# WARD 2 CANDIDATE STATEMENT

**Gracie Torres**

Member, Board of Directors, Western Municipal Water District, Division 2

I am a lifelong Riverside resident, public servant, businesswoman, chemist, and proud mom of three committed to protecting our community and strengthening our city's future. I am running for Riverside City Council to deliver effective leadership, transparent government, and real results for Riverside families.

As a Western Municipal Water District Board Member, I have fought for residents. I was the only board member to vote NO on proposed rate increases, standing up for our neighbors facing rising costs.

As your advocate on the Riverside City Council, I pledge to listen to your concerns and prioritize your quality of life. I will focus on:

- Public safety and the homeless crisis
- Affordable utility rates
- Infrastructure and neighborhood investment
- Economic opportunity and supporting local businesses
- Transparent, accountable, and fiscally responsible government

I am honored to be endorsed by Riverside Mayor Patricia Lock Dawson, a majority of the Riverside City Council, Riverside City Firefighters Association, Riverside Police Officers Association, small business owners, building and construction trades, veterans, teachers, and other respected community leaders and local organizations.

Riverside shaped my life. I am committed to giving back through bold, solutions-focused leadership. Together, we can keep our neighborhoods safe, strengthen our economy, and build a future that works for every resident and family.

I respectfully ask for your vote.

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