

## **Councilwoman Star Bales**

Councilwoman Star Bales was appointed to the City Council on December 17, 2013, to fill a City Council vacancy.

Prior to joining the City Council, Councilwoman Bales served on the El Cajon Planning Commission from 2008 – 2013, she was also a Commissioner for the El Cajon Arts and Culture Commission from 2004 - 2006. In 2005, she received a Commendation for her contributions and dedication to the Arts Commission from the City Council.

Councilwoman Bales is a renowned artist and volunteers as an art docent for local schools and for the Boys and Girls Club. She has been as a Councilmember for the San Diego County Child Care and Development Planning Council. Additionally, Councilwoman Bales was a Board Member for the San Diego Army Advisory Council and continues to be a member of the El Cajon Historical Society.

Councilwoman Bales was born in Iraq and came to the United States in 1979. She eventually moved to El Cajon in 1983 and has lived in the City ever since. Ms. Bales is married to her husband Gerald and has a son and a daughter.