

ROBERT NAKAHIRO

L.A. COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD, SEAT #6

Investing in the Future of Our Community

Now more than ever, we need a representative for our community colleges that will fight to ensure that our community college campuses are both affordable and accessible to every student that wants to attend classes. Robert Nakahiro has pledged to promote innovation on our campuses and to make certain that both new and returning students have access to the highest quality job training and enrichment programs.

Robert Nakahiro was born and raised in Los Angeles and has a deeply rooted understanding of the importance of community colleges to our future and that of our economy. Robert is a passionate advocate who will ensure that our community colleges prepare students with economically rewarding career choices enabling individuals to compete in the workforce of the 21st century.

ROBERT NAKAHIRO will fight for:

Affordability: Robert firmly believes investing in our students is the key to investing in our communities. Every student should have the resources available to complete a community college education or vocational training program.

Accessibility: Robert will fight to ensure everyone who seeks advancement through a community college education will have the both ability to attend one and the opportunity to achieve a quality education that will lead to empowering career opportunities.

Academic Excellence: Robert will be an advocate for students and will fight to ensure our faculty, instructors, staff, and community college campuses have the resources and infrastructure necessary to provide rewarding educational experiences.

Opportunity: Robert will work hard to ensure our community colleges prepare students for economically rewarding career choices and enable individuals to successfully compete in the workforce of the 21st century. Our community colleges should be a resource for the kind of skilled and strong work force required by our local and regional business communities and emerging new “green” industries.

A Lifelong Commitment to Education

A lifelong resident of Los Angeles, Robert was raised by his mother Lou Ann and stepfather Hilbert Robles Baeza, a WWII veteran, and attended public schools in the Los Angeles community of Boyle Heights. Robert’s family background is unique and yet familiar to many of us. His mother never finished high school and became a mother at a young age. Yet with Robert’s encouragement, his mother finally earned her high school diploma and completed vocational training as a Certified Nursing Attendant at East Los Angeles Occupational Center, thus realizing her dream of a career in the medical field. Robert’s father Fumio, a Korean War veteran, lived in Highland Park and worked all his life in the Little Tokyo Community.

Robert attended East Los Angeles Community College which helped him earn his BS degree in Public Affairs at USC (Cum Laude). He went on to earn his law degree from Loyola Marymount Law School in LA and is currently a member of the Japanese American and Mexican American Bar Associations. Robert has also been affiliated with over 20 community based organizations.

Always an outspoken activist and participant in community affairs, Robert has worked tirelessly to improve neighborhoods while empowering individuals to realize their potential through education.



Community Affiliations

President:

- Northeast Community Clinic

Vice President:

- Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance AFL/CIO Los Angeles Chapter

Elected Member:

- Los Angeles County Central Committee
- Los Angeles County Democratic Party

Board of Directors (Past/Present):

- Northeast Trees
- Los Angeles Center for Law & Justice
- Pico Union Westlake Cluster Network
- The Wall-Las Memorias
- Lincoln Heights Chamber of Commerce
- Highland Park Chamber of Commerce

Member (Past/Presnt):

- California Democratic State Central Committee (45th Assembly District)
- Northeast Democratic Club
- Stonewall Democratic Club
- Asian Pacific American Democratic Club
- Eastside Democratic Club
- Montecito Heights Improvement Association
- Highland Park Heritage Trust
- Japanese American National Museum
- Arroyo Arts Collective
- Friends of Debs Park
- Latino Urban Forum

Volunteer:

- Community Cleanups, neighborhood landscape projects and graffiti removal