

Councilmember Ben Kalasho

Councilmember Ben Kalasho was elected to the El Cajon City Council in November, 2016.

Prior to becoming a councilmember, Kalasho was the founder and president of the San Diego East County Chaldean American Chamber of Commerce, which is one of the fastest growing business groups in San Diego. He also founded and served as President of the Miss Middle East Beauty Pageant of California.

Councilmember Kalasho received an award from the East County Small Business for Job Creation and has numerous awards in Marketing and Business from the National Small Business Association, Chambers of Commerce and notable Networking Organizations.

Councilmember Kalasho was born in Baghdad, Iraq as the middle of 6 children. He attended UCSD (ext), studying economics, and left school to pursue a career in Real Estate and investments. He is married to his wife Jessica, who is a professional in the dental field.

Councilmember Kalasho's goal is to raise the quality of life for all El Cajon residents. He hopes that his creative mindset will beautify the city by creating new jobs for working families.