I'm Paula Williams, a working mom and West Fullerton resident since 2006 and an Orange County Social Services employee for over 20 years. I'm not a manager or supervisor; I work directly with people to help them get benefits they deserve. That's often the difference between health and sickness, safety and tragedy, life and death.

Some consider public employees "the problem." No, I'm part of the solution. I know our system's strengths and weaknesses. I know that "painless" cuts that make politicians look tough can mean huge backlogs in short-staffed social services – and eventually lawsuits. Efficient, effective people at my level – with important institutional knowledge – are quitting due to wage and pension cuts. This hurts you, comfortable or poor, and those you know. This war on public employees must stop.

Helping people is my job. Who on Council understands your tough economic situations? Some City Councilpersons help developers; we need someone that the residents can come to for help. After June's recall election, that Councilperson will be me.

Vote for Paula Williams, a different kind of leader, to replace Don Bankhead on Council. I have the common sense and common touch that our Council needs.