



DISTINGUISHED PUBLIC SERVICE
Jose Medina
61st District Assemblymember

For those who know California Assemblymember Jose Medina, it should come as no surprise that education was and continues to be a major focus of his service to the public.

As a teacher at Riverside Poly High School, he taught and guided students for more than 35 years. During that time, he was elected to serve as a school board member for Jurupa Unified School District, followed by a three-term tenure as a member of the Riverside Community College District Board of Trustees. The District experienced significant changes during those years, most notably steep enrollment growth, increased student diversity, and the opening of fully accredited colleges in Moreno Valley and Norco.

At RCCD, his focus was on students and the academic environment, and he numbers Passport to College and the recently opened Coil School for the Arts among the projects he is proudest of being involved in. His leadership, along with that of his Board colleagues, also helped expand job-training programs, upgrade classrooms and science labs, and brought new measures to increase educational offerings.

Elected to the California State Assembly in 2012, Jose represents an area that includes Riverside, Moreno Valley, Perris and Mead Valley. He led the effort to ensure that UC Riverside received \$15 million in state funding for its new medical school, and he now serves as chairman of the Assembly Committee on Higher Education. Additionally, he passed legislation which assisted small businesses, helped protect seniors, and improved goods movement throughout the state.

Assemblyman Medina earned a bachelor's degree in Latin American Studies and a master's degree in History from UCR. He is a three-time recipient of the National Endowment for the Humanities fellowship and was awarded a grant from the Organization of American States for research on Latin America.

