

Wayne Lee

Appointed to the College Board in February 2023, Wayne Lee graduated from the City College of San Francisco with recognition as the Outstanding Minority Student and President of the Scholastic Society. He said, “Community college was my first choice. The instructors were seasoned and expert, and I eventually got into the university of my choice.” He graduated from the University of California with a degree in Chemical Engineering.

Before being appointed to the San Mateo County Community College District Board of Trustees, Trustee Lee was elected to and served nine years on the Millbrae City Council and was mayor in 2011 and 2015. He also served on Millbrae Planning Commission for six years, was Chair in 2008, one of the county’s representatives to the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG), a member of the San Mateo County Association of Government Congestion Management and Environmental Quality advisory board, and founding director of the Peninsula Clean Energy. Trustee Lee began his public service at thirteen in emergency services with the Civil Air Patrol, an Auxiliary of the United States Air Force, where he rose to the rank of Lt. Colonel. Following his graduation from Berkeley, he began his 28-year-long career as an environmental engineer in both the private and public sectors. For the past 22 years, Trustee Lee has assisted and regulated companies to ensure they don’t pollute the air, water, or land. He is constantly striving to balance the creation and protection of jobs with sound and progressive environmental stewardship.

Trustee Lee, his family, his parents, and his extended family have lived in Millbrae for the last 38 years. He was the founding president of the Millbrae Education Foundation and a founding member of the Millbrae Culture Committee. He also volunteered as a Millbrae Lion and Chair and advised the nationally recognized youth organization Millbrae Leos Club. He is appreciative, supportive, and fully integrated into the volunteer spirit of Millbrae, all of which contribute significantly to the fabric of the community and Millbrae’s wonderfully inviting quality of life.

Trustee Lee firmly believes that government cannot provide for everyone’s needs. Still, it should – and can – provide the tools with which a community can prosper through various initiatives, including recreation, safety, social enrichment, housing, food security, and education programs. He works hard to create jobs and provide affordable housing for those who want to live in and support the community.

Trustee Lee was officially elected to the Board of Trustees of the San Mateo County Community College District in November of 2024. Term expires 2028.