CANDIDATES FOR NEA EXECUTIVE OFFICE: BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Candidate name Maria G. Hernandez Office being sought NEA ESP at large Campaign manager: Raul Hernandez

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION FOR *RA TODAY* (Complete the following in <u>100</u> words or fewer total, not counting existing headings)

- 1. Community and state of residence: El Paso, Texas
- 2. Current and previous employment: Ysleta ISD/Sped Paraprofessional
- 3. Association experience (list of elected positions, committees, etc.): Local:
 - 2021 YTA ESP of the Year
 - ESP Director / Executive board
 - Elections committee
 - Vice-President for ESP

State: 2021 TSTA ESP of the Year TSTA board of Directors TSTA State ESP Committee TSTA House of Delegates

National: NEA ESP Conference 2021-2024 NEA Representative Assembly Delegate LGBTQ Caucus Member NCESP Member

What do you consider the overriding issues in education?

The overriding issues in education include voting apathy, inadequate funding, a lack of respect for all educators, and addressing racial and social justice. These challenges impact the quality of education, teacher morale, student outcomes, and equitable access to learning opportunities for all students.

The above information was provided by or approved by Maria G. Hernandez