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District 8 needs a Servant leader!

San Ysidro residents and nonprofit leaders encouraged Omar Araiza to represent them in the 2026 city council elections.

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Omar is a proud District 8 native and grew up in Egger Highlands. He pursued greater opportunities by joining the fire services until a car accident forced him away from a career he loved. The experience strengthened his resilience and reinforced his commitment to protecting and serving others. When he returned in 2011, he saw conditions in our border communities had worsened for working families and small businesses.

Determined to make a difference, he prepared himself to better serve by earning a Master's degree in Executive Leadership, gaining the skills and experience to solve local complex problems. As a small business owner, he understands firsthand the challenges families face in a border economy.

He volunteers extensively by advocating for youth services, economic development, and funding libraries.

He is running to put people over profits and engage with the community he loves. He's respectfully asks for your vote — because San Diego starts at the border.

