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College Dean/Educator

I'm Narges Rakin — an educator, a professor, a parent, and an advocate who has spent nearly three decades working inside California's community colleges, putting students first as a tenured professor, a faculty union negotiator, and now a Dean. That depth of experience is an asset, not just a resume line because I know this system inside and out, from the classroom to the negotiating table to the administration building, and I know where the gaps between promises and practice tend to show up.

I'm running for the SOCCCD Board of Trustees because I believe our district's budget and decisions belong to the public, not just the boardroom. Too often, families are asked to trust institutions without being shown the reasoning behind them. I don't think that's good enough.

As a board member, I will push for open, plain-language budget reporting that any parent or taxpayer can actually read. I will prioritize outside grant and workforce-development funding to grow academic programs, protecting the general fund as a last resort. And I will insist that every decision can stand up to a direct question from a student, a parent, or the public — asked openly, and answered honestly.

I ask for your vote.

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