



***Ferial Masry*** is currently running for the 37<sup>th</sup> Assembly District, is a high school teacher and her husband is working for the US Navy.

Ferial Masry, with her achievements, her unique background, her life story, and her commitment to the community, she hopes to win a seat in the California State Assembly. She is recognized as someone who is trying to break new ground – and break down barriers. The mother of a U.S. soldier who served in Iraq, she has been an inspiration to people from all. Masry was awarded the 2005 Human Rights Award at the Ronald Reagan Library.

In a spectacular 2004 write-in campaign, unprecedented in California, Masry garnered local, national and international attention and was awarded the 2006 Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Democrat of the Year award.

In 2005 Masry was invited to the International Jeddah Economic Forum to speak about her experiences with American Democracy as a Saudi-born woman who ran for office in her adopted country. Although she joined many notable figures, including former Secretaries of State Madeline Albright and Zbigniew Brzezinski, she was unique in her perspective, and her message resonated with both Saudi participants and the U.S. diplomatic community. In recognition of her impact and achievements, the U.S. Consulate in Jeddah invited her for a special reception in recognition of her ability to reflect the human side; the commonalities and interests that the Saudi and American people share beyond the images of political conflicts.

*She has made history and is a symbol of American democracy to the world... the person who Peter Jennings on ABC News called*

*"a candidate for all the right reasons."*

*"Ferial Masry may have the most unusual biography of any candidate seeking office in California...." -- New York Times*

*"(This) mother sees similarities between what her son in Iraq is doing there and what she is doing here." -- The Los Angeles Times*

*"...Masry could also be the bridge between Democrats and Republicans in a district polarized in recent years..." -- The Christian Science Monitor*

*“She teaches her students that it is their responsibility to not only learn history but to make history themselves as well.” VC Reporter*

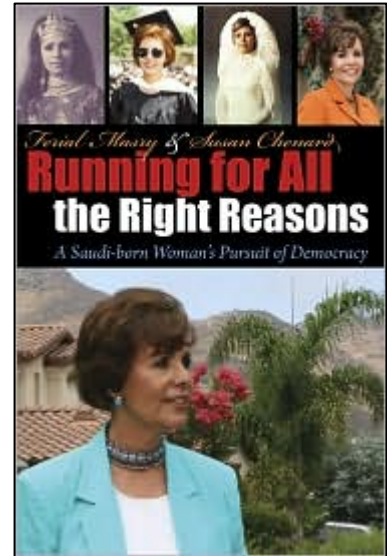
**“She has been speaking about her story and her political endeavor everywhere and garnered admiration.” The Ventura Country Reporter**

**Nominated by KCET For “Woman Who Made A Difference In southern California” 1992**

**Prominent lecturer, community leader and volunteer with a long history of community service and creative effort in developing educational and counseling series for youth.**

**Bilingual speaker, Fluent in Arabic, English.**

- **California Democratic Party Co-Chair of the Platform Committee.**
- **Member of the U.S. Institute of Peace Advisory Committee of the Muslim World Initiative.**
- **Board member of the Israeli Palestinian Confederation**
- **Board member of the Global Exchange, Ventura County**



**Ferial is an author of the newly release autobiography “Running for All the Right Reasons,” a Saudi Born Woman Pursuits of Democracy. It is published by Syracuse University Press.**