

**TUSTIN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER**

NAME: JAMES H. LAIRD

AGE: 44

OCCUPATION: Governing Board Member, Tustin Unified School District

I have proven experience leading TUSD to excellence as your school board member since 2004!

Raised in Tustin since 1964.

Graduate: Tustin Schools, Harvard University, McGeorge Law School. California State Assembly Fellow, 1987-88.

Orange County Assistant District Attorney for 17 years prosecuting murder, kidnapping, robbery, political corruption, drug and gang crime, D.U.I. and truancy, making our schools and community safer.

Married with three children who currently attend Tustin public schools.

Supported by community leaders, law enforcement and involved parents.

A lifelong resident in the district, I have an intense interest in the success of our schools. Though hard work of students, teachers, parents and administration, TUSD is recognized by California and the U.S. as a well managed, highly effective district. Since 2004, three of our schools received prestigious National Blue Ribbon designations while seventeen were honored as California Distinguished Schools.

I am fiscally responsible with your tax dollars, employ conservative principles and am accessible to the community. I understand the strengths and challenges of all the schools and communities within the district.

I support:

Rigorous academic standards.

Responsible fiscal oversight.

Facility renovations on time, on budget.

Maintaining small classes.

Local control of funds, curriculum and programs.

I appreciate your vote!