

WHEN I WENT TO COMMUNITY COLLEGE THEY WERE CALLED JUNIOR COLLEGES BUT MANY THOUGHT THEY WERE HIGH SCHOOLS WITH ASH TRAYS.

WELL, COMMUNITY COLLEGES HAVE GROWN UP AND THEY MAKE DOLLARS AND CENTS FOR ANY COLLEGE STUDENT OR FAMILY WITH COLLEGE AGE CHILDREN, AND THEY MAKE ACADEMIC SENSE AS THEY ARE THE BEST WAY AND MOST ECONOMICAL WAY TO ATTEND COLLEGE AND TRANSFER OR GET CERTIFICATION FOR CRITICAL CAREERS IN THE FIELDS OF NURSING, ALLIED HEALTH, THE BUILDING TRADES, COMPUTERS AND OTHERS

HI, MY NAME IS WARREN FURUTANI AND I AM RUNNING FOR RE-ELECTION TO THE LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES, SEAT #7.

I, ALONG WITH MY COLLEAGUES RUNNING FOR RE-ELECTION, MONA FIELD, GEORGIA MERCER, AND SYLVIA SCOTT-HAYES, WILL PROVIDE A CONTINUITY OF LEADERSHIP THAT HAS REVIVED AND MOVED THE COLLEGE DISTRICT, THE LARGEST IN THE COUNTRY, FORWARD.

DURING OUR TENURE WE HAVE:

- * STABILIZED THE DISTRICTS FINANCIAL SITUATION BY ESTABLISHING AN ONGOING BUDGETARY SURPLUS, RATHER THAN THE USUAL DEFICIT BUDGETING IN GOVERNMENTAL INSTITUTIONS.
- * RESTORED THE DISTRICTS REPUTATION STATEWIDE AND ARE ON TRACK TO BECOME ONE OF THE BEST DISTRICTS IN CALIFORNIA.
- * ESTABLISHED A PARTNERSHIP WITH OUR UNIONS AND HAVE TOGETHER CONTROLLED RUNAWAY MEDICAL BENEFITS COSTS AND NEGOTIATED CONTRACTS THAT ADDRESS THE GROWING PENSION PAYOUT ISSUE.

* WITH THE VOTERS SUPPORT, PASSED TWO COMMUNITY COLLEGE CONSTRUCTION BONDS AND EACH OF OUR NINE CAMPUSES IS NOW UNDER MAJOR CONSTRUCTION TO UPDATE AND BUILD NEW FACILITIES.

* INACTED AN ECONOMICALLY SOUND AND PROGRESSIVE "GREEN AND SUSTAINABILITY" STANDARD FOR ALL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS.

* HAVE STARTED CONSTRUCTION ON TWO NEW SATELITE CAMPUS IN SOUTHEAST LOS ANGELES. THESE ARE THE FIRST NEW COLLEGE CAMPUSES TO BE BUILT IN THE REGION IN OVER THREE DECADES

ALTHOUGH WE HAVE ACCOMPLISHED MUCH IN THE LAST EIGHT YEARS, I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO:

* COMPLETING THIS MASSIVE CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM

* TAKING ON THE CHALLENGE OF GETTING MORE YOUNG ADULTS INTO OUR CLASSES, PROGRAMS, AND GRADUATED

* AND CONCRETELY ESTABLISHING COMMUNITY COLLEGES AS THE CRITICAL PART OF THE EDUCATION CONTINUUM THAT THEY HAVE BECOME, BOTH IN THE AREAS OF COLLEGE TRANSFER PROGRAMS AND CAREER AND WORKFORCE TRAINING.

I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR VOTE ON MARCH 6TH AND ASK YOU TO LET MY COLLEAGUES, AND I CONTINUE OUR GOOD WORKS ON BEHALF OF OUR STUDENTS, THE LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT, AND OUR COMMUNITY.

REMEMBER VOTE FOR WARREN FURUTANI, LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES, SEAT #7.

THANK YOU.