

## **Aaron Villarreal**

| Regional Affairs Director for Region V (2022-2023) |

### **After reviewing the job description for the position, what activities and special skills make you qualified, and why are you running for this position?**

With my experience of being on the West Hills College Lemoore Associated Student Government (ASG) being the Vice President, I have upheld similar responsibilities and duties that will correlate to this position. Responsibilities of being ethical & fair in meetings, planning and creating events, while additionally participating & representing in activities in support of our ASG organization. Similarly, within my past experience being the Regional Affairs Director (2021-2022), I was able to hold and chair Executive Board meetings, Delegate Assembly meetings, and Ad-Hoc Committee meetings. Making me qualified for the Regional Affairs Director 2022-2023 duties during the upcoming academic term. Additionally, I am running for this position once again to help shout the voices of our students, and let the Central Valley be properly represented and heard, putting it on the map!

### **Please briefly discuss the core commitments of the Vision for Success and your understanding of diversity, equity, and inclusion.**

My *Vision for Success* for my term is to make sure we as a region are able to work as a team. With my set of soft-skills and experience with leadership, I am able to make sure everyone is recognized, respected and valued. I was always told, “there is no such as a dumb question,” and that everyone has a voice and ability to be recognized. Hearing all ideas and thoughts. As I come from a hispanic descent and acknowledge the injustice and wrongdoings with being limited and silenced. As we pave the new roadway to change. Making sure diversity, equity, and inclusion is a priority within the region, and is demonstrated within my guidance. It is one of the reasons as to why I jumped into making sure we make a positive influence, for all nationalities and all backgrounds to be heard and represented with the utmost respect. Making that change for the better, for our students!

### **What issue(s) in higher education are you most dedicated to addressing and why?**

The issue(s) I am most dedicated to solving and addressing in higher education is communication of opportunities and resources. Where students do not know certain resources that are available to them, or how they can push administration and their college to implement these new resources. I advocate for fixing food insecurity, gender inclusivity, basic needs, and transfer needs. But more importantly, I advocate for students getting these resources and opportunities in an easy, non-conflicted manner. Making sure, our students are able to reach their full potential with ease, and the ability to move upwards!

### **What makes you best suited to serve as a voting member on the SSCCC Board of Directors?**

What makes me best suited to serve as a voting member on the SSCCC Board of Directors is because I acknowledge the backing behind parliamentary procedure. Within my past term as Regional Affairs Director, I have overlooked the posted Board of Directors agenda, visited the hyperlinks, oversaw the action we will take on certain items, and asked questions for clarification or things needing to be addressed. I know when to object, and when to take a stance. I acknowledge my delegate's thoughts, issues, and concerns and make sure my vote correlates with our region. Making me suited to be a member on the SSCCC Board of Directors, taking the proper action, asking the right questions, and making sure we are making an impact in a positive light for the students of California!