



Clarissa

A voice for parents. A leader for change.

DOUTHERD for Oakland Schools

I know we can get public education right, and I'm running for the school board to change the narrative that says we can't. When all students, teachers, and education workers benefit equally from District resources, and are fully invested, quality public education is absolutely achievable. My son's future depends on solid, accountable leadership, that has deep roots to community.

Clarissa's Professional Service

- **Executive Director, Parent Voices Oakland.** More than a decade in grassroots organizing with families for kids. Strong advocate for early education, working to elevate parent leadership in public policy
- **Lead Organizer, Parent Voices Oakland**
- **Former Staff Accountant, Non-Profit Youth Organization**
- **Administrative Coordinator, Ella Baker Center for Human Rights**

Clarissa's Leadership

- Member, **Alameda County-Oakland Community Partnership Board**
- Co-chair, **Alameda County Early Childhood Policy Committee**
- Member, Steering Cmte, **Alameda County Early Care & Education Planning Council**
- **Lead Planning Team, Oakland Starting Smart and Strong Initiative**

Clarissa is a deeply committed parent advocate who understand budgets, the importance of public education and the critical role strong community engagement can play in partnership with teachers in creating an amazing learning experience for our children.

Clarissa's top issues:

- Ensuring a high quality, democratic public education system with resources distributed equitably among schools.
- Finding ways for our community to participate in and understand our District's budget, and for our Board Directors to transparently account for use of public funds.
- Encouraging the growth of full-service community schools that serve children with special needs, support academic achievement, and fully engage parents.

Clarissa's Awards

- **Woman of Vision Award, Ms. Foundation for Women, 2016** – presented by Gloria Steinem
- **Parent Advocate Award, First 5 of Alameda County, 2017** *honored with Congresswoman Barbara Lee; Mialisa Bonta, Founder, Literacy Lab; Assemblymember Rob Bonta; Bernard J. Tyson, Chairman and CEO, Kaiser Foundation Health Plan and Hospitals*
- **Oakland District 4 Local Heroes Award, Councilwoman Annie Campbell Washington**
- **Community Heroes Award, Bay Area Parent Leadership Action Network**

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