

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR  
IMPERIAL COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION AREA 5**

**LAURA FARRIS GOODSSELL**

**Occupation:**

**Education and Qualifications:** I am seeking election to the Imperial County Board of Education knowing its important role in furthering opportunities for the students in our various communities. Having been twice elected to serve on the Holtville Unified School District Board of Trustees, I understand the fiscal responsibilities of such elected bodies and the myriad policies implemented by them to meet the needs of the distinct and varied population of learners attending schools in Imperial County. I own a successful small business here in the valley and know how to meet a payroll and balance a budget. The budget for ICOE is over \$110 million and must be managed wisely. The function of ICOE must be to provide students and teachers with everything they need to succeed. Any diversion of funding for other programs that do not benefit these essential stakeholders will face tough scrutiny from me. This diligent focus on budget priorities will be my mission should I be elected. Service to my community is both a passion and a constant for me. I have obtained successful outcomes for others in many previous positions of service. A vote for me brings a strong business background, a student-focused concern, and a transparent ICOE.