



Atty Garfinkel

Regional Senator

Santa Barbara City College/Region VI

“Atty” Garfinkel attends Santa Barbara City College. She is a re-entry student who is attempting a double major and a certificate in Natural History/Biology and Ethnic Studies with a certificate in Native American Studies. Atty has lived many places but in her heart, California has always been home. Thus she will complete her two Associates degrees and transfer to a California University to finish her undergraduate studies. Once she has completed her undergraduate degree, she will pursue a PhD through an accelerated PhD program in Israel near some of her family at the University of Haifa.

Atty has a unique perspective on education and student services. She struggled in school as a child. After testing was conducted, she discovered despite her passion and strong will, that dyslexics must learn differently. Atty and her family have begun to recognize the variety of learning “alternately-able” skill sets from within their own family, Atty’s grandfather is a sociologist retired from UCLA PhD. Harold Garfinkel, who has encouraged, if not pushed her into advocacy because of her background. “If all the people are inside the box, how will anyone ever think outside of it?” Atty began attending Santa Barbara City College in fall 2007.

Now Atty represent her region as well as all 2.8 million student of California Community Colleges. She says the key is listening to the students.

In spring 2008, Atty met Student Body President Tom Fitzgerald who listened to her ideas for campus improvement. He suggested she get involved with the Student Senate. The following semester she ran for the position of Commissioner of Clubs and Student Organizations and won; that semester Atty sat on four committees and fell in love with politics. She began attending the regional meetings, requesting key seats on various campus/district committees and planning events and conference trips. In spring 2009 Atty found several areas that needed advocacy on her campus and rallied her clubs. Atty decided to run for Vice President of Senate Affairs on her campus and won the seat. This was followed by the spring SSSCC General Assembly where she ran with her friend Marcus King for the two Regional Senator seats; they both won.



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