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DISTRICT IX CHAIRPERSON CANDIDATE

Professional titles

Primary care pediatrician and partner, Southern Orange County Pediatric Associates, a member of the Children's Hospital of Orange County (CHOC) Primary Care Network, Ladera Ranch, Calif.

Medical school and post-graduate education

M.D., University of North Carolina School of Medicine, Chapel Hill, N.C.

Residency program and fellowship

Pediatric residency and chief residency, Stanford University, Palo Alto, Calif.

Involvement in AAP and other organizations

- AAP District IX vice chairperson
- AAP District Vice Chairperson Committee chairperson
- AAP California Chapter 4 past president, president, vice president, treasurer, board member
- AAP-California Continuing Medical Education Committee co-chair
- AAP national spokesperson
- AAP Annual Leadership Conference Executive Committee
- California Immunization Coalition vice president
- Orange County Medical Association Board of Directors and Legislative Committee chair
- California Medical Association House of Delegates
- California Office of the Surgeon General Trauma-Informed Primary Care Implementation Advisory Committee
- CHOC Primary Care Network Executive Committee

What motivates you to seek this position?

Treating unvaccinated children with measles motivated me to become a leader in advocacy. I've fought for stronger vaccine laws, improved access to care, reduced administrative burdens and increased Medi-Cal payments. Throughout the pandemic, I organized monthly educational webinars and collaborated with state partners on immunization policy. As District IX vice chairperson (DVC), I modernized AAP-California bylaws, guided our Continuing Medical Education Committee, led strategic planning meetings and chaired the national DVC Committee.

My role as a primary care pediatrician involves daily individual patient advocacy, but my AAP leadership enables a broader impact on the health of all children at state and national levels.