

Anthony Caro, Contra Costa County Board of Education, Area 1

Candidate Statement

I am running for the Contra Costa County Board of Education Area 1 to support our most at-risk students and close the achievement gap. With sound policy, good leadership, and proper support for our teachers, we can ensure our students have a clear path to success.

My mission has always been to champion high-quality education as a means of forging better opportunities for those in our community. I met my wife, Mitzi Pérez-Caro, organizing and advocating for sound education policy. In 2017, she became a teacher at Kennedy High School, and I decided to run for the West Contra Costa Unified School District School Board. After losing my election in 2018 at the age of 21, I wanted to improve my capacity to serve our West County community. I enlisted in the United States Army to learn the meaning of servant leadership. I served four years in Active Duty, two of those in the Republic of Korea and a year in Kuwait. I earned the rank of Sergeant and transitioned to the United States Army National Guard, where I serve today. I returned home to a career as a financial consultant and have continued my studies at the University of California, Berkeley.

With my unrelenting dedication towards service, I hope to earn your vote. My campaign has focused on coalition building and leveraging relationships to solve the problems facing our students, teachers, and school system. It will take a collaboration of city, county, community, and state officials. That's what I offer you - a candidate who knows how to work with others and is willing to put service before self to accomplish the mission.