José Huizar was elected to the Los Angeles City Council’s 14th District in 2005 and overwhelmingly re-elected in 2007, 2011 and in what will be his final term, 2015. Through his years of public service, Councilmember Huizar has proven himself a staunch advocate for educational reform, public safety, environmental protection and sustainable economic development. He has helped create thousands of new jobs, promoted historical preservation and created a framework to bring the beloved Streetcar back to Downtown Los Angeles.

Councilmember Huizar has also helped bring hundreds of acres of open space, new parks and park upgrades to park-poor areas of his district and is one of the City’s leading “Complete Streets” proponents, ushering in groundbreaking pedestrian and bike-friendly policies that are seen as the model for the entire City.

He has taken a leadership role in addressing homelessness as the chair of the City’s first-ever Ad Hoc Committee on Homelessness. In Downtown’s Skid Row community, Councilmember Huizar has successfully brought in L.A. County medical, mental health, drug rehabilitation, and other service providers to coordinate with the City as part of the Operation Healthy Streets cleanup initiative.

Prior to his Council election, José served as a member and President of the Los Angeles Unified School District’s Board of Education. As Board President, José oversaw the planning and implementation of the largest school construction program in U.S. history.

José Huizar was born in Zacatecas, Mexico and received a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of California, Berkeley, a Master’s degree in Public Affairs and Urban Planning from Princeton University and a Juris Doctorate from UCLA School of Law. He is the first Mexican immigrant elected to the City Council in Los Angeles’ history and in 2004, he became the first Latino to serve on the Princeton Board of Trustees.

Councilmember Huizar has been awarded numerous awards and distinctions, including profiles by the Los Angeles Business Journal as one of the 25 figures in the Los Angeles Area that “stand out for their potential to shape lives” and by Hispanic Business Magazine as one of the “100 most influential Hispanics” in the United States.

He resides in Boyle Heights with his wife Richelle Rios, their son Simón and three daughters, Emilia, Isabella and Aviana.

COMMITTEES
1. Chair, Planning & Land Use Management
2. Vice Chair, Rules, Elections & Intergovernmental Relations
3. Member, Economic Development
NEIGHBORHOODS:
- Boyle Heights
- Downtown LA
- El Sereno & Surrounding areas
- Northeast LA

TOP PRIORITY ISSUES

- **Clean Communities Initiative**
  Councilmember Huizar’s Clean Communities Initiative (CCI) is a comprehensive $1.5 million plan to repair the district’s worst sidewalks, trim thousands of trees, plant and maintain hundreds of new trees, increase graffiti removal, perform community cleanups, fund illegal dumping surveillance cameras, and a new bulky item and trash removal crew for CD14.

- **Complete Streets**
  Since taking office in 2005, improving the main thoroughfares and communities he represents in Council District 14 has been a key area of focus for Councilmember
Huizar. A trailblazer, he shifted the way the city views transit and thoroughfare improvements to encompass a more complete pedestrian and bicycle friendly vision.

Councilmember Huizar is widely regarded as the City’s biggest “Complete Streets” champion, ushering in groundbreaking transit, pedestrian, business and bike-friendly policies on the main thoroughfares of Council District 14 that are seen as a model for the entire City. A Complete Street accommodates all users, regardless of mode of transportation, including drivers, cyclists, pedestrians and public transit users. Complete Streets also envision the street as a destination, where communities are encouraged to shop, gather and build community.

- **DTLA Forward**
  DTLA FORWARD is a partnership with the City, community stakeholders, and strategic partners to achieve thriving and complete streets in Downtown LA. This transportation and planning initiative, launched by Councilmember Huizar, coordinates projects in the public realm. DTLA FORWARD enhances Downtown streets, improves transportation, prioritizes pedestrians, and enlivens public space.

- **Economic Development**
  During the biggest recession since the Great Depression, Councilmember Huizar was hard at work bringing our local economy back. In initiatives he created to improve the main thoroughfares throughout Council District 14, he has helped lead community resurgences on Broadway and Downtown Los Angeles, York Boulevard in Highland Park, Huntington Drive in El Sereno, First Street in Boyle Heights and Colorado Boulevard in Eagle Rock.

- **Environment**
  Councilmember Huizar chaired the City’s Energy & Environment Committee in 2012 and 2013. He received the Los Angeles League of Conservation Voters Environmental Champion Award and the Sierra Club’s Political Leadership Award for his efforts to usher in environmentally sound policies including to expand the City’s recycling efforts in commercial and apartment buildings by 2017, transition the City of Los Angeles to cleaner, renewable energy, and to make the City coal-free by 2025.

- **Public Safety**
  Crime in Council District 14 is at record lows, not seen since the 1950s. Since Councilmember Huizar took office, Part I Crime is down 29% in Downtown, 34% in Boyle Heights, 42% in El Sereno, 37% in Highland Park, 40% in Eagle Rock and 52% in Glassell Park! Overall, that’s a 30% drop throughout the district, with Violent Crime down 40%!
  Councilmember Huizar has fought for funding to keep the Los Angeles Police Department adequately staffed and promoted police-community partnerships, both of which are essential to crime prevention and reduction.
Utility Box Murals
From leading the effort to rewrite the City’s mural ordinance to co-authoring legislation to increase public art opportunities through the City’s art development fee program, Councilmember Huizar is one of the City’s biggest public art advocates. Through Councilmember Huizar’s Utility Art Box project, more than 140 utility boxes in Council District 14 have been transformed from drab gray boxes into “mini-murals!” Councilmember Huizar wants to ultimately see all CD14 utility boxes beautified with murals painted by local artists.

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