

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
PIONEERS MEMORIAL HEALTHCARE DISTRICT**

DEBI SMERDON

Occupation: Small Business Owner

Education and Qualifications: I am a resident and small business owner in the City of Brawley. Pioneers has always been there for my family and me. My twin sons were born at Pioneers Hospital and my family has received excellent care there many times throughout the years. I have supported the Pioneers Foundation through my business DS Arts. And I was part of the team that remodeled and designed the Pediatric Ward in 2018. For many years one of my sons dealt with a serious health condition. As a result, I spent many long hours with him at numerous hospitals. My desire to serve is very personal. The time that I spent in hospitals has given me a unique perspective on the important role that a local hospital plays in a community. I have experienced the small things that hospitals do to provide great service to patients and families, and I have experienced the things that hospitals unwittingly do that make things much more difficult during a very stressful time. I want to bring my energy and experience to the Board of Directors to help Pioneers to continue to provide outstanding service to the Imperial Valley.