

LA Cityview Channel 35 Candidate Statement

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Trustees, Seat #7

Hello and Happy New Year. Buenas Tardes. Ahn young ha se yo.

My name is Kurt Lowry and I am honored to be here at LA CityView Channel 35 to announce my candidacy for the Los Angeles Community College District, Board of Trustees, Seat #7.

Our current Board of Trustees has neglected its primary responsibility of providing a high-quality, affordable education that meets the needs of students, faculty, families, businesses, and taxpayers.

You and I can no longer afford the current Board of Trustees. Now is the time to vote FOR candidates like me who will PUT STUDENTS AND FACULTY FIRST.

I am the ONLY candidate in the race for Seat #7 who actually works full-time in the field of public education.

I am a public school administrator and former teacher who has served in schools throughout Los Angeles in Pacoima/Arleta, Sun Valley, Lawndale, Hancock Park/Koreatown, and Encino.

I am a former Community College and University instructor at LA Pierce College, CSUN, and College of the Canyons.

As a test preparation lecturer, I prepare students to Take and Pass the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) and California Basic Educational Skills Test (CBEST).

I own a small business, KidVestments sm, wherein I teach money and investments basics workshops for kids and teens because our public schools and community colleges aren't doing it.

I proudly served in the U.S. Navy Reserve for ten years and a day.

I am married and I am the proud father of a young daughter.

My diverse experiences throughout Los Angeles make me highly qualified for the Board of Trustees. Here's what I will do when you elect me:

I ALWAYS WILL PUT STUDENTS, FACULTY, FAMILIES, AND TAXPAYERS FIRST.

I will REDUCE student fees, tuition, and textbook costs in these tough economic times and bring back vocational education programs.

I will INCREASE course offerings and bring back vocational education programs while working within existing budgets, so students can complete their programs in TWO years.

I will partner with businesses and non-profits to increase internship opportunities.

I will demand 100% accountability for ALL existing bond money, including the recently passed 3.5 billion dollar bond, Measure J.

I will not ask taxpayers to pay for any more bond projects and programs unless the projects are 100% student-centered AND ALL currently unfinished projects are 100% completed. That's right. No more bonds until all current projects are complete.

Finally, I will fight for campaign finance reform for all local offices to encourage a more accountable, honest government starting with me.

I want to promise you that I will always put the needs of our students, faculty, families, businesses, and taxpayers FIRST. YOU are my "special interests" and I will be honored to serve you.

My name is Kurt Lowry and I'm your candidate for Seat #7 on the Los Angeles Community College District, Board of Trustees. I ask for your vote on Tuesday, March 3rd.

Muchos Gracias, Ghan Sa Han Me Dah. Thank you very much for your consideration.