

Candidate statement for Mona Field, candidate for reelection to the Los Angeles Community College District Board of Trustees.

My name is Mona Field, and I want to thank Channel 35 and the City of Los Angeles for giving candidates this opportunity to reach the community. I have lived in Los Angeles all my life, and attended local public schools.

When I graduated from college, my first goal was to be a teacher. I began my career teaching English as a Second Language at Evans Community Adult School in downtown Los Angeles.

Working at Evans taught me the richness and diversity of our city as I met people from all over the world who had come to California to improve their lives and opportunities.

Later, I took those same skills into my career in the community college system, where I have taught for over 25 years. My specialty is California politics and I have written many articles and a college textbook about the complexity of our state and its people.

With many years as a college professor, I came into the world of elected office in 1999 with a belief that I could make a difference as a Los Angeles Community College District boardmember. I am pleased to say that I have been part of a wonderful team of trustees, administrative leaders, faculty and staff in the Los Angeles Community College District. Together, we have increased opportunities for the community at all of our nine colleges.

At LA City College, we have rebuilt our Health Care programs to utilize all the medical institutions that surround the college. At East Los Angeles College, we have developed outstanding career programs for future firefighters and law enforcement officers. At Harbor College, we have developed our district's first television station for the local area. At Mission College, we are opening new facilities to bring our educational programs into the community. At Pierce College, we continue to offer outstanding transfer programs as well as our historic role in animal care and agriculture. At Southwest

College, we have reinvigorated our links to four-year universities so our students can transfer more easily. At Trade Tech College, we created the Dolores Huerta Labor Studies Institute to encourage students everywhere to learn the important history of working people. At LA Valley College, we are building the state-of-the-art Hertzberg Library to meet the high-tech needs of our students. And last but not least, at West LA College, we have an award winning Paralegal program.

These are just a few highlights of our expanded programs, services and opportunities for the people of our district. Due to our recent activism in Sacramento, we have been able to reduce fees to \$20 per unit, the best bargain in the nation. We welcome everyone to study at our colleges. No matter what your age, your educational background, we offer a way for you to learn.

Please go to [www.laccd.edu](http://www.laccd.edu) to find out more about our nine colleges and their offerings. And, of course, please remember to vote for me, Mona Field, on March 6<sup>th</sup>.