## **Christopher Mercado**

Hello, good morning; good evening or good afternoon! Living in Hayward from K-12th grade has given me the feeling that Hayward; Chabot College is part of my backyard. My name is Christopher Mercado, and I'm keen on re-applying for At Large Representative for student senate Chabot. Currently at 22 years old I'm studying for my AA Real Estate degree in Business, because land is not an easily renewable product. While studying I've started a small business of my own with my partner Paulina, called (Experience WonderLand) or (WL) for short. I have spent the majority of my life around / with underrepresented lower economic groups/family causing me to be an open minded individual who's against "The Machine", racism, hatred, and any kind of belittling of anyone! I enjoy most types of music and generally am told I'm an easy going person, unless there's an issue that lays unjust with my moral compass. Chabot Community College is/needs to be a place for all walks of life to have a place to get a fresh start. I'd like to continue to be involved with the Chabot Student Senate in order to bridge the gap between student and staff privilege and opportunities by giving just resources to all underrepresented students is the goal. I recognize not all paths are linear, or following the same route; So it's important to be inclusive for all types of people/ students' life, like, elderly, recently retired veterans & physically disabled or student parent/ foster youth students.

Hayward CA, more specifically Chabot College is the community I continue to be raised in, we know it's far from perfect; Perhaps due to old, outdated systems. There should be no reason why Chabot College can't be one one the best community colleges in California. It's rare to have someone cut from the cloth of their own community, go into a rank of influence in order to help their community with the issues that they once dealt with themselves. My name is Christopher Mercado and I want to get feedback directly from students to see how we can make life better for all people on campus!