



**Position:** Secretary

**Biography:** I am a feminist, first generation American, and proud carb enthusiast. An alumna of California State University Sacramento, I received a degree in Mass Communications. I became engaged in politics within the past year, serving as a field organizer for the California Democratic Party in one of the country's most competitive congressional elections. There, I learned the importance of civic engagement and grassroots advocacy while working alongside women of all ages in support of Democrats like Hilary Clinton. Despite the devastating loss on Election Day, I am convinced that now more than ever women should be in the forefront of politics. Currently, I am a Legislative Assistant for the Faculty Association of California Community Colleges where I engage faculty

members in legislative and political advocacy.

**How you consider yourself a feminist?** My feminism was shaped greatly by my mother from a very young age, although the word feminism didn't pop into my worldview until college. In her early 20's, my mother Ileana uprooted her life in Nicaragua to move to the United States. Throughout my life I've seen her learn english, fight harmful stereotypes and become a business owner. Before I start crying all over my keyboard, I can tell you that her ability to persevere and strive for her dreams despite challenges and roadblocks was the greatest lesson in feminism I could have ever asked for.

**Why would you be a good candidate for the position you are running for and what do you hope to learn from your position on the board?** I have a total of 2 years experience in organization, first as an administrative assistant, and then as a Field Organizer for the 2016 Ami Bera re-election campaign. I will bring my passion for women's issues and my expertise in organizing to the Secretary position. I hope to learn more about leadership, the functions of local political groups, as well as how to engage more women in politics.