Rachel Polakoski asks for your endorsement and vote as the **Full-time Faculty Officer-at-Large for Instruction with Cuyamaca's Academic Senate.** Rachel Polakoski is a proud member of the math department (affectionately referred to as CuyaMATHa). She started working at Cuyamaca in 2015 as part-time faculty and was hired full-time in 2018. Since taking on a full-time tenure track position, Rachel has led several professional development sessions for her Cuyamaca colleagues focused on equitable teaching practices and interactive learning. As the campus came to an abrupt close in March 2020, Rachel volunteered to host several Canvas workshops to help other teachers make the quick pivot to online learning. In addition to her work with Cuyamaca, Rachel is also pursuing a doctorate in community college leadership at SDSU. This doctorate program has helped Rachel hone skills necessary to be an effective leader: listening and collaboration, emotional intelligence, and mindful self-compassion. In 2019, Rachel started her service on the Academic Senate. In the past two years, Rachel has learned a lot about the Academic Senate and now feels ready to take on a leadership role as the full-time faculty officer at large for instruction. As a faculty member, Rachel works to provide the best learning environment for her students. She employs equitable student-centered teaching practices and teaches with passion and empathy. As the full-time faculty officer at large for instruction, Rachel will use these same skills while representing full-time faculty members. She is ready to listen to and collaborate with other faculty members and senators to make the best decisions for faculty and students moving forward as Cuyamaca repopulates the campus post-covid. Thank you for your consideration!