The NASP Leadership Assembly has adopted three strategic goals that guide the association’s work. In your state, what are some gains being made in school psychology practice related to these goals, and what are some pressing challenges?

As an elected representative in this upcoming election, I am committed to implementing a range of initiatives to support California and the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP). The three strategic goals set by the NASP Leadership Assembly will be central to my agenda, guiding our efforts to enhance school psychology practice in the state.

One of my primary objectives as an elected representative is to advance the recognition and implementation of the NASP Practice Model throughout California. We'll work closely with graduate preparation programs, urging them to incorporate this model into their curricula and field experiences. By emphasizing its core concepts and principles, we will ensure that future generations of school psychologists are well-prepared to provide high-quality, evidence-based services consistent with the NASP Practice Model.

Addressing workforce shortages and regional disparities in California is also a top priority. My advocacy will extend to fostering diversity and representation within the profession, ensuring that it mirrors the demographics of our state. We are committed to providing opportunities for quality internships and creating a workforce that is both inclusive and high-quality.

Promoting self-awareness and advocacy for socially just practices is also central to my mission as an elected representative. Together with the school psychology community in California, we will deepen the understanding of equity and nondiscrimination. Our advocacy will span from the local to the national level, addressing inequities tied to poverty, discrimination, and exclusion. By encouraging a problem-solving context driven by mutual understanding and respect, we will actively contribute to a more harmonious and inclusive educational environment for everyone.