

**ALI S. TAJ**  
Councilman/Financial Advisor

**DEMOCRATIC**  
**AGE: 50**

My story is an American immigrant story. I came to California over 20 years ago in search of a better life. I entered politics to serve the community I love.

Since I was elected Councilmember for Artesia in 2013, I've used the financial and management skills I learned at companies like American Express Financial to help turn around a city on the verge of bankruptcy. I will bring that same approach to the 32nd District: fighting to cut waste, increase accountability and improve the services you rely on.

My priorities are:

**Crime and Public Safety** – As Councilmember for Artesia, I helped make the city safer through better funding, targeting crime hot spots and improving street lighting and the public realm. I will champion this approach across the 32nd as well as making sure police are responsive and serving the whole community.

**Healthcare** –If the Federal government can't or won't act to protect the most vulnerable –especially veterans, seniors and immigrants - I will fight to make sure the State of California does.

**Housing and Homelessness** –I will push for multi-agency approaches to homelessness and work with developers and cities to get more affordable homes built.

**Transport and Infrastructure** – I'm a board member for Eco-Rapid Transit, so I know how much investment our infrastructure needs. I will push for more and better-connected transport services and for funding to improve our roads, sidewalks and bicycle lanes.