

# DAVID VELA

1168 Bellevue Ave. #315, Los Angeles, CA 90012  
Phone: (323) 434-2490 • E-Mail: davidvela75@gmail.com

## Education

**Master in Public Policy (M.P.P.)**                      **Pepperdine University School of Public Policy**

With Concentrations in International Relations and Economics

Malibu, California, 2001

**Bachelor of Science (B.S.)**    **University of California Los Angeles**

Biological Anthropology

Los Angeles, California, 1999

## Teaching Experience

- **Professor, “Political Science 001, The Government of the United States,” East Los Angeles College, Monterey Park, CA –**    **1/17 to present**  
Adjunct Faculty Member in the Social Sciences department instructing political science courses. Focusing on current political issues and how they relate to the course curriculum.
- **Facilitator, “MUSD Linked Learning Pathways Implementation,” California Latino School Board Association Annual Conference, Del Mar, CA –**    **10/14**  
Educated contemporaries including School Board Members, Superintendents and School Administrators on the path to implement the linked learning curriculum.
- **Facilitator, “Los Angeles County Government”, East Los Angeles College Child Development Course, Los Angeles CA –**    **5/2009**  
Lectured on intricacies of Los Angeles County bureaucracy.
- **Student Teacher, Pajaro Middle School, Pajaro Valley Unified School District, Watsonville, CA –**    **1994-1995**  
Student teacher for 5<sup>th</sup> grade migrant classroom. Assisted teacher with interpretation from English to Spanish, aided in student’s understanding of curriculum, instructed classroom once a week without teacher present and performed after school tutoring.

## Research Experience

- **RAND Corporation, Survey Assistant, “Lions Quest Survey for Middle School Students,” Santa Monica, CA –**    **2001**  
Performed surveys and analyzed results of middle school students regarding substance

abuse. Research was funded by the Urban Institute and administered by RAND.

- **Los Angeles Annenberg Metropolitan Project (LAAMP), Data Analyst, “Student Information Systems, Research on Student Achievement,” Los Angeles, CA** -Creation of databases on student achievement, analyzing data using Excel, pivot tables, regressions, cross longitudinal and hypothesis testing. Assisted the implementation of Data Driven School Reform (DDSR) by creating programs and consulting schools on reform methods. Funded by the Annenberg Metropolitan Project. **2000**
- **UCLA Division of Anthropology, Student Assistant, “Ethnography of Everyday Talk,” Jack Sidnell, PhD, Los Angeles, CA** –Performed original research on interpersonal communication with another student. This involved making audio recordings of naturally occurring interaction which was transcribed and subjected to analysis. This focus on embodied human action demands that students pay close attention to the details of human conduct. **1999**
- **UCLA Division of Cardiology, Department of Medicine, Lab Assistant, “Mechanisms of Atherosclerosis,” Principal Farhad Parhami, PhD, Los Angeles, CA** –Assisted with research that wanted to prove that atherosclerosis in women mainly resulted from the increase of calcium in the subject’s diet. **1999**

### **Elected/Appointed Positions**

- **Delegate, California State Democratic Party** –Appointed by State Senator Tony Mendoza as one of his delegates to the State Democratic Party. Responsible for voting for candidates to receive the endorsement of the State Party. **2015**
- **Governing Board Member, Montebello Unified School District Board of Education** –Policymaker and executive to the School District’s general operations as one of five elected board members. **2007-2015**
- **Board Member, City of Vernon Oversight Board, City of Vernon Redevelopment Agency** –Executive policymaker and decision maker for the redevelopment agency’s expenditures. **2011-Present**
- **Board Member, City of Cudahy Oversight Board, City of Cudahy Redevelopment Agency** -Executive policymaker and decision maker for the redevelopment agency’s expenditures. **2011-Present**

## Employment History

- **Senior Vice-President of External Affairs, Lee Andrews Group Public Affairs, Los Angeles, CA** - Reporting to the CEO as an integral member of the Executive Management Team. As Vice President of External Affairs I maintain critical relationships with clients, elected officials and heads of government agencies. Principal in providing consistent updates to clients on public affairs activities within the construction industry. Leader in overseeing teaming efforts with prime construction management firms in order to respond to various capital project request for proposals (RFPs). **2013-Present**
- **Chief of Staff, Assembly Labor Committee** - Oversaw capitol and district staff for California Assemblymember Roger Hernandez. Managed twelve staff members including labor committee staff due to the member's duty as Chair of Labor and Employment Committee. Designed and implemented bill package, district constituent operations and handled political strategy as well as media operations. **2012-2013**
- **Senior Field Deputy, Office of Los Angeles County Supervisor Gloria Molina, Los Angeles, CA** - Appointed to the Board of Supervisors to oversee the administration of municipal and governmental services to the Unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County with a population of over 200,000 residents. Handled all government relations, community outreach and consensus building for major capital projects, economic and community development projects in Unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County. Point person for all projects and partnerships for local municipalities and local school districts and community colleges. Oversee implementation and administration of contract cities services including County Fire, Public Works and Sheriff Departments. Supervise support staff of eight case managers in high-paced environment. **2002-2012**
- **Senior Assistant, Office of Assemblymember Jackie Goldberg, Sacramento, CA** - Responsible for the areas of transportation, banking and finance, housing and community development, international trade and development, labor and employment, insurance and local government. **2002**

- **Senior Advisor, Office of the Director, Employment Development Department (EDD), Governor Gray Davis Administration, Sacramento, CA** - Implemented and administered programs in the areas of Public Affairs, Workforce Development and Director's Office. Worked directly with the Public Affairs Branch to create marketing strategies, awareness campaigns and media relationships. Organized community outreach efforts to promote the department's employment related services. **2001-2002**

### Professional Development

- **Turner School of Construction Management, Construction Management Certification, Los Angeles, CA** -Completed certification for construction management curriculum including project delivery, project management and community outreach for large public infrastructure projects. **5/2014 - 7/2014**
- **Victory Fund Institute, Candidate Training, Chicago, IL** - Completed prestigious candidate training for higher office. **9/2012**
- **NALEO National Association of Latino Elected Officials, Health Policy Institute, Various Locations in California** - Completed educational training on creating sound health policy for California students. **2011-2012**
- **NALEO National Association of Latino Elected Officials, Education Leadership Initiative, (NELI), Santa Fe, NM** - Completed rigorous training which encouraged policy makers to incorporate data into the decision making process. **2011**

### Affiliations/Memberships

- **HONOR PAC Founding Board Member** **2003-Present**
- **Montebello YMCA Board of Directors** **2007-Present**
- **California Latino School Board Association Board of Directors** **2011-2015**
- **National Association of Latino Elected Officials Member** **2007-2015**
- **Young Elected Officials Member** **2007-2015**
- **California School Board Association Member** **2007-2015**

## Fellowships/Internships

- **Greenlining Institute, Summer Public Policy Fellow, San Francisco, CA, 2001** -Worked on implementation of Community Reinvestment Act of 1974 in low income communities.
- **Building Industry Association of the Greater Los Angeles and Ventura Counties (BIA), Public Affairs Intern, Calabasas CA, 2000** -Assisted lobbyists in preparing briefings and research for developers represented by the BIA.
- **National Trust Preservation Fund, Fellow, Los Angeles, CA, 2000** -Fellowship exposing us to the importance of preserving historic buildings in America.

## Conferences

- **California School Boards Association (CSBA) Annual Education Conference, San Diego, CA** 12/2015
- **California Latino School Boards Association Annual Conference, Del Mar, CA** 10/2015
- **California Association of Latino Superintendents and Administrators, (CALSA), Summer Institute, Carlsbad, CA** 8/2015
- **National Association of Latino Elected Officials, (NALEO), Policy Institute on Early Education, Napa, CA** 4/2015
- **National Association on Bilingual Education, (NABE), Annual Conference on Bilingual Education, Las Vegas, NV** 2/2015
- **California School Employees Association, Annual Conference, Sacramento, CA** 2014
- **California Association of School Business Organizations, Annual Conference, Sacramento, CA** 2013

## Publications/Television Appearances/Apearances

- **Op-Ed, Prop 39 Funds Key to Improving Area Schools, EGP News** 10/24/13
- **Television Interview, "CA Students Struggle with New Standardized Tests," California Edition, Charter Cable, Irwindale CA** 10/2015
- **Television Interview, "Technology in the Classroom," California Edition, Charter Cable, Irwindale CA** 2/2015
- **Television Interview, "Teacher Tenure Tumult," California** 1/2015

Edition, Charter Cable, Irwindale CA

- Key Note Speaker, Bell Gardens High School Graduation, Bell Gardens, CA 2010
- Key Note Speaker, Soledad Enrichment High School Graduation, Montebello, CA 2010

**Languages**

- English and Spanish Native/Fluent