

# Victoria Gómez

Victoria Gómez was born and raised in Los Angeles, CA. She is a Chicana, Mexican American woman and a member of the LGBTQ community. Victoria received two Bachelors of Arts in Politics and Sociology from the University of California, Santa Cruz, being one of the first in her family to leave home to achieve a higher education.

She is a community youth organizer and advocate for the transformation of our criminal justice and K-12 public education systems. As a woman with family currently and formerly incarcerated, she walks alongside fellow families with incarcerated loved ones, organizing direct actions to raise awareness of the impacts that mass incarceration has on our communities and leading social justice campaigns to change the narrative around criminality.

Victoria is a Co-Founder and Treasurer of Pride In Truth, a nonprofit based in East LA whose mission is to strengthen and heal our communities in a meaningful way. Their work centers around welcoming formerly incarcerated youth and adults back into society with reentry services and educating them on a pathway of leadership for their own communities. Victoria currently works with youth of color, providing mentorship and academic guidance to strengthen the power and potential of our next generation. As she navigates her early career, she is fierce in her endeavors to bring more Latinx, LGBTQ, women, and system impacted youth to the table; healing the generational trauma that persists throughout her community by engaging in intentional and empathic actions.