

AARTI KAUSHAL

Teacher/City Commissioner

For over 26 years, I have been a teacher, educator, student life coach, and grassroots organizer/activist for students, youth, and women in Irvine/OC. A former elementary special education teacher, I understand the devastating impact school closures has had on all students. As a longtime trusted advocate in my community, I remain closely connected to the ever-changing needs of vulnerable students attending community college as their only higher education option left in this ongoing pandemic.

An Irvine resident for 34 years, I was raised in IUSD's world-class schools as a 1st generation Indian American woman of color raised by a single mother and I bring a strong track record for collaborative solutions. My leadership will ensure accountability, equitable access, and sustainable budget provisions for all essential services. College campuses will reopen safely for the overall wellbeing of every student, faculty, and employee.

Ensuring that curriculum matches current social changes is also my goal, to ensure representation of all diverse student body experiences.

I am proudly endorsed by hundreds of parents, educators, faculty, elected leaders, and Super PAC's from Irvine, Orange County, and beyond, ensuring all stakeholders' voices will be included for exceptional higher educational experiences. Please reach me at aartimontor@gmail.com.