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Yosemite Community College Trustee Area 5

Age 55

Occupation: College Trustee/Farmer

Education and Qulaifications:

Modesto Junior College Graduate / Bachelor's Degree

Perilous times demand leaders who can make tough decisions , plan for the future, and get things done. My career in law enforcement and first term on the YCCD Board demonstrate that leadership.

I spent 30 years committed to our community – as a Deputy Sheriff, Police Chief, Police Activities League Board member, President of CASA (advocating for abused and foster youth), and Juvenile Justice Commission Chair.

As Stanislaus County Employees Retirement Board chair, I helped guide the fund through the great recession.

On the YCCD Board, my goals were making the district more fiscally responsible, better preparing students to enter the workforce or go to four-year colleges, and helping low income and at-risk students access college and jobs.

Im proud of our accomplishments so far:

- Improved transparency/oversight of district finances.

- Instituted partnerships with high schools, giving students a jump start on college through dual enrollment.

- Implement a Guided Pathways Project, enabling students to complete college more quickly.

- The District was selected as one of few community colleges offering a Respiratory Care Baccalaureate Degree.

- Hired a Chancellor and negotiated fair contract with faculty.

- Elected Chair and Vice Chair.

I respectfully ask for your vote to continue our progress.
