



**CANDIDATE STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS
Altadena Town Council: CT4603.01
June 8, 2013 Election**

NICOLE FORD

Occupation: Director, Stepping in the Right Direction College Tours

As a 32-year resident of Beautiful Altadena, CA, I am running for Altadena Town Council out of my love and commitment for the community in which I grew up. I am a product of Altadena and its greatness being a graduate of John Muir High School in Pasadena.

After completing my Bachelor's Degree at Bethune Cookman University in Daytona Beach, Florida, where I met my husband, we returned to live in Altadena, where we both love our community and believe in all that it has to offer. Over the past 7 years, I have begun, and am currently involved in, multiple mentorship and educational programs within both the Altadena community and PUSD. I also continue to volunteer at Loma Alta Park, where I organized various community outreach programs. My motto: Our community's future begins today with the youth of tomorrow. I want to ensure that new tools and resources are developed to help shape these potential community leaders. I believe we have to pull together as a community and better support parents and teachers in preparing our young people for a successful future. To that end, I currently attend Pacific Oaks College in Pasadena, where I am pursuing my Masters of Art Degree in Marriage and Family Therapy.

I also had the opportunity to work for Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich in his Pasadena Field Office during and after completing college. This is where I learned the political process of how change happens and the importance of community communication, involvement and partnership with the departments within the County of Los Angeles. I truly believe change starts with us and we have to ensure our voices are heard.

Being a resident in Altadena, I understand the importance of Neighborhood Enhancement and Parks & Recreation programs. I am a proponent of ongoing resident safety, services for our thriving senior community and the need for solid educational and after school programs for our children/youth. Maintaining our small-town atmosphere is also important, as it is my concern that we continue supporting our local businesses, making a change together through positive partnerships. I want to make sure our community needs, wants and concerns are heard, accounted for and implemented. With my community service experience, within and beyond the Altadena Community, working in the public and private sectors and starting an organization which further impacts area youth, I possess the commitment, motivation, creativity and leadership skills needed to keep Altadena great!

Please support me on June 8, 2013 by voting Nicole Ford for Altadena Town Council!