

Candidate Services
Gabriel J. Medina
Candidate Statement

Gabriel Jesse Medina, a proud Mexican-American and lifelong resident of the Pajaro Valley, is running for the PVUSD School Board Trustee Area Three. Born and raised in Watsonville, Medina is a product of the local school system, where his passion for storytelling and filmmaking was ignited. After earning his MFA from USC, Medina returned to the community to give back, spearheading a short filmmaking program and founding an independent film company focused on representing underserved voices.

As a School Board Trustee, Medina's vision is rooted in equity, inclusivity, and ensuring that every student has access to quality education. He will prioritize providing necessary resources and supporting teachers, as well as expanding arts education programs. Medina also aims to foster stronger connections between schools and the community, promoting an inclusive curriculum that reflects the diverse experiences of the students. With his extensive experience in education, filmmaking, and community advocacy, Medina is committed to working collaboratively to build a brighter future for the PVUSD students and the entire community.