



Imelda Padilla is a long-time community leader who began her work and journey with the City of Los Angeles as teenager while on the LA City Youth Council from 2001-2003. Today she is a graduate from UC Berkeley, Cal State Northridge and a proud product of the Los Angeles Unified School District. Improving the quality of life for LA residents in all sectors that affect their daily lives is her passion.

She's been a community organizer for policy-based campaign in environmental justice, like Clean Up Green Up, economic justice policies like Raise the Wage LA, and has led a variety of youth-justice work like creating the Adelante planning committee that has hosted leadership conferences for high school and middle school students for over ten years. In addition, she has worked on gender-justice policy during her time on the LA County Women and Girls initiative and is currently working to improve health outcomes as a Community Engagement Manager for Heritage Sierra Medical Group.

In all spaces of community work, policy and program development she has pushed for the participation of all stakeholders to be involved in its development as well as the use of data to help guide decision making.