

## **Letter to the Editor – Daily Press**

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### **Support Brady re-election**

Joseph W. Brady is in his sixth year as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Victor Valley Community College District. Joe is an accomplished local business person, and has brought a necessary business-minded outlook to the district and college.

Joe Brady believes in giving back to the community that has been good to him and his wife, Deb. In addition to the college board, he serves as chairman of the Advisory Board for Victor Valley Global Medical Center, and as a member of the County Assessment Appeals Board.

While we would be the first to admit that we have not always agreed with Joe on certain local political issues, we stand strongly behind him as a candidate for re-election to the college board. Our main concerns are the quality of education, fiscal accountability, and the availability of a highly qualified workforce. That situation is changing under Joe's and the new college president's joint leadership.

The quality of education at VVC has been affirmed by the restoring of full accreditation in 2015. Successful programs like the Model United Nations, the ASB's honor as a national Campus of the Year, 72 students in the aviation program at SCLA, and 70+ percent of credit vocational students successfully completing their coursework, attest to the quality of educational programs at VVC. The \$32 million Regional Public Safety Training Center has been approved to offer more classes and programs. This increase in attention to vocational programs is filling the local need for a more highly qualified workforce.

Joe's business perspective has contributed to the Board's approval of the refinancing of the Measure JJ bonds, saving local taxpayers close to \$19 million without extending the bond term! The accrediting agency's concerns with a structural deficit have been resolved. Contracts with two of the unions have been renegotiated with a third pending. Energy projects are saving the college money. The budget is balanced.

For the first time in several decades, Victor Valley College seems to be back on track.

We need Joseph W. Brady's leadership on the Board of Trustees to assure that this momentum and progress continues. We encourage you to vote for Joseph W. Brady for VVC Board of Trustees on Nov. 8th.

**Terry and Pat Caldwell**

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