On July 23, 2013, Nury Martinez became the second Latina in over 25 years and the only woman elected out of 18 Los Angeles city offices. A neighborhood watch captain, homeowner and mother, Nury is focused on getting to the basics and delivering resources to the Valley. From cleaning our streets and providing safe neighborhoods for our children to ensuring local, middle-class jobs, Nury is dedicated to fighting for the residents of the Sixth District.

Councilwoman Nury Martinez has dedicated her life to the San Fernando Valley where she was born and raised and was proud to serve her community on the L.A. Unified School Board from 2009-2013. The product of public schools and the first in her family to graduate from college, Nury led the School Board and was devoted to expanding access to quality education for all communities, raising standards for college and career readiness and ensuring safe and secure schools for all students.

As the Executive Director of Pacoima Beautiful, Nury brought together competing interests to create economic opportunity with an eye towards environmental sustainability. As a result, she was able to turn around the former Price Pfister toxic waste site and replace it with the Pacoima Plaza: a LEED certified facility that has brought hundreds of good paying jobs to the community.

The daughter of immigrant parents, Nury spent her childhood admiring her parents’ hard work and learning from them the importance of community involvement. Her father was a dishwasher who took the bus everyday from Pacoima to Sherman Oaks while her mother worked on an assembly line at the Price Pfister factory in Pacoima. This stable, union job provided, for the first time ever, healthcare coverage for Nury’s entire family. And when Price Pfister announced plans to relocate to Mexico, Nury organized to save local jobs that supported working families.

Today, the Councilwoman relies on her experience in community organizing and her family history to inspire her goals on the Los Angeles City Council. Nury has become a leader fighting against sex trafficking and the over concentration of illegal medical marijuana dispensaries in the Sixth District. She is focused on revitalizing key areas – like the Van Nuys Corridor and the old Montgomery Ward site in the heart of Panorama City – with smart economic development plans to attract and retain businesses that create solid middle class jobs.

Additionally, she is making the Sixth District beautiful and sustainable by working with our industrial businesses in Sun Valley to consider the local community in their operations and using her experience fighting for grant funds to finish park projects like the 40-acre Cesar Chavez park. And, to ensure our streets are safe and that residents can count on faster emergency response times and well-trained first responders, Nury is fighting to fully fund public safety.

In her unique role as the sole elected female member of the Los Angeles City Council, Nury is committed to encouraging and supporting girls and women to take leadership roles.
and be part of government. She firmly believes that diverse perspectives make good government. And while she is the only elected female voice in City Hall, she is committed to speaking for the women of Los Angeles and takes that responsibility seriously. Now she is asking all of her colleagues to join her in carrying that flag forward.

Nury is a graduate of San Fernando High School and California State University at Northridge. She and her husband Gerry live in Sun Valley with their young daughter, Isabelle.

**GEOGRAPHIC REPRESENTATION**

**NEIGHBORHOODS:**
- Van Nuys
- Lake Balboa
- Sun Valley
- Panorama City
- Arleta
- North Hollywood
- North Hills East
TOP PRIORITY ISSUES

• Economic Growth
  Born and raised in the Valley, the Councilwoman remembers growing up when the Sixth District was thriving with middle class jobs. Families would shop on the Van Nuys Corridor or at stores like the old Montgomery Ward. Today, our community has changed a lot. The Van Nuys Airport is thriving and our residents now shop at the Panorama City mall and enjoy newer attractions like the Plant or the new Macleod's Ale Brewing Co. We are beginning to see the change in our community. With La Brea Bakery and Orly Inc. adding hundreds of new jobs, we can continue to bring back the economic success of our past while creating a brighter future for the next generation.

• Quality of Life
  For generations, families have been moving to the Sixth District for its beauty, job prospects and the opportunity to raise your family in a safe environment. As decades have passed, our residents face new challenges but are still eager for the community they remember. Today, Councilwoman Nury Martinez is partnering with City departments and local residents to repair our sidewalks, trim our trees, fix our streets and improve our street lighting and bring back the small town feel to our local neighborhoods.

• Public Safety
  With her own child’s well-being at stake, Councilwoman Nury Martinez is serious about public safety. She believes all of our children have a right to a safe community and an opportunity to grow up free of fear and crime. In her current role and as a member of the Public Safety committee, she is dedicated to addressing the sex trafficking and prostitution problem in the area, eliminating the illegal medical marijuana dispensaries and removing the blight that attracts crime. With local partners such as the City Attorney, LAPD, the Mary Magdalene Project, Groups Against Street Prostitution (GASP), and the Coalition to Abolish Slavery & Trafficking (CAST), these issues are being addressed for the benefit of all residents.

• Keeping it Clean
  Our community has grown significantly over the years and as more families join our neighborhoods, we need places for our children to play and for our residents to enjoy the outdoors. The first step in many of these cases is mitigating past pollution and restoring the natural beauty of our District. From her work with a local environmental nonprofit to her efforts enclosing nuisance waste facilities, Councilwoman Nury Martinez is creating green, open spaces that will improve the health and quality of life in the Sixth District.

• Empowerment
  As the only elected woman out of 18 City Hall officials, Councilwoman Nury Martinez knows the difficult challenges that face our leaders and community members. Today she is committed to encouraging girls and women to pursue leadership positions as well as creating opportunities for residents of the Sixth District. With efforts such as her "Ready for Women" initiative which introduces
college-aged women to elected office and her support of the Aviation school, the Councilwoman is working toward a more accessible City Hall.

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