

## **Alejandra Gutiérrez Bio**

Chair, Long Beach Independent Redistricting Commission

Alejandra Gutiérrez is the Doctoral Programs Manager for the Sue & Bill Gross School of Nursing at UC Irvine. Her interest in serving on the Independent Redistricting Commission came from her desire to be a more active civic participant in the City of Long Beach.

Prior to her appointment to the Commission, she worked for the 2010 U.S. Census Bureau as a Crew Leader in the Long Beach regional office where she was able to gain a first-hand understanding of the composition of this large and diverse city. She possesses a bachelor's degree in American Studies from UC Santa Cruz and a master's degree in Cultural Studies from Claremont Graduate University, where she gained fundamental knowledge of the process of redistricting and its critical role in a representative democracy.

Chair Gutiérrez has been a long-time resident of Long Beach, specifically the 6th and 7th districts, where living amongst and speaking to people that reside in these communities have resulted in a deep understanding of the importance of fair representation for diverse populations.