

Jesús Andrade

Biography

For Councilmember Jesús Andrade, all roads lead back to Stockton.

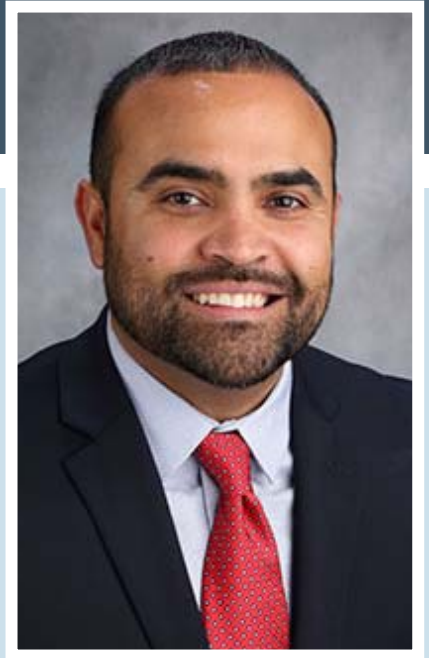
He grew up in the Sierra Vista and Nightingale neighborhoods of South Stockton, attended Monroe and Hamilton Elementary Schools, and graduated from Franklin High. At Franklin, he played baseball and was the starting quarterback for the Yellow Jackets. He jokingly shares, “It’s funny how life comes full circle. Edison was our (Franklin’s) biggest rival, and now I’m the City Councilmember for Edison.”

As the grandson of Central Valley Braceros, he was taught to work hard and driven to succeed, becoming the first in his family to attend college. He earned a Bachelor’s in Philosophy from Sacramento State University, where he honed his leadership skills serving as student body president.

After college, he landed a public policy fellowship in the California State Assembly, was named one of the top 10 interns in the nation, and went on to work for a national Latino organization, focusing on economic development and education issues to improve the quality of life for Latinos.

Councilmember Andrade and his wife, Andrea, met right after high school at an event on the Miracle Mile and now have two sons and a daughter. He witnessed students in the inner-city receiving excellent academic instruction, opportunity, and choices at charter schools his own children attended. This eye-opening experience led him to join the educational advocacy organization StudentsFirst, and he later worked for the California Charter School Association.

Today, he has his own consultancy firm and focuses on growing educational opportunities and economic development in South Stockton.



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