

Letter: Elect 'boomeranger' to city council

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I was born and raised in Fresno, like my parents and grandparents. After leaving for school, I returned with a law degree and commitment to Fresno. Fresno's greatest asset is the "boomerang" generation, comprised of people like me who grew up here and returned to do something worthy of the investment others made in us along the way.

Esmeralda Soria is the poster child for this movement. She has Valley roots and higher degrees from two of California's prestigious universities. I respect her valuable experience at the White House and state Capitol before returning. She is back and prepared to make a difference — a "boomeranger."

We always talk about the "brain drain" in Fresno. It's abhorrent that now some people are attacking those of us who have returned home. Fresno will capitalize on Esmeralda's experiences and motivation. The daughter of hardworking parents and a product of our public schools, she embodies the success we all hope all children achieve. I know Fresno was close to her heart, even when hundreds of miles away.

Fresno can start fixing the brain drain by embracing one of its own. Elect Esmeralda to Fresno City Council, District 1. She's the right choice.

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