

# CANDIDATE FOR BILINGUAL EDUCATION

## Statement of Cheryl Ortega

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### Director of Bilingual Education

Almost 75% of the voters of California support multilingual education. That is a mandate. The tide has turned. The winds are blowing in a new direction. We must listen to the people and make this happen. UTLA has proposed a joint task force with LAUSD to expand current programs and create new ones. I am proud and happy to be in the position to work towards making this happen.

We currently have 70 schools with dual language programs. We could double that in a year and double it again in two.

I submitted my name for Director of Bilingual Education and since I am unopposed, I will be assuming that position in July. Working very closely with the Raza Ed Committee and the Latino Caucus, I thank them for their endorsement and look forward to continued collaboration. With 47 years in bilingual classrooms, team writer of the current EL Master Plan, and a lifelong advocate for language rights, I can hardly wait to get started on what could become the most amazing opportunity for all of our students, English learners and English speakers. Join me in promoting our language programs. Join the task force, get a BCLAD, renew your BCLAD, talk to parents and colleagues and your principal. We really can do this.

**Unopposed and elected**