

Dear racers, recreational riders, supporters and the cycling community in general,

Let me start by saying thank you for your nomination and support through my first term on the SCNCA executive board. I truly feel that as we started to develop programs to make a difference, we were hit with an unplanned epidemic which ceased all activities in its tracks. My goal next year is to assume we are back to "normal" again, and to be prepared to start repairing and building for a change from its current trajectory to one that is flourishing.

I have been an athlete in one way or another since the young age of five, hitting a ball off a tee. I have been exposed to many team sports and a few individual sports, but cycling by far is one of the most difficult things I have ever done. I have a passion for pursuits that push me to strive for more or to get the most of my self and others around me. I was introduced to the sport of cycling after playing baseball for 15 years and needed a change. I knew I was not going pro after college in order to play for the Dodgers, and that were triathlons for me. Once I had my first child, my 3rd Ironman 140.6 was my last due to the time constraints and the work/life/family balance. With all three disciplines in mind, cycling was my favorite and pushed me to be my best masters 35+ racer I could be.

This is why today I want to continue to be a part of the SCNCA board in order to help support the cycling community. My goal is to help grow the sport so that our youth can experience what I did at a much younger age. In addition, my goal is to improve the consistency with women in cycling. When I feel strongly about something, I want to be part of the team that makes a positive change. Regardless of the task, I am willing to put the effort in to make it better than it was when I began.

I have served, or are currently serving, on the board of the Rancho Cucamonga Grape stomp triathlon, Caryn Elementary PTA Board of Directors, Rotary Club of Rancho Cucamonga, Sigma Nu Fraternity and several other elected positions. I am proud to be a member of the Monster Racing Team and previously Impact Racing. We have a strong successful group of cyclists, and I believe in our team's mission, cause, and what they stand for.

I have been blessed and fortunate to have been successful as part of teams that work well together regardless of differences of opinion. Working in a nonprofit environment with volunteers can be a difficult task, yet incredibly rewarding. You will get that positive, move forward mentality from me whether I am in a board meeting or riding my bike during a recovery ride.

I am a man of integrity, but you do not have to take me at my word. Please ask anyone who knows me, I believe they will tell you who I am and what I stand for. As I mentioned, it is important for me to spread the growth of cycling in our community. I believe that begins with our youth and women who do not get the time or allocation of resources it needs to thrive. I feel like I can bring my positivity, energy, and opinion to carry on the task at hand with the SCNCA board; so I ask for your vote today. Thank you.

Cheers,

Daniel Caldera