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As a lifelong Stockton resident, a volunteer nutrition educator with the Edible Schoolyard Project, and a parent and grandparent of school children attending the Stockton Unified School District, I have a history of community involvement and activism in Trustee Area 1 where I call home.

I also know how to support children who might not yet be on the graduation track. As an adult, I went back to school to get my High School Equivalency -GED, then went on to get my associates degree, an elementary teaching degree. Bachelor's degree in Sociology, and two certificates in human service worker and drug counseling. Finishing this education in 2017 has rejuvenated my interest in making sure students can foster and engage various opportunities and pathways to great education in our elementary schools and high schools.

My life experience will help me understand the unique needs of our underserved Black, LatinX and low-income youth in particular. I am running because I feel that certain board members have not fully prioritized their life outcomes enough. As a board member, I will be solely focused on making sure all Stockton students reach their amazing potential.