

Anna Gonzalez-Cifuentes

Anna, a Spanish teacher at Placer High School in Auburn, has been in the Auburn area since she was 7 years old. Her journey as an educator began when she started volunteering to help her younger brother's summer school class and continued until she was 18. When she was 21, she became a Bilingual Instructional Aide and received her teaching credential at Sac State, and soon after, returned to her home town as a Spanish teacher.

Her Sierra College instructor, Dr. Reyes Ortega, introduced Anna to the LLC and she was immediately intrigued to learn there was an organization in her area that was committed to helping the Latino community. An introduction to Maria Cordova and the realization that they both were serving many of the same families made her feel connected to the work the LLC is doing; she wanted to be a part of its growth and joined the LLC Board at the end of 2019.

Anna states, "I don't know if I will ever leave Auburn, but if I were to leave the area, I know my community would continue to be in good hands with the Latino Leadership Council. I am so proud of our work."