

**Marquez Governing Council (GC) Parent Representative Candidate
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Congratulations to Dora Karali! We had an uncontested election with 1 candidate running for 1 available seat, so she will serve as Parent Representative for the 2025-2026 one-year term. See her photo and bio below! She will begin her service at our Governing Council meeting on 9/25/25 at 2:00 p.m. along with other newly elected Parent Reps. Brian Breth and Aurelia Frank, and our continuing Parent Rep. Jodi Lederman.



Dora Karali

I've been a Marquez mom since 2012. Our two older boys graduated from Marquez and our youngest son is now in 5th grade. Our oldest son is now 20 and studies aerospace engineering at USC. Our middle son is a senior at Pali High and he is getting ready to apply to top tier schools for Computer Science. I appreciate how incredible this school and its community have been for our kids, laying the foundation for their successes and meeting their needs. I would like to contribute and give back as a parent representative at Marquez's Governing Council for a 1-year term, especially at this difficult and transitional time after the wildfires. Over the years, I've served the school in different positions. I served as a room parent and FOM corporate matching chair for multiple years and I also served as an FOM committee chair for teacher appreciation week, Read-A-Thon and Halloween Festival. I am currently working at Amazon Web Services, as a product management leader for cybersecurity services. I love snowboarding and running and have done half and full marathons. Please feel free to reach out any time with any topics you would like to discuss. It will be an honor to be part of the Governing Council and represent Marquez parents.

Governing Council Parent Representative responsibilities:

- Each of the 4 Parent Reps. is assigned to a GC Committee (Budget, Curriculum, Parent Engagement, and Technology)
- The Parent Rep. will Co-Chair their GC Committee with a Teacher Co-Chair
- Reps. participate in their assigned committee meeting each month
- Reps. attend the monthly Governing Council meeting
- That means two Thursday meetings a month from approx. 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Parent Reps. support the parent community and share feedback with committees and Governing Council
- Motions are presented at Governing Council and voted upon by all GC Members

From our Charter:

“The work of the Marquez Governing Council shall be accomplished through the activities, reports and recommendations of its various advisory committees. The committees will include: Budget, Curriculum, Parent Engagement, Personnel, and Technology. Issues arising before the Governing Council will be referred to the appropriate committee for consideration and its recommendations shall be presented to the Governing Council for final approval...Involvement in the Governing Council and the various committees will provide for direct parent and teacher involvement regarding the ongoing process of reviewing and revising the school’s educational program to meet the unique and changing needs of our students.”

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