



Los Angeles Area
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THE HON. JOSÉ HUIZAR
COUNCILMEMBER, CD14
CITY OF LOS ANGELES

José Huizar serves the City of Los Angeles as Councilmember for the 14th District. Council District 14 (CD14) covers culturally diverse, richly historic and tremendously revitalizing communities including Downtown, Boyle Heights, El Sereno, Eagle Rock, and parts of Mt. Washington, Highland Park and Glassell Park.

Currently in his first full-term as Councilmember, Huizar has already earned a reputation as an aggressive policymaker who tackles difficult projects and issues to get results. Some of his priorities include planning & economic development, public transportation, enhancing public safety and youth development, and revitalizing major corridors in the 14th Council District. Huizar is fully committed to revitalizing the historic Broadway corridor through his initiative entitled Bringing Back Broadway.

Before being elected to City Council, Huizar served as President of the Board of Education of the Los Angeles Unified School District (2003-2005) and as a Board Member (2001-2005). Huizar oversaw plans to build over 160 new schools within eight years, constituting the largest school construction program in the nation's history. In his final year as LAUSD Board President, Huizar led the successful effort to reform the high school curriculum to ensure that all students, regardless of their backgrounds, will complete the A-G courses required for admission to one of California's public universities.

Huizar previously served as a Deputy City Attorney in the Real Estate and Environmental Division of the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office. He has also served as an associate with several private law firms. Huizar serves as a Trustee of Princeton University. He has received numerous awards and distinctions, including profiles by the Los Angeles Business Journal as one of the 25 figures in the Los Angeles Area that "stand out for their potential to shape lives" and by Hispanic Business magazine as one of the "100 most influential Hispanics" in the United States.

Huizar earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of California, Berkeley, a Master's degree in Public Affairs and Urban Planning from Princeton University and a Juris Doctorate from UCLA School of Law. Huizar was born in Zacatecas, Mexico, and raised in the Boyle Heights neighborhood of Los Angeles. He currently resides in Boyle Heights with his wife Richelle Rios and their two young daughters, Emilia and Isabella, and their newborn son, Simon Luis.