Dear Cuyamaca Faculty,

My name is Manuel Mancillas-Gómez, I was born in Tijuana and migrated with my family to Otay, CA as a teenager. I received a B.A. from UCLA in Anthropology/Latin American Studies and M.A. from Grand Canyon University in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL). My professional career has been dedicated to the struggle for educational excellence and social justice with a record of community and union organizing. I was encouraged by colleagues to continue serving as your Academic Senate president for a second-term with a strong commitment to attain faculty diversification, culturally relevant curriculum, and critical pedagogical practices. Therein, my goal is to continue supporting the college-wide strategic framework towards a vision of equity-mindedness, anti-racism and social justice consciousness, which lead to outcomes that positively transform students, institutional representatives and organizations.