

Jorge Rojas, Antioch Treasurer – CANDIDATE STATEMENT

I love Antioch. My family and I settled here because of the growth and opportunity it offers, something I didn't experience as a child.

My parents and I immigrated from Peru to the U.S. at a young age as asylum seekers. They both worked hard and played by the rules, eventually retiring from Target and Walmart. Growing up, we didn't have a lot, but we had enough to be healthy and sound. More importantly, we were proud of what we had built in the United States. My parents instilled in me the values of hard work, community service, and financial stability.

After high school, I enrolled in DVC to study Business Administration. From there, I began a 20-year career in the banking industry, specializing in financial services. Today, I'm a Chief Financial Officer for a janitorial services company.

Antioch has built a \$63,000,000 rainy day fund, balanced its over \$220,000,000 budgets in the last four years, and made significant efforts to pay down employee retirement debt. We need to protect our city's financial progress.

I'm running for City Treasurer to work with the mayor and city council to ensure we stay on the right financial course. As treasurer, I'll serve as your financial watchdog and advocate to

- (1) maintain a 20% budgetary reserved fund,
- (2) continue to use Measure W funds as the voters intended, and
- (3) divest the City's investment portfolio from fossil fuels.

I respectfully ask for your vote.