

Name: Jonathan Abboud
Title: General Manager
For: General Manager

Bio: Jonathan Abboud was raised in Los Angeles, a first generation American and the first in his family to attend college. He has lived in Isla Vista since 2010. Employment: General Manager, Isla Vista Community Services District 2017 - Education: UCSB, Bachelors in Political Science 2014 Masters in Technology Management 2018 Honors: Democratic Future Award, 2017 Deans Honor List UCSB Jeremy Johansen Award 2014 (for service to UCSB Associated Students) Leadership Roles: Trustee, SB City College Board of Trustees since 2014 President, SB City College Board of Trustees 2022 - 2026 Senator, Associated Students Senate 2011- 2012 President, Residence Halls Association 2012 - 2013 President, Associated Students 2013 - 2014 Candidate, Abboud for State Assembly 2020

Why: Mr. Abboud is the visionary who advocated for the creation of the Isla Vista Community Services District; the strategic thinker who helped create a District with no revenue source and followed up by convincing the public to approve a utility tax; the politically-savvy collaborator who amassed support for a District from local and state politicians, LAFCO, UCSB, and the diverse Isla Vista community; the public servant who is the District's First General Manager (initially as an unpaid volunteer); and the highly competent administrator who has in seven years grown the start-up District into a respected, financially stable organization with talented employees, an engaged Board of Directors, well-written policies and procedures, and a dozen community-responsive programs. It is said that there is no end to what you can accomplish if you don't care who gets the credit. Mr. Abboud is the embodiment of this sentiment. He has made superb hires during his tenure as General Manager and has molded the talented staff into a cohesive and joyful team that has created an incredible impact on the community. Mr. Abboud is low-key and supportive, always giving praise and holding others in the limelight. With a \$1.4 million annual budget comprised of utility taxes and grants, the Isla Vista Community Services District has developed the following programs during Mr. Abboud's tenure, which are responsive to community values of inclusivity and harm reduction. ~Safety Stations strategically placed in the community to provide water, phone charging, safety escorts and assistance in reporting dangerous conditions. ~An Isla Vista-dedicated Interpersonal Violence Investigator position within the UCSB Police Department. ~Isla Vista Beautiful efforts, enabling residents to report community hazards through the "SeeClickFix" mobile app, and deploying a paid crew to manage graffiti, uncollected trash, and other eyesores and unsafe situations. ~Rental Housing Mediation Program, providing free services for conflict resolution between roommates, landlords and tenants, and providing boilerplate contracts for various housing situations. ~Community Spaces Management and Programming. The unsafe college party culture can be moderated if there are other outlets where people can come together to enjoy community, celebration, artistic expression, and intellectual discourse. Isla Vista's quest for a Community Center has been a convoluted saga since the 1970s. The purchase of a site in 2012 with Redevelopment Agency funds became compromised when the RDAs were dissolved; through vigorous intervention, the site was conserved for the community, but controlled by the County, under lock and

key with scant local access. Under Mr. Abboud's leadership, the IVCS D has leased the property from the County, begun some much-needed upgrades, and created a robust calendar of local use, welcoming all age groups and providing bilingual services. During the 2021-22 year, there were 731 events serving 4,200 locals, creating a much-needed hub for the community. Additionally, IVCS D has hosted spring and fall festivals that create safer alternatives to Deltopia and Halloween bacchanals.

~Organized Move In / Move Out efforts. Ninety-nine percent of Isla Vista's 16,000 residents are renters, and the vast majority are in leases that terminate and begin by design on the same day each year, with a two-week gap in between. This huge simultaneous turnover creates many unique issues for Isla Vista, including wholesale abandonment of furniture, clothing and food. Under Mr. Abboud's leadership, IVCS D has partnered with other community organizations to provide services that diminish waste, create temporary storage of reusable items, keep the community free of trash, and encourage recycling.

~Composting Services. IVCS D provides community-wide education about sustainable waste management practices, and the role that composting plays in reducing carbon footprints and promoting ecosystem health. Services include providing training and worm bins for home composting, collecting food scraps, and creating nutrient-rich compost which is now sold commercially and used to nourish community gardens, including UCSB's Edible Campus initiative.

~Isla Vista CSD's Community Engagement efforts include community calendars, newsletters, social media outreach, campaigns on cliff dangers, analysis of public lighting deficiencies, town hall meetings and strategic tabling. These efforts are intended to help create both a mobility plan for sustainable transportation options and a plan to solve a longstanding local parking problem, which the Coastal Commission cited when it torpedoed the community's much-needed 2016 Master Plan update. Any one of these programs could be nominated for a CSDA award, and don't be surprised if we do so in the future. For now, we'd like you to award our very talented, hardworking and inspirational General Manager, Jonathan Abboud, the visionary who has created a mature organization from a decades-long dream.

Nominated by: Carrie Topliffe
Isla Vista Community Services District
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