



BIO: Raquel Maden

As the Director of External Affairs for the California School Boards Association, Raquel leads the 14 Public Affairs and Community Engagement representatives across the State. Her team is responsible for engaging and facilitating school board member participation in education advocacy efforts at the State and Federal levels.

Previously, Raquel worked as Chief Policy Analyst and Senior District representative for a legislator for 13 years.

In 2012, Raquel Marquez Maden finished 2 terms (8 years) as a trustee for the San Ysidro School District Governing Board. Raquel also served as Legislation Co-chair and Vice-president for the San Diego County School Boards Association.

Upon graduating from San Diego State University, Raquel immediately ran for public office. In that election, she received 50% more votes than any other previous candidate. In winning her race for the San Ysidro School Board, she became, at the time, the youngest school board trustee in the State, and subsequently the youngest school board President in the United States.

Raquel is also involved in local community organizations and serves as the Chair of the MANA de San Diego Advocacy committee and Vice-chair of the Chicano Federation Action Fund. In her spare time, Raquel is Cubmaster of her sons' Cub Scout Troop and is part of a local Trivia Team.