## Lifting Up BUSD Latine/x Voices



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Favorite Book: *The Shadow* of the Wind by Carlos Ruiz Zafón

Favorite Food: Pupusas and Ice Cream

Favorite Series: On My Block

"I was born and raised in the Bay Area. I come from a family of very strong and independent women. My mom, grandma and great grandma all raised families on their own and have been my biggest inspiration. I am a proud Salvadorean and have been lucky enough to visit El Salvador to see relatives and gain a better sense of my cultural heritage. One of my favorite memories I have about visiting El Salvador is going to the beach and taking a surfing class on a beach called El Zonte."

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