

I'm a 33-year-old Latina professional, proudly born and raised in East Palo Alto. As a first-generation college graduate with a master's degree in Urban Affairs and Public Policy, I have dedicated the last 10 years to volunteering with local organizations, advocating for affordable housing, fighting for renters' rights, promoting equitable community development, and working to create a safer, healthier community for all.

Professionally, I led a local, grassroots nonprofit organization focused on social, environmental, and racial justice for 6 years. Currently, I'm executive director of Pahali Community Land Trust. Additionally, I served 5 years on the East Palo Alto Planning Commission and was vice-chair, where I was a consistent, strong voice for equitable development that prioritizes our residents' needs and respects our City's vision. In 2022, voters elected me to the East Palo Alto Sanitary District, where I vocally advocated for transparent and efficient governance that prioritized our ratepayers.

I will always keep in mind what is best for ordinary and working-class people in EPA and not what suits corporate or individual interests. The residents of EPA will be at the forefront of my decisions. Please vote for me, Ofelia Bello, to faithfully serve our community's interests.

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