

## **John Pimentel**

Trustee Pimentel co-founded and managed several businesses in the renewable energy and sustainability field. His companies built over \$1.5 billion in renewable energy infrastructure that annually displaces the equivalent CO<sub>2</sub> of over 100,000 cars. Prior to being an environmental entrepreneur, he worked with Bain & Company, a strategic management consulting firm.

In the 1990's Trustee Pimentel was California's Deputy Secretary for Transportation overseeing Caltrans, Highway Patrol/State Police, and parts of the DMV. In that role he helped manage the rapid rebuilding of Southern California's freeways after the 1994 Northridge Earthquake, served on the Bay Conservation and Development Commission, and was Director of the Executive Fellows Program.

Trustee Pimentel was the Governor's Higher Education Advisor providing analysis on legislative and budget matters related to UC, CSU, and community colleges. He began government service as an Assembly Fellow. He was the student body president and Student Trustee for San Joaquin Delta Community College District.

In 2020, he was elected to represent Area 5 (including Redwood City, East Palo Alto, North Fair Oaks and Menlo Park) on the San Mateo County Community College District Board of Trustees. Currently, Trustee Pimentel serves on the boards of the Redwood City Police Activities League, the Ravenswood Education Foundation, the Delta College Foundation, and the Ravenswood Little League. He is also on the City of Menlo Park's Housing Commission and he serves as an alternate on the San Mateo County Democratic Central Committee.

He has been a mentor at Menlo-Atherton High School, a parent representative at the Castilleja School, a volunteer at Encinal Elementary School, a Big Brother and a youth sports coach in Menlo Park and East Palo Alto.

A first-generation college student, Trustee Pimentel graduated from Harvard Business School, University of California, Berkeley, and San Joaquin Delta Community College. He lives in Menlo Park with his wife of 20 years and 3 children.

Term expires 2024.