

Service Council Nominee Qualifications

David Arellano, Nominee to Gateway Service Council



Council Member David Arellano was elected to the Lakewood City Council on March 5, 2024 by the voters of District 4. After spending his earliest years in the foster care system, he was adopted and moved to Lakewood, where he grew up, attended area schools, and graduated from Lakewood High School.

After exploring work in several fields, he started Preferred Auto Design in his driveway, growing it into a full-service collision repair center that specializes in classic car restoration. Being in business led him to join the Chamber of Commerce.

Councilmember Arellano rose to city leadership by way of the Greater Lakewood Chamber of Commerce, where he recently served as Chairman of the Board.

Councilmember Arellano has also been active in the community in other ways, volunteering as a youth sports coach, including coaching track at Lakewood High School. He is an appointee to the Bellflower Unified School District Citizens Task Force, serves on the Los Cerritos YMCA Board of Directors, and has served on the Lakewood Measure L Citizens Oversight Committee. He and his wife Melina, who also grew up in Lakewood, have two school-age daughters.