

In these challenging times, it is essential to have leadership that recognizes the community's immediate and long-term needs. As the former mayor and 18-year veteran of the Lemoore City Council, I am more than qualified to meet the leadership demands.

I will be guided by the fierce determination that Lemoore has a promising future and that its citizens deserve competent, visionary leadership. In 1990, I ran for the Council on an agenda that advocated jobs and promoted the general well-being of our community. We succeeded in both instances.

As mayor, I signed the agreement that brought Leprino Foods mozzarella plant to Lemoore, creating hundreds of well-paying jobs. We also worked with the West Hills College District to create a new campus, bringing employment and educational opportunities with it.

I have served my community for a long time and, in many ways, as a newspaper editor, a Lemoore High School teacher, and as an administrator. In 2001 I was honored as the Lemoore Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year.

During these difficult times, it won't be easy to accomplish the things we want to achieve. Still, together we can renew our faith in Lemoore's future.

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