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Orange Unified parents and our community deserve leaders with an extensive history of actual service in our schools and beyond, a proven track record as a capable leader, and the best interests of students as their priority. As your current Governing Board Member of Trustee Area 1, I have all these qualities, that is why I am endorsed by our classroom teachers, as well as hundreds of parents and community members.

My service to this district started decades ago. As a parent of three OUSD children, I volunteered tutoring students and facilitating school-wide programs. I then expanded my responsibilities to include leadership; serving as PTA President at El Rancho Charter School and Canyon High School, and as a board member for many parent groups and booster clubs. My commitment to making OUSD better for every child, not just my own, led me to co-found C.A.R.E., the parent-led grassroots effort that helped pass Measure S, providing critical repairs and upgrades for our high school campuses.

Now that the high school projects are nearly completed, it is time to refocus on the elementary campuses. Fiscal responsibility enabled Orange Unified to fund \$40 million in elementary campus improvements this year. Investments in our facilities are investments in our students and community.

The progress our district has made the past two years towards making OUSD the district of excellence our students deserve has been remarkable, I am grateful to be part of it. Our test scores are climbing, graduation rates are one of the best in the county and multiple systems have been implemented to further support students to continue these improvements.

My priorities:

Fiscal responsibility: ensuring your tax dollars are spent transparently and deliver visible results in classrooms.

Student safety and well-being: strengthening policies that protect students.

Academic opportunities: maintaining and expanding a variety of academic programs to serve students' interests and needs, from Advanced Placement to Career Training.

I know the importance of listening to and building relationships with parents and community partners, and I stay involved and engaged. I serve on the board of multiple school-site Foundations, the Orange County School Boards Association, and serve as president of the state-wide Asian Pacific Islander School Board Members Association. I am readily accessible to our students, staff and families, often visiting school sites and participating in school events.

I respectfully ask for your vote to keep experienced, accountable leadership on the Orange Unified School Board, leadership grounded in community service, responsible stewardship, and an unwavering commitment to student success.

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