



Lori S. Cardoza
Trustee, Ward 4

Lori Cardoza, a lifelong resident of Tipton and Tulare, was appointed in 2003 to represent this area and the rest of Ward 4. Her knowledge of the dynamics that influence all aspects of the Valley – economics, agriculture, social concerns, education -- made her the logical choice to serve on the Board of Trustees. In 2004 she ran for re-election and successfully retained the trusteeship.

A product of local K-12 schools, Lori is a graduate of COS and Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, where she earned a BS in Agriculture. Her participation and graduation from the California Agricultural Resource Training and Leadership Programs provided opportunities to study at many universities and to visit educational facilities in third world countries. Further enhancing her knowledge of educational systems, Lori served as an adjunct instructor and author of the Career Opportunities for Women in Agriculture course offered at the college. She assists the FFA and Farm Advisory Committee at Tulare High School.

Lori's wealth of knowledge surrounding all aspects of agriculture and area economics provides a needed perspective for the Board. Since 1990, she has been partner and manager of the diversified family business, Souza Farms, which includes dairy, farming and commercial heifer raising operations. Lori has served on boards and advisory committees for the Tulare County Farm Bureau, California Farm Bureau Federation, and Southern California Edison. In addition, she is a member of the Tulare County Dairywomen and has served as a Farm Focus writer for the Visalia Times Delta.

Giving back to the community and to the educational entities that have enriched her life is a major focus for Lori. She and her husband, David, have three sons and currently live in Tulare.