

Office: Napa County Supervisor District 3

Name: Rafael Rios III

Occupation: Attorney

Age: 55

Education & Qualifications:

I have lived in Napa Valley my entire life. I have witnessed the changes in our community overtime and have lived the challenges faced by many members of the community. My personal experiences, educational background, and professional experience give me a unique perspective and have resulted in a skill set that I can use to help find solutions to the issues that we face. I grew up working in the vineyards and wineries. I earned a B.S. in Landscape Architecture from U.C. Davis. I worked as a land planner and designer in private firms, as well as for the County of Sacramento planning department before attending law school at Santa Clara University. I have an MBA in wine business from Sonoma State University. I have been practicing law for over 28 years. I advise individual and small business clients on land use, real estate, permitting, licensing, and business operations. Earlier in my career, I represented the City of Calistoga, the City of St. Helena and the Town of Yountville as assistant city attorney. I served the community on the boards of the Napa County Hispanic Network, the St. Helena Chamber of Commerce, the Upper Valley Family Center, Kiwanis Club, and the St. Helena Hospital Foundation Community Health Needs Committee. I am also currently serving in my tenth year on the Napa Valley College District Board of Trustees.