

**GARDEN GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER**

NAME: GEORGE WEST

OCCUPATION: University Professor

I have been an educator for more than 40 years, serving children, young adults, and adults in Orange County. As a classroom teacher, assistant superintendent and university professor, I have been responsible for curriculum development, special education, finances, business operations and community outreach. As a university professor, I currently train teachers and administrators for K-12 education.

Being married to a Vietnamese educator, who later became a teacher and administrator in Orange County, has enhanced my understanding of the struggles faced by English learners and students from different cultural backgrounds. My prior experiences in serving low-income student populations have also helped me understand the challenges facing students and parents in GGUSD.

We must provide high quality curriculum and school activities for all children and allow students to reach their highest potential. Those goals demand that we build on the rich cultural diversity of our schools, encourage parental involvement, maximize the use of technology for learning and teaching, balance the core subjects with enrichment programs, support highly qualified teachers and staff, and provide safe and modern classrooms and school facilities. I have the skills and experiences to handle these challenges.

If elected, I pledge to work with everyone to achieve these goals.