JOHN BLACK
Military Officer/Educator

I, John Black, serving years as a Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Marine Corps, believe South Orange County's community colleges should open doors to good careers, four-year universities, skilled trades, military, public service, and entrepreneurship. I am running for the Board of Trustees to help students succeed while protecting taxpayer dollars.

I have spent my career as an educator, teaching, coaching, and mentoring students, including Marines, and serving as adjunct faculty, a distinguished fellow at MIT, and guest lecturer at universities. Learning changes lives; I have spent decades helping people learn, lead, and grow.

I have led large organizations and managed the public funds that support them. As Senior Emergency Management Program Coordinator for the Orange County Health Care Agency, I strengthened disaster preparedness, improved accountability for funded programs, and coordinated planning serving millions of residents. I understand budgets, oversight, and stewardship of public resources.

I co-lead The JASSD Group and support veterans, first responders, and their families through Veterans FORWARD. My wife, Dr. Aime Black, our family, and I live in San Clemente.

As a Trustee, I will focus on student success, academic excellence, workforce partnerships, safe campuses, and transparent governance.

I would be honored to serve and respectfully ask for your vote.

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