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Governing Board Member, Orange Unified School District, Trustee Area One

Having had the privilege to serve the Orange Unified School District that served my own three children, I understand the enormous impact school board decisions have on our students, their education, and their future. I take this responsibility seriously, which is evident in the thousands of hours spent visiting school sites, meeting with parents, and engaging with members of our community. Parents and community members should have a voice on the board. I am that voice.

I am honored to serve as the current President of the Orange Unified School District School Board. During my tenure as a school board trustee, I am proud of the accomplishments our district has achieved:

- Award-winning schools - Apple Distinguished Schools, National Blue Ribbon, CSBA Golden Bell Awards, and CA Gold Ribbon Schools.

- Expanded mental health services for students.

- Successful improvements and reinvestment in campus facilities. Including 4 new STEM buildings and the new Fred Kelly Stadium.

- Enhanced academic programs and opportunities for our students such as virtual academy, language immersion programs, STEAM programs and dual enrollment partnership with Santiago Canyon College.

- Saving taxpayers millions of dollars by restructuring our pension debt.

- Utilizing cost-effective clean energy with solar panels at many of our schools and one of the first districts in Orange County to establish a fleet of electric buses.

Our students deserve access to a well-rounded education that includes the arts, technology, sports, and career pathways that will tap into their potential and prepare them to be college and/or career ready upon graduation.

My goals and priorities for the next term:

- Work with local law enforcement agencies to ensure safe and secure campuses.

- Improve the social and emotional well-being of our students through interventions and increased access to counselors.

- Create opportunities for students to connect with their schools and community.

- Increase student achievement through tutoring and teacher support.

- Have strong fiscal oversight of bond implementation and taxpayer monies.

Having served actively on the boards of Parent Organization and Education Foundations and having recently completed my CA School Boards Association Masters in Governance series of classes, I am fully committed to investing my time and energy to better serve the community I love.

I am honored to have the support of parents, OUSD teachers, and local community leaders; it would be an honor to have your vote in November.

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