

## Election Statement

Since its founding in 1991, Coconino Community College has become an indispensable resource for Coconino County citizens desiring to further their education. Our campuses are a place to pursue associate degrees, specialized training such as police, fire, and nursing professions, high school equivalent certificates, and a flexible path to a college degree. I have been fortunate to have had the opportunity to be part of the ongoing development and growth of our Community College as one of five current District Governing Board Members. I would like to continue serving the College and Coconino County.

My job, as a District Governing Board member, is to oversee the college operations, responsiveness to community needs, and fiscal responsibility. The Board accomplishes these tasks through the President of the College and by reading and understanding the many reports and choices required to keep our College current with the needs of our community. While moving forward with optimism and innovation, the board must take care not to micromanage operations, but provide vigilance.

A second responsibility of a Governing Board member is to be aware of the community's interests and concerns regarding our College's offerings and operations. As a 45 year resident of Coconino County, I have pride in who we are and what we do. By serving on several State and many County and Flagstaff citizen committees over the years, as well as a past Flagstaff City Council member, I have a broad understanding of the many parts that work together towards a positive future for our County.

As a retired Astronomer from the Lowell Observatory and 45 year resident, I have the time and commitment to help govern our college through our continued growth and responsiveness, while facing significant financial challenges of lingering cuts in state funding. We will be successful because the College is fulfilling an educational need, we have great faculty, and we have innovative, forward thinking leadership. Thank you for your consideration.

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