

BARBARA "BARB" BUCKLEY

Business Owner

I want to represent you, your student, and our community because it matters. Students matter. Families matter. Educators matter. Community matters. Integrity matters.

I have been a proud resident and dedicated community advocate of Yorba Linda since 1997, and small business owner since 1998. My husband, Jim, and I have been married for over 30 years. Together, we founded Jim Buckley and Associates, an independent insurance adjusting firm, where I manage budgets, contracts, benefits, payroll, and human resources. We raised our two children through PYLUSD, from Fairmont Elementary to Bernardo Yorba Middle School to Yorba Linda High School. Our daughter Emely is now a kindergarten teacher, and our son Jimmy is an engineer.

For over 15 years, I have served our schools and community as founder of Making a Difference, a nonprofit providing food, school supplies, and financial support to local families in need, as a board member of Homeless Intervention Services of Orange County and Placentia Yorba Meals on Wheels, and serving through many local organizations such as Love Yorba Linda and Charity's Closet. My work with PTA units across our district has been recognized with multiple California State PTA service awards. This hands-on experience has given me a clear understanding of what our students, teachers, and families truly need, and how to get things done for them.

I am running for every student to ensure each child receives an excellent education that prepares them for a successful future. We must come together in support of our students, teachers, and administrators. This is not us versus them. When leadership falls short, we should make thoughtful changes, but tearing down our educators helps no one; instead, let us be their advocates and partners.

With our district facing declining enrollment and potential budget cuts - while operating at a deficit, fiscal responsibility must be a top priority. Drawing on my business experience, I will reassess spending and contracts, and will pursue renegotiations and competitive bidding to secure cost-effective solutions, while protecting class sizes and jobs. I am ready to roll up my sleeves and do the hard work required.

In today's climate, we must focus on what is best for our students and community, not on party agendas, sound bites, or culture wars. With your support, experience, integrity, and dedication, I will bring steady, student-first leadership to our school board.

I respectfully ask for your vote.

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