

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
IMPERIAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE, AREA 3**

HILTON SMITH

Age: 67

Occupation: Retired Deputy Sheriff

Education and Qualifications: As a graduate of Central High School, I have seen the quality of education in Imperial County go up, down and sideways over many years. It is time for more focus on students. Whether you are a homeowner or a renter, you want your tax money to be used efficiently. We all need to nudge Imperial Valley College to do more for students. Helping capable students to complete college units while they are in high school reduces costs to families and increases the college completion rate. We have to expand this opportunity and to publicize it more widely to parents. As a Retired Deputy Sheriff I have seen many young people who would not have been in trouble if they had pursued more education. At Imperial Valley College we have to expand tutoring and student support and we have to work with K-12 schools to prepare students. Imperial County Board of Education Member Annette Gonzalez-Buttner says "Hilton Smith brings real-world experience and a passion for community improvement. After a career in public service on the front lines of Imperial County's communities, Hilton is ready to represent students, families and community members. Please vote to elect Hilton Smith to the Governing Board of Imperial Valley College."