SUSAN M. PRITCHARD

Governing Board Member, La Habra City School District

My name is Susan Pritchard, but most people call me "Dr. P.". I currently serve La Habra students and families as the Vice President of the La Habra City School District board. As a committed community volunteer wanting our local businesses to flourish, I also serve as First Vice-Chair of the La Habra Area Chamber of Commerce. I spent nearly 33 years as a full-time teacher, working with over 7000 students, with most of that time at Washington Middle School in La Habra.

I earned my bachelor's degree from UC Irvine, my teaching credential from Loyola Marymount, my master's degree from CSU Fullerton, and my Ph.D. from Claremont Graduate University.

My family and I have lived in La Habra over 41 years, enjoying the "Home Town USA "atmosphere of our city. Over the past few years, however, our city has been burdened with difficult pension fund obligations, lawsuits, and a sometimes hostile approach to those with differing opinions. I am running for city council to help return our city to one we can be proud of, where we don't cringe when others share opposite perspectives, but in truth, embrace everyone's ideas and have civil discourse. La Habra deserves an educated, consensus-driven decision-making city council who represents all of us, like the one we enjoyed not that long ago.

I will use common sense to find common ground, for the common good. I look for solutions without raising taxes. I will support our struggling local businesses with fair, not burdensome, regulations. I will support our non-profits which in turn support our families in need, our youth, our senior citizens, our amazing veterans and our homeless. I will respect homeowners' rights and seek fair resolutions to the expensive legal battles that have plagued our city for several years.

I pledge to be your agent of positive change who keeps my promises to you. Our city deserves to once again be that family-friendly community of which we are all proud. I humbly ask you for your vote. www.DrPstem.com