

**RON FREITAS****Lodi Unified School District Trustee Area 6****Age 59**

Occupation: Educator – District Attorney

**Education and Qualifications:**

During this unprecedented time, its now more important than ever that we ensure every child receives a quality education from passionate, qualified teachers so they have the greatest opportunity for future success in life.

During my time on the Lodi Unified School Board, I am proud of our District's accomplishments. We've lowered class sizes, increased graduation rates, and decreased suspensions. We've created career pathways and quality vocational training programs for all our students, implemented advanced reading and math interventions, and increased Career Technical Education, STEM and AP classes. We opened the Valley Robotics Academy to teach our students high demand skills which will lead to good family-wage jobs. I, also, returned over \$5 million to taxpayers while securing the District's long-term financial stability, and attracting and retaining the best and brightest teachers for our children.

As a Deputy District Attorney for the DA's Office for over 30 years, I bring a unique set of skills that help guarantee we have the safe and secure schools our children deserve, as well as, ethics and integrity to promote a transparent and responsive leadership. In 2017, I was proud to be named the California District Attorneys Association Instructor of the Year. I am, currently, Co-Chair of the California District Attorney's Association Gang Violence Suppression Committee, and am proud to have the support of the San Joaquin County Deputy Sheriffs Association and the Lodi and Stockton Police Officers Associations.

I am a Past President of the Lodi Unified School Board (2015-2016) and the current Vice-President. In 2016, I served as President of the Measure U campaign where voters approved \$280 million to increase school security, provide new construction and needed classroom renovations. I am Past President and current Board of Director for Giving Opportunities to Kids (GOT Kids) Foundation which raised over \$750,000 for needy Lodi Unified students to have a fuller educational experience. I am also a member of the California School Boards Association and the San Joaquin School Boards Association.

Government-mandated distance learning is keeping our students at home and away from the socialization and in-classroom learning they need. I vow to return students to school as soon as their safety, and our teachers and staff, can be assured. An in-person education is vital to our community's return to normalcy. Our schools are important to me. I raised my family in our community. My daughters are Lodi Unified graduates, and my grandson graduated from LUSD in 2020. With your support, we will continue providing the highest quality education for our children.