

Lara York

Governing Board Member, Fremont Unified School Board



Lara York, 37, has lived in Fremont since 1992 with her husband, Steve. Her two sons attend Fremont Unified schools. She is a California native, grew up in San Jose, and attended public schools from kindergarten through college, earning a bachelor's degree in business administration with a minor in sociology from California State University, Chico.

Lara first became active in the community through the **FUN (Fremont-Union City-Newark) Mothers' Club**; she served as its president from 1999 to 2000.

After the failure of a Fremont Unified School District bond in 1998, Lara became concerned about the district's troubles and joined the **Community Facilities Committee** and began regularly attending school board meetings. She has served on an impressive array of district and other school-related committees:

- **Financial Advisory Committee**
- **Health & Safety Bond Committee**
- **Parent Representative Advisory Assembly**
- **GATE (Gifted and Talented Education) Committee**
- **School Site Council**
- **The PTA**

In 2003 the Fremont Schools Management Association gave her its *Friend of Education* award.

Lara is perhaps best known in Fremont for her work since 2000 as a dedicated board member, vice president, and president of the **Fremont Education Foundation**, a public non-profit organization which raises money to provide educational enrichment for all Fremont's children and teachers. She has been the program manager for the foundation's **After School Band Program** and produced and hosted the program's major fundraiser, the annual Music Telethon.

She also serves as president of the **Fremont Chamber of Commerce's Dollars for Scholars** nonprofit, which awards scholarships to promising local students.

Lara is an active member of the **League of Women Voters**, working on various projects over the past four years including moderating episodes of the local chapter's *Voting Matters* cable TV program, registering voters, and the chair of the group's **Education Committee**.

She also has been a member of **Parents Helping Parents, Citizens for Better Community, and Math/Science Nucleus**. Lara is also a member of the **American Association of University Women**