

I'm John Ferrera, your neighbor and candidate for the Yolo County Board of Supervisors, 4th District.

My wife Anna and I returned to Davis where we wanted to raise our children, Jake and Monica, almost nine years ago. We knew about Davis' wonderful sense of community and we wanted to be part of that. We were both raised by families who participate in their communities and believe in leaving the world a better place. We have tried to live those values in our personal and professional lives. We've worked hard to contribute to Davis and Yolo County by coaching youth soccer and baseball, volunteering at Pioneer Elementary, Harper Junior High, on PTA, school site and modernization committees.

Professionally, I have dedicated my life to public service. I have served as a senior advisor for two Members of Congress in Washington, DC, two California Governors and two Members of the California Legislature in Sacramento. I know how to listen and learn, to solve complex public policy problems through collaborative approaches, not confrontation. I have successfully fought for transportation systems with responsible alternatives, a cleaner environment, smarter long-term planning for growth and economic development.

Two decades of experience and a background in budget policy will help me provide leadership on important Yolo County issues and foster fiscal discipline on the Board, while strongly supporting the services our people need.

As Supervisor, I will bring those same skills---listening, learning, inclusion---to solving the problems we all face at the local level as parents, seniors, students, small business owners, and members of our community. I welcome and appreciate the diverse input, passion and knowledge of our many community activists.

I will focus my energy and experience to capitalize on our county's strengths. We have a prime agricultural region with a highly educated work force that cares deeply about enhancing our physical and cultural environment. I will emphasize collaboration with constituents, colleagues on the Board, Davis' City Council and University representatives to learn from each other, to foster discussion and respect opposing points of view. We are always stronger in cooperation than in conflict.

If we plan correctly and work together, we can meet the dual goals of growing the economy and protecting the environment---using our prosperity to protect our valuable land and create more opportunities for everyone to grow and thrive.

I hope to have your vote.

John