Jim Kelly

Jim Kelly has been a resident of El Cajon since 1976. He has been married 26 years to Mary, a kindergarten teacher at Hill Creek School in Santee. Jim and Mary have three sons, Matthew and Tyler who attend Viking Center in the Grossmont District, and James who now works for the family businesses specializing in real estate and mortgages.

Mr. Kelly earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Cal Poly State University in San Luis Obispo, and a Masters Degree in Secondary Education from San Diego State University. He is currently president of Jim Kelly Insurance Agency Inc., Jim Kelly Realty Inc. and All American Home Loan Inc. He has obtained numerous state and national awards for his business successes.

Mr. Kelly has served on the San Diego County Board of Education from January of 1993, through December of 2002, where he was president in 1997. In 1998, the Samuel Adams National Award was bestowed upon Jim Kelly for outstanding leadership in government. This distinctive annual award is given to only 50 people in the nation. More recently, he was bestowed the honor of being selected by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger to serve as Co-Chair of the Governor s Coalition for Education Reform.

Mr. Kelly was elected to the Grossmont Union High School District Governing Board in 2002, and served a consecutive 4-year term as president. Jim was re-elected to a second 4-year term in 2006, coming in first place out of nine candidates. Jim Kelly is a sincere, caring person who believes in parent involvement, accountability, and a wish for every child to succeed.