## FOR MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Jolene Gazmen

**Age:** 34

Occupation: Registered Behavior Technician

I am honored to be running for the Albany Board of Education. My family and I moved to Albany 5 years ago and in that time, we have built a community, grown our family, and are thankful to call Albany our home.

I began here as a student at UC Berkeley, where I assisted in community initiatives including the Bear Pantry, weekly Bread and Bubbles giveaways, and various community events. I also helped fellow students navigate academic channels.

My eldest attends Ocean View Elementary, where I've had the pleasure of serving as room parent, as a library volunteer and assisting in other school events.

I also work as a Registered Behavior Technician, helping children with autism learn different social and practical skills through naturalistic teachings.

As someone whose life has revolved around academic advocacy here in the Bay for the past 5 years, I am excited to help others navigate and become more knowledgeable about AUSD overall. As a Board of Education Member, I am seeking to make sure that all the diverse voices within our schools feel heard, and with that, create even stronger community bonds in our city of Albany.

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