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Small Business Owner

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I was raised in Santa Ana, graduated from SAUSD schools, and then proudly graduated from the paralegal program at Santa Ana College (SAC). Afterwards, I served our country as a United States Marine. I later graduated from UCI and then law school and became an attorney.

I know firsthand how important SAC is as a first step on an educational path. After completing the paralegal program at SAC, I became an attorney.

Our community is impacted by problems such as stagnant wages and economic uncertainty. Our community colleges are the pathway to so many family firsts. I have benefited from the affordability of a community college and we need to make sure that they remain affordable.

This is especially true for our veterans, each of whom gives a piece of themselves to our nation, which is why veteran programs need to be fully funded at SAC.

In 2022, the current board voted to allow a tax on the most working class neighborhoods in the district, including Santa Ana. I strongly opposed that decision and thankfully the Court blocked it.

As your trustee, I will continue to fight to make SAC an affordable educational option for our community, especially our veterans.