

**Van-Ha To-Cowell**

**San Joaquin Delta Community College Trustee Area 2, Board Member**

**Occupation:** Vice-Principal/Delta College Trustee

**Education and Qualifications:** Education is my life's calling. For 36 years I have committed to making a difference in education, including eight years as a trustee on the Lincoln Unified School District Board during which time I was Board President twice and contributed to the success of three award-winning programs: Construction Engineering Academy, Civic Pride Academy and Lincoln Latin Leadership. I also served on the California School Boards Delegate Assembly.

In early March, I was appointed to the San Joaquin Delta College Board. I'd be honored to continue my service.

I understand the direct effects of education on the economic welfare of families and community. Community college is a less expensive stepping stone to a bachelor's degree or technical training that drastically increases earning potential. In collaboration with fellow board members, faculty and staff, I strongly support student leadership opportunities, efforts to address the diverse needs of our student population as they prepare for careers or moving on to four-year university. I'm committed to maintaining a healthy budget throughout difficult economic times.

As the college increasingly partners with K-12 districts, I bring a beneficial perspective as a K-12 educator and policy maker. I pledge to continue my focus on high academic standards, closing opportunity gaps, campus safety, and fiscal accountability.

I respectfully ask for your vote.