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Biography:

Ydalia Yado is an educator with the Caldwell School District. She serves the district as an English teacher as well as the Migrant Graduate Specialist. She is the founder and coordinator of the Migrant Leaders Conference, an annual conference that empowers migrant families to seize the educational, career, and civic opportunities they have here in Idaho.

Growing up in the low income community of Farmway Village in Caldwell, Idaho greatly influenced her professional goals and life mission. Ydalia is a first generation American and is proud to have a Mexican heritage. She considers herself a Chicana, because she knows that her Mexican American identity, along with other parts of her identity, give her the privilege to advocate for the voiceless. Her goal is to transform the lives of the vulnerable populations in Idaho by sponsoring policies that protect Idaho's elders, veterans, children, working class, small-businesses, farmers, immigrants, refugees, and LGBT community.

Ydalia Yado is a graduate of Caldwell High School and Seattle University, a Jesuit institution. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Theology and Religious Studies with Departmental Honors, a minor in Latin American studies, and a specialization in Diversity, Citizenship, and Social Justice. She is currently working on her Master of Public Administration at Boise State University.

Ydalia is married and has two young children. She met her husband, Daniel, when they were members of "Los Soldados de Cristo" "Christ's Soldiers" at Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church. They enjoy raising their children, Daniel and Victorio, in Idaho surrounded by family and friends.

Top Priorities:

Ydalia's life mission is to use the social teachings of her faith to transform her local, state, national, and global community. She is running for the Idaho Senate to help protect all Idahoans' quality of life. Three issues that are important to her are the economy, human rights, and environmental justice.

Ms. Yado believes that all vocations are essential to society. She believes that to boost Idaho's economy, Idaho needs to invest in both college preparation courses and professional technical education opportunities. Idaho public schools are already creating tracks that motivate students to pursue the career of their choice. If Idaho properly funds education and workforce development training now, she knows Idahoans will have a better future.

Ydalia believes that all Idahoans deserve to have economic security. The equitable payment of taxes is a patriotic act that helps stimulate our economy by distributing resources to individuals and communities in need; hence, creating prosperity for all! To improve Idaho's economy, Idaho legislators need to establish a living wage. The minimum wage needs to account for the increase in cost of living including the rise in child care costs and day to day expenses. Hardworking Idahoans deserve an opportunity to prosper!

Many immigrants come to Idaho because they want to live in safe place with economic security. Idaho gives them this opportunity and they give back to Idaho daily. Idaho has thousands of undocumented immigrants living in our communities, with their help Idaho has been prosperous in the agriculture industry, an industry that has trouble retaining workers because of the working conditions and wages. Additionally, Idaho undocumented immigrants pay taxes but do not get tax incentives because of their legal status. Giving undocumented immigrants the opportunity to purchase driver's license, gives them another opportunity to help stimulate Idaho's economy and keep Idaho's roads safe.

In addition to focusing on the economy, Ydalia would like to see the following human rights issues addressed during the next legislative session: Add the Words, child medical neglect, and the healthcare gap.

By Adding the Words, Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity, Idaho would be affirming that all humans have the right to be free of discrimination. As a Christian, Ydalia believes all people are created in the image of God. She will push until this bill becomes a reality.

According to the Congressional Budget Office (CBO), Medicaid expansion would add very little to the costs states would have spent on Medicaid without The Affordable Care Act. CBO claims that Medicaid Expansion would decrease the spending the state would spend on "uncompensated care and other services they provide to the uninsured." From 2014-2022, the federal government claimed they would pick up 93% of the cost to expand Medicaid. They had also agreed to cover 100 % of newly eligible Medicaid recipients from 2014-2016, an opportunity Idaho did not seize. Further, the CBO stated that the federal government agreed to pay no less than 90% on a permanent basis. All Idahoans deserve affordable access to health care. The State of Idaho needs to work with the federal government to protect all citizens. Idahoans contribute to federal taxes, Ydalia believes the state should allow the federal government to contribute to those who need help by choosing to expand Medicaid.

To remain healthy and prosperous, the Legislature must protect Idaho's air, water, and land. If elected, Ydalia will work to give local communities control of their environment and help them protect their constituents from special interests. Idaho cannot continue to allow big oil companies to infringe on property owners' rights.

Ydalia believes it only takes a spark to ignite a fire that can illuminate the world, and she wants to be that spark here in Idaho. She encourages all those who can vote to seize their opportunity to illuminate Idaho with integrity by voting Yado for Idaho in 2016.