

Sunny Zia is serving her second term on the Long Beach Community College District board, having been elected Trustee for Area 3 in April of 2014. She is a first-generation Iranian American who grew up in a hardworking family that raised her with the guiding principles of the American dream. From a young age her parents instilled in her the importance of education as the pathway to success.

She was the only female and the first to graduate from her class of Civil Engineering with a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Tehran. She later graduated with honors and received a Master of Science from University of California, Irvine in Civil Engineering. She has nearly two decades of experience in Construction, Environmental, Water and Infrastructure projects.

Under her leadership as a Trustee, she has instilled measures supporting students experiencing food and housing insecurity, support for formerly incarcerated youth and led building public private partnerships to support a pipeline for the career and educational future of the students. As a leader whose work has spanned from working with at risk youth, addressing hate crimes and bullying and support for job placement for displaced Americans, she has been a stalwart for giving chances to youth and returning students in supporting their college and career growth in society.

Zia is a former small business owner and consultant to the private and public sectors. She has managed a wide range of programs, balanced budgets, and recovered funding for many agencies she has represented.

Currently, Sunny is a Senior Civil Engineer and Program Manager at the Port of Long Beach responsible for overseeing multi-million dollars in Capital Improvement projects. In her most recent role as the Port's Contract Compliance Manager, she led the oversight of over \$2.44 billion in contracting practices and ensured that contracting at the Port is fair, equitable and transparent. In this capacity, she led the effort in generating over \$12.2 million in annual savings.