

## **KARIN FREEMAN**

Karin Freeman has served on the PYLUSD Board of Education since 1989. Prior to the 1989 merger of Placentia Unified with the Yorba Linda School District (YLSD), she served on the YLSD Board of Education.

Like many parents, Karin began as a classroom volunteer. She became more involved, serving as Linda Vista PTA President for two terms, on Site Council, and Treasurer for YL4Ed (an educational foundation supporting YLSD). When a vacancy occurred, she was appointed to the YLSD Board of Education and elected at the next scheduled election.

Karin strongly believes that public education is fundamental to sustaining our democracy. That is why she works hard to support and improve our schools and programs.

Karin is very active in public education at the local, county, and state levels. She represents PYLUSD on the North Orange County Regional Occupational Board of Trustees, holds a position on the Orange County School Boards Association Board of Directors, serves as a Delegate to the California School Boards Association (CSBA) Delegate Assembly, and serves on the Orange County Committee on School District Organization (in both these instances elected by school board members throughout Orange County).

Karin is active in a variety of civic organizations: She is a member of the Yorba Linda Chamber of Commerce, a member of the St. Jude Medical Center Community Health Committee, a founding member/committee chair of the Yorba Linda Historical Society, and a member of the Placentia Founders Society. She was a member of the Yorba Linda Veterans Memorial Committee, involved in the planning and building of the Memorial adjacent to the Valley View Sports Fields.

Karin and her husband have long enjoyed living in Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District. They deliberately chose to live in this part of North Orange County and raise their two children, both attending PYLUSD schools. She now has young grandchildren in PYLUSD schools.

A graduate of the University of California, Irvine, Mrs. Freeman earned a B.A. in Political Science. She has also completed the Masters in Governance offered by CSBA.

Her professional background includes teaching technical English for IBM Germany during the years her husband served in the U.S. Army as part of Military Intelligence. She later worked for Southern California Edison.

Professional recognitions include 1990 Recipient of Honor for the Orange County Commission on Status of Women, 2005 Marian Bergeson Award as Outstanding Board Member in Orange County, and California School Boards Association 2021 School Board Member of the Year.