

## **MICHAEL LEMA**

**Occupation:** Electrician/Student

**My education and qualifications are:** Hayward needs a viable candidate who understands the importance of overcoming adversity. I was born and raised in Hayward. The poor choices I made in my youth resulted in me leaving Hayward High without a diploma. Nevertheless, I chose to rise above and improve myself. In 2015, the Marine Corps gave me my second chance. There I reached the rank of Sergeant, and learned the core values of Honor, Courage, and Commitment. After 5 proud years of service, I returned home to the Heart of the Bay, where I'm currently finishing a degree in Mechanical Engineering. I don't have all the answers, which is why I'll never stop asking questions to those I'm accountable to. With your help, I can be an inspiration and an example of what can happen when people get a second chance. I will lead the charge to make a better Hayward.