will you use your office to meet the climate-related challenges facing South Bay communities? Please explain. We need to do more to clean the Tijuana River Valley. I support and commend the efforts of IB Dem Club, Mayor Aguirre and the entire IB Council, we all must stand in this united. We must continue to invest in infrastructure. 200 homes were heavi-

ly damaged from the flood 6 weeks ago, as these events occur more often, we must have adequate infrastructure to mitigate these impacts.

5.) Will you affirm a commitment to environmental justice: no community should be subjected to environmental hazards due to race, economic standing, or immigration status?

YES  NO  Requires further explanation:

6.) For decades, Imperial Beach has been plagued by an unrelenting sewage spill from south of the international border. The constant flow of millions of gallons of waste, including untreated sewage, trash, pesticides, and heavy metals, make our beaches toxic and inaccessible to our residents for extended periods of time. Additionally, the sustained pollution of the Tijuana River impacts our air quality, biological resources, and hurts our overall economy. If elected, what is your plan to support our Mayor's solutions for the Tijuana River Valley? Please explain.

I have stood in support with Mayor Aguirre to fight for a cleaner Imperial Beach. I will continue to support any way I can; please advise on how I can be of further assistance to this cause.

7.) Will you affirm a commitment to housing justice: housing is a human right regardless of status and not for the marginalization of poorer residents into less desirable areas that frequently have higher pollution levels and other health risks?

YES  NO  Requires further explanation:

8.) Will you promote food safety, the "eat local" movement, small family farms, urban gardens, and healthy food alternatives?

YES  NO  Requires further explanation:

9.) What is your vision for developing our local economy, balancing the need to preserve our South Bay Area and beach town vibe with increasing demand for development? Please explain:

We cannot build our way out of this housing problem. We need to build the right type of housing. Over the last decade, National City (and city centers) have built almost exclusively market rate (luxury) apartments. Even though IB and National City have the highest rental rate in the County at 70%. We must build units that are for sale so that our residents can buy and build generational wealth.

We cannot allow for additional displacement to take place. I believe we need to have good tenant protections and rent control to assure that long term tenants aren't displaced as a result of additional development.

It is only with a balanced approach that I believe we can build for a brighter future.

Signed: Jose Rodriguez

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