RAY SCHNELL
Councilmember/Business Executive

Tustin is my home. My wife Cheryl and I have raised our two daughters here and watched them thrive in this wonderful city. Over the past twenty years, I have come to deeply value the small-town character and quality of life that makes Tustin so very special. My background as a business executive and entrepreneur, along with my MBA from Chapman University, has shaped how I approach public service: practical, honest, accountable, and focused on results that matter most to our residents.

Four years ago, I asked the good people of Tustin for the opportunity to serve with three clear priorities: public safety as job number one, economic vitality paired with fiscal responsibility, as well as honest, transparent government. As the city's current Mayor Pro Tem, and with your support, I have delivered on every one of them.

On public safety, police funding and officer staffing have increased, technology and equipment upgraded, and school safety strengthened. The results are clear – total crime has fallen 46 percent over the past four years. I am proud of this work and have earned the endorsements of the Tustin Police Officers Association, the Tustin Police Support Services Association, the Orange County Sheriff, and the Orange County Firefighters Association Local 3631 because they know I will continue fighting to keep our neighborhoods and schools safe.

On economic vitality and fiscal responsibility, I have supported and delivered balanced city budgets every year. Voted to advance smart, thoughtful development that grows revenue while preserving Tustin's unique small-town character. I have also kept city fees and taxes low, reduced unnecessary regulations, accelerated our city pension paydown to retire this debt early, and increased investments in public parks, roads, traffic relief, and essential infrastructure. These steps protect affordability and ensure we can fund the critical services and quality of life measures residents depend on and enjoy.

On transparency, I have insisted on open financial disclosures, public budget workshops, and meaningful community engagement so residents can see and have a say in how their hard earned tax dollars are being spent. These same priorities continue to guide my work. With proven results and principled leadership, I will keep working tirelessly to ensure Tustin remains a safe, strong, and prosperous place for our families and the generations to follow.

I respectfully ask for your vote to continue serving the great city of Tustin. Learn more at www.rayfortustin.com.