



# MITCH O'FARRELL

COUNCILMEMBER, 13TH DISTRICT ★ CITY OF LOS ANGELES

March 8, 2022

Holly Wolcott  
Office of the City Clerk  
200 N Spring Street, Room 360  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Ms. Wolcott:

Subject to confirmation, I have appointed Ms. Jocelyn Duarte to the Climate Emergency Mobilization Commission for the term ending June 30, 2026.

Ms. Duarte's background as an expert on immigrant communities and needs, coupled with the urgent need for the city to engage this constituency with respect to climate action, ensures that Ms. Duarte's contributions will be of urgent assistance to the City.

I certify that, in my opinion, Ms. Duarte is qualified for the work that will be required of her, and that I make this appointment solely in the best interests of the City of Los Angeles.

With kind regards,

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Council President Pro Tempore  
Councilmember, 13th District  
Los Angeles City Council

Jocelyn Duarte is the Executive Director of the Salvadoran American Leadership and Educational Fund, SALEF. During her time at SALEF, she has expanded the services of the organization to create direct legal services. Under her leadership, the educational fund has a strong focus on college access for youth of color by creating direct access to college courses as a satellite for East Los Angeles College. Ms. Duarte works transnationally with various organizations to support migrants in Tijuana awaiting asylum. She is a board member of El Rescate and Casa Libre, both organizations that focus on immigrant communities in Los Angeles.

Jocelyn's work is focused on immigrant communities originating in Central and Latin America, with a focus on migratory patterns to the United States from those regions. Further, her research interests include transnational mothers and their use of technology to mother from afar. As a result, her community work at SALEF is also focused on providing educational and legal services to the immigrant community, family and youth services and homelessness prevention for recently arrived immigrants.

She is a faculty member at East Los Angeles Community College in the Chicana/o Studies Department focused on bringing Central American Studies introductory courses to the Pico Union/Westlake area. Her teaching expanded across different departments at East Los Angeles Community College. She holds a faculty position in the Non-Credit Department where she provides immigrant communities instruction on the naturalization process. She has been a part-time faculty member in the Central American Studies Department at California State University since spring of 2016. Her research interests include transnational mothers and their use of technology to mother from afar.

Jocelyn holds an M.A. in Latin American Studies from California State University, Los Angeles. In addition, she holds a B.A. in Central American Studies and a second B.A. in Gender and Women's Studies from California State University, Northridge.