

Ballot

Member, State Board of Equalization		Vote for One		FOR ASSOCIATE JUSTICE, COURT OF APPEAL 6TH APPELLATE DISTRICT		Vote for One	
KENNITA WATSON Retired Quality Engineer	American Independent	Libertarian	↓	Shall Associate Justice WENDY CLARK DUFFY be elected to the office for the term provided by law?	YES ↓	NO ↓	
BETTY T. YEE Acting Equalization Board member	Democratic	Democratic	↓				
DAVID CAMPBELL Office Worker	Peace and Freedom	Peace and Freedom	↓				
DAVID J. NEIGHBORS Certified Public Accountant	Republican	Republican	↓				
UNITED STATES SENATOR				County Superintendent of Schools	Vote for One		
MICHAEL S. METT Parent/Educator/Businessman	Libertarian	Green	↓	ROWLAND BAKER Assistant County Superintendent	↓		
TODD CHRETIEN Writer	Green	Peace and Freedom	↓	MICHAEL WATKINS Education/School Administrator	↓		
SANTA CRUZ CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT				RACHEL DEWEY THORSETT Incumbent	↓		
WARREN MARK CAMPBELL Minister	American Independent	Democratic	↓	JIM LOGSDON Retired School Superintendent	↓		
LAURA WELLS Financial Systems Consultant	Green	American Independent	↓	WENDY STRIMLING Attorney	↓		
DONNA TELLO Tax Accountant	Libertarian	Republican	↓				
TONY STRICKLAND Taxpayer Organization President	Republican			Governing Board Member Trustee Area 1 (Inside City)	Vote for no more than Two		
ELIZABETH CERVANTES BARRON Retired Teacher	Peace and Freedom			DON MAXWELL Retired Teacher	↓		
JOHN CHIANG Member, State Board of Equalization	Democratic			MICHAEL ROUTH Incumbent	↓		
MEHUL M. THAKKER Investment Advisor	Republican			G. RICHARD ARNOLD Businessman	↓		
MARIAN SMITHSON City Treasurer/CPA	Green						
GERALD SANDERS	Libertarian						
E. JUSTIN NOONAN Computer Technician	Peace and Freedom						
BILL LOCKYER California Attorney General	American Independent						
UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE							
17th District							
ANTHONY R. DE MAIO Finance Entrepreneur	Republican	Republican	↓				
SAM FARR United States Representative	Democratic	Democratic	↓				
MEMBER OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY							
27th District							
MICHAEL MORRISON Councilmember/Business Manager	Republican	Republican	↓				
JOHN LAIRD State Assemblymember	Democratic	Democratic	↓				
Governing Board Member Trustee Area 3 (At Large)							
CYNTHIA HAWTHORNE Psychotherapist/Mediator	↓						
BRUCE NEUSTADTER Appointed Incumbent	↓						
JOHN WASSERBURGER Retired Teacher/Businessman	↓						

VOTE BOTH SIDES

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Sample

MEASURES SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS		MEASURES SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS	
STATE		STATE	
1C	HOUSING AND EMERGENCY SHELTER TRUST FUND ACT OF 2006. For the purpose of providing shelters for battered women and their children, clean and safe homelessness assistance for the disabled, military veterans, and working families; and repairs and accessibility improvements to apartment for families and disabled citizens, the state shall issue bonds totaling two billion eight hundred fifty million dollars (\$2,850,000,000) paid from existing state funds at an average annual cost of two hundred and four million dollars (\$204,000,000) per year over the 30 year life of the bonds. Requires reporting and publication of annual independent audited reports showing use of funds, and limits administration and overhead costs.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1D	KINDERGARTEN-UNIVERSITY PUBLIC EDUCATION FACILITIES BOND ACT OF 2006. This ten billion four hundred sixteen million dollar (\$10.416,000,000) bond issue will provide needed funding to relieve public school overcrowding and to repair older schools. It will improve earthquake safety and fund vocational educational facilities in public schools. Bond funds must be spent according to strict accountability measures. Funds will also be used to repair and upgrade existing public college and university buildings and to build new classrooms to accommodate the growing student enrollment in the California Community Colleges, the University of California, and the California State University. Fiscal Impact: State costs of about \$20.3 billion to pay off both the principal (\$10.4 billion) and interest (\$9.9 billion) on the bonds. Payments of about \$680 million per year.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
SAN LORENZO VALLEY WATER DISTRICT	Director RICHARD CLARK Incumbent RUDY J. CABIGAS Incumbent JON C. WALSH Fire Fighter	Director JAMES RAPOLA Incumbent LAWRENCE A. PRATHER Incumbent PAUL STORM Director, Boulder Creek Recreation and Parks District TERRY VERRA Incumbent	Commissioner THOMAS C. (TOBY) GODDARD Water Conservation Manager BILL GEISREITER Incumbent KAYCEE BEAMIES LifeGuard/Health Supervisor LOU MATA Aquatic Sports Retailer DENNIS (DENNY) L. SMITH Retired Sheriff's Lieutenant
	86 TAX ON CIGARETTES, INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT AND STATUTE. Imposes additional \$2.60 per pack excise tax on cigarettes and indirectly increases taxes on other tobacco products. Provides funding for various health programs, children's health coverage, and tobacco-related programs. Fiscal Impact: Increase in excise tax revenues of about \$2.1 billion annually in 2007-08 spent for the specified purposes outlined above. Other potentially significant costs and savings for state and local governments due to program changes.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	87 ALTERNATIVE ENERGY, RESEARCH, PRODUCTION, INCENTIVES, TAX ON CALIFORNIA OIL PRODUCERS, INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT AND STATUTE. Establishes \$4 billion program to reduce petroleum consumption through incentives for alternative energy, education and training. Funded by tax on California oil products. Fiscal Impact: State oil tax revenues of \$225 million to \$485 million annually for alternative energy programs totaling \$4 billion. State and local revenue reductions up to low tens of millions of dollars annually.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	88 EDUCATION FUNDING, REAL PROPERTY PARCEL TAX, INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT AND STATUTE. Imposes \$50 tax on each real property parcel to provide additional public school funding for kindergarten through grade 12. Exempts certain elderly, disabled homeowners from tax. Use of funds restricted to specific educational purposes. Fiscal Impact: State parcel tax revenue of roughly \$450 million annually, allocated to school districts for specified education programs.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	89 POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS, PUBLIC FINANCING, CORPORATE TAX CONTRIBUTION AND EXPENDITURE LIMITS, INITIATIVE STATUTE. Provides that eligible candidates for state elective office may receive public campaign funding, increases tax on corporations and financial institutions by 0.2 percent to fund program. Imposes new contribution/expenditure limits. Fiscal Impact: Increased revenues (primarily from increased taxes on corporations and financial institutions) totaling more than \$200 million annually to pay for the public financing of political campaigns.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



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<p>DAVID A. KRAHN Quality Control Technician</p> <p>ROBERT "BOB" VALLERGIA Retired Commercial Fisherman</p>	<p>83 RESIDENCE RESTRICTIONS AND MONITORING, INITIATIVE STATUTE. Increases penalties for violent and habitual sex offenders and child molesters. Prohibits residence near schools and parks. Requires Global Positioning System monitoring of registered sex offenders. Fiscal Impact: Net state operating costs within ten years of up to a couple hundred million dollars annually; potential one-time state construction costs up to several hundred million dollars; unknown net fiscal impact on local governments.</p>	<p>84 WATER QUALITY, SAFETY AND SUPPLY, FLOOD CONTROL, NATURAL RESOURCE PROTECTION, PARK IMPROVEMENTS, BONDS, INITIATIVE STATUTE. Funds water, flood control, natural resources, park and conservation projects by authorizing \$3,388,000,000 in general obligation bonds. Emergency drinking water safety provisions. Fiscal Impact: State cost of \$10.5 billion over 30 years to repay bonds. Reduced local property tax revenues of several million dollars annually.</p>	<p>90 GOVERNMENT ACQUISITION, PROPERTY, INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. Bars state/local governments from condemning or damaging private property to promote other private projects, uses. Limits government's authority to adopt certain land use, housing, consumer, environmental, workplace laws/regulations. Fiscal Impact: Increased annual government costs to pay property owners for losses to their property associated with new laws and rules, and for property acquisitions. These costs are unknown, but potentially significant on a statewide basis.</p>
<p>MEASURES SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS</p>			
<p>STATE</p> <p>1A TRANSPORTATION FUNDING PROTECTION, LEGISLATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. Protects transportation funding for traffic congestion relief projects, safety improvements, and local streets and roads. Prohibits the state sales tax on motor vehicle fuels from being used for any purpose other than transportation improvements. Authorizes loans of these funds only in the case of severe state fiscal hardship. Requires loans of revenues from states sales tax on motor vehicle fuels to be fully repaid within the three years. Restricts loans to no more than twice in any 10-year period. Fiscal Impact: No revenue effect or cost effects.</p>	<p>1B HIGHWAY SAFETY, TRAFFIC REDUCTION, AIR QUALITY, AND PORT SECURITY BOND ACT OF 2006. This act makes safety improvements and repairs to state highways, upgrades freeways to reduce congestion, repairs local streets and roads, upgrades highways along major transportation corridors, improves seismic safety of local bridges, expands public transit, helps complete the state's network of car pool lanes, reduces air pollution, and improves anti-terrorism security at shipping ports by providing for a bond issue not to exceed nineteen billion nine hundred twenty-five million dollars (\$19,925,000,000). Fiscal Impact: State costs of approximately \$38.9 billion over 30 years to repay bonds. Additional unknown state and local operations and maintenance costs.</p>	<p>85 WAITING PERIOD AND PARENTAL NOTIFICATION BEFORE TERMINATION OF MINOR'S PREGNANCY, INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. Amends California Constitution prohibiting abortion for unemancipated minor or until 48 hours after physician notifies minor's parent/guardian, except in medical emergency or with parental waiver. Mandates reporting requirements. Authorizes monetary damages against physicians for violation. Fiscal Impact: Potential unknown net state costs of several million dollars annually for health and social services programs, court administration, and state health agency administration combined.</p>	<p>SCOTTS VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT</p> <p>SCOTTS VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT</p>

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STATE LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATES' STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATIONS

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<p>Statement of JOHN LAIRD, Candidate for State Assembly 27th District</p> <p>Occupation: State Assemblymember Age: 56</p> <p>I have been honored to represent Santa Cruz County in the State Assembly the past four years. I have moved into the Assembly leadership as Chair of the Budget Committee and as a lead member of the conference committees on the budget and the infrastructure bond package.</p> <p>As a leader in the Assembly, I have fought to extend health insurance to all California children, roll back community college fees, restore education funding, ensure that California's environmental protection is strong, and give working people a fair shake from state government.</p> <p>My bills to help first-time homebuyers in Santa Cruz County, extend state civil rights protections, protect agricultural land from urban development, give public transit workers a role in managing their pension funds, expand the number of children in school nutrition programs, and restore community college health services have all been signed into law.</p> <p>I am particularly proud of the successful bipartisan effort to pass the Laird-Leslie Act, which established the Sierra Nevada Conservancy.</p> <p>We still must extend health care to all Californians, ensure access to higher education and work together to attack the problem of global warming.</p> <p>I bring to my job thirty years experience as a mayor, councilmember, community college trustee, congressional assistant, budget analyst, non-profit executive director and community activist.</p> <p>It is an honor to serve you in the state legislature. I ask for your support - in both the election and with the continuing challenges facing California and the Monterey Bay Area.</p> <p>www.johnlaird.org</p>	<p>Declaración de JOHN LAIRD, Candidato para la Asamblea Estatal Distrito 27</p> <p>Ocupación: Asambleísta estatal Edad: 56</p> <p>Durante los últimos cuatro años, he tenido el honor de representar al Condado de Santa Cruz ante la Asamblea Estatal. He ingresado en la dirección de la Asamblea como presidente del Comité del Presupuesto y como miembro dirigente de los comités de conferencia sobre el presupuesto y sobre el paquete de bonos para la infraestructura.</p> <p>Como líder de la Asamblea, he luchado para extender el seguro médico para todos los niños de California, para reducir las colegiaturas de los colegios comunitarios, para restablecer el financiamiento de la educación, para garantizar que la protección ambiental de California sea fuerte y para darles a las personas que trabajan un trato justo con el gobierno estatal.</p> <p>Mis proyectos de ley para ayudar a las personas que compren su primera residencia en el Condado de Santa Cruz, para extender las protecciones de los derechos civiles en este Estado, para proteger las tierras agrícolas contra la expansión urbana, para concederles a los trabajadores del transporte público influencia en la administración de sus fondos de pensiones, para ampliar el número de programas de nutrición para los niños escolares, y para restaurar los servicios médicos de los colegios universitarios, y todos fueron refrendados y convertidos en ley.</p> <p>Estoy particularmente orgulloso de la exitosa iniciativa bipartidista para aprobar la Ley Laird-Leslie, la cual estableció la Junta de Protección Ambiental de la Sierra Nevada.</p> <p>Todavía tenemos que extender el cuidado de la salud a todos los residentes de California, garantizar el acceso a la educación superior y trabajar juntos para acometer el problema del calentamiento del planeta.</p> <p>Llevo a mi trabajo treinta años de experiencia como alcalde, concejal, miembro del consejo de administración de colegio comunitario, ayudante legislativo, analista de presupuestos, director ejecutivo de una empresa sin fines de lucro y activista en la comunidad.</p> <p>Es un honor servirle a usted en la legislatura estatal. Le pido su apoyo – tanto en las elecciones como en los constantes asuntos desafiantes que California y el Área de la Bahía tienen que enfrentar. www.johnlaird.org</p>
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<p>Statement of ROWLAND BAKER, Candidate for Superintendent of Schools Santa Cruz County</p> <p>Occupation: Santa Cruz County Assistant Superintendent of Schools Age: 55</p> <p>For 33 years I've worked to make Santa Cruz County's schools better. During my 15 years as a classroom teacher, 5 years as a principal, and 13 years at the County Office of Education, I've lead with vision and innovation to address the needs of our students and schools. My years working with the Department of Education in Sacramento have given me the expertise needed to help secure millions of dollars in grants and special funding for local schools. Many key educators and other community leaders support my candidacy. The current County Superintendent of Schools endorses me.</p> <p>My goals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop curriculum and programs to ensure the success of all students. • Recruit, support and retain excellent teachers and staff. • Maximize state and federal funding while ensuring school district fiscal accountability. • Streamline and consolidate county services in a way that supports individual school districts. <p>If elected, I will provide the leadership necessary to represent our county in Sacramento. I will develop programs that improve our schools and address their unique and rapidly changing needs. As a native of our county, a parent and lifelong educator, I'm committed to creating the best possible education for all of our students.</p> <p>http://www.bakerforsuperintendent.com</p>	<p>Declaración de ROWLAND BAKER, Candidato para Superintendente de Escuelas Condado de Santa Cruz</p> <p>Ocupación: Asistente al Superintendente de Escuelas del Condado de Santa Cruz Edad: 55</p> <p>Por 33 años, he trabajado para mejorar las escuelas del Condado de Santa Cruz. Durante 15 años como maestro en las aulas, 5 años como director escolar, y 13 años en las Oficinas de Educación del Condado, he liderado con visión y con innovación para hacer frente a las necesidades de nuestros alumnos y de nuestras escuelas. Mis años de trabajo con el Departamento de Educación en Sacramento me han dotado de la pericia necesaria para ayudar a obtener millones de dólares en donaciones y en fondos especiales para las escuelas locales. Mi candidatura cuenta con el respaldo de muchos educadores importantes y de otros dirigentes de la comunidad. El actual Superintendente de Escuelas del Condado me ha dado su aprobación, también.</p> <p>Éstas son mis metas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establecer planes académicos y programas para garantizar el éxito de todos los alumnos. • Reclutar, apoyar y retener a excelentes maestros y empleados. • Aumentar al máximo el financiamiento federal y estatal en tanto que se garantiza la responsabilidad fiscal del distrito escolar. • Agilizar y consolidar los servicios del condado de una manera que apoye los distritos escolares individuales. <p>Si soy elegido, ofreceré la dirección necesaria para representar a nuestro condado en Sacramento. Desarrollaré programas que mejoren nuestras escuelas y que enfrenten sus necesidades únicas que cambian tan rápido. Como natural de nuestro condado, como padre y como educador por toda mi vida, estoy comprometido a establecer la mejor educación posible para todos nuestros alumnos.</p> <p>http://www.bakerforsuperintendent.com</p>
<p>3005-002</p> <p>Statement of MICHAEL WATKINS, Candidate for Superintendent of Schools County of Santa Cruz</p> <p>Occupation: Educator and School Administrator Age: 56</p> <p>I am running for Superintendent because I refuse to accept the declining state of our public schools. New leadership is the answer.</p> <p>As your Superintendent, I will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Put students first • Empower teachers and include parents in decision making • Fight to get Santa Cruz County schools every dollar due from state and federal government, make wise use of tax payer dollars, and direct funds to the classroom • Work with business leaders to prepare students for the demands of the 21st Century workforce • Promote tolerance and embrace diversity <p>I have been endorsed by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sandra Nichols and Lupe Rivas (former candidates) • Teachers (California Teacher's Association) • Democrats (Democratic Women's Club) • Classified school employees (Classified School Employees Association 484) • Working families (AFSCME 3299) • GLBT Alliance • Democracy for America <p>I have 35 years of experience working in every aspect of education including: classroom teaching, school administration and balancing multi-million dollar budgets. I have been honored for, "Visionary Leadership" by the Board of Supervisors and "Positive Change for Youth" by the Watsonville City Council.</p> <p>The status quo is no longer acceptable. I will welcome the community's input and build new partnerships. I respectfully request your vote. Together, we can make public education the gateway to a better future.</p>	<p>3005-002</p> <p>Declaración de MICHAEL WATKINS, Candidato para Superintendente de Escuelas Condado de Santa Cruz</p> <p>Ocupación: Educador y administrador escolar Edad: 56</p> <p>Me postulo para el puesto de Superintendente porque me niego a aceptar el empeoramiento de nuestras escuelas públicas. La respuesta reside en obtener nueva dirección.</p> <p>Como su Superintendente, Yo</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daré prioridad a los alumnos; Concederé poderes a los maestros e incluiré a los padres en la toma de decisiones; Lucharé para que las escuelas del Condado de Santa Cruz puedan obtener todo el dinero que merecen del gobierno estatal y federal, utilizaré prudentemente los fondos del contribuyente y dirigiré los fondos hacia los salones de clases; Trabajaré con los líderes del sector comercial para preparar a los alumnos para las exigencias del mundo laboral del Siglo XXI; Fomentaré la tolerancia y daré la bienvenida a la diversidad <p>Cuento con el respaldo de:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sandra Nichols y Lupe Rivas (ex candidatas); Los maestros (la Asociación de Maestros de California); Los demócratas (el Club de Mujeres Demócratas); Los empleados escolares especializados (la Asociación de Empleados Escolares Especializados 484); Las familias que trabajan (AFSCME – la Federación Americana de Empleados Municipales, Estatales y Federales 3299); La Alianza GLBT (alianza entre gays y lesbianas); Democracia para Estados Unidos <p>Tengo 35 años de experiencia de trabajar en todos los aspectos de la educación incluyendo: como maestro en las aulas, como administrador escolar y en la reconciliación de presupuestos multimillonarios. Recibí el galardón por "Dirección Visionaria" otorgado por el consejo de supervisores y el galardón por "Cambios Positivos para la Juventud" otorgado por el consejo de la ciudad de Watsonville.</p> <p>Ya no se puede aceptar el sistema establecido. Invitaré las ideas de la comunidad y formaré nuevas alianzas. Solicito respetuosamente su voto. Juntos podemos hacer de la educación pública el umbral para llegar a un futuro mejor.</p>

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<p>Statement of JIM LOGSDON, Candidate for Governing Board Member, Trustee Area 1 (Inside City) Santa Cruz City School District</p> <p>Occupation: Retired School Superintendent</p> <p>I am an independent candidate for the Area1 trustee position with the Santa Cruz City Schools. I am not beholden to any candidate slate, parent group or union. I have exceptional qualifications for the position including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in school administration• Attendance and participation in almost all SCCS board meetings over the past 10 years• Thirty years of direct, hands on teaching and administrative experience in California schools• Contributing member of many SCCS committees; Charter member of the Bond Oversight Committee• Contributor and volunteer for all school bond and parcel tax measures over the past 10 years• Unfailing proponent of equity and diversity issues in our schools• Frequent contributing writer on educational matters in our community newspapers <p>I am committed to openness and transparency in all school matters. I am convinced that the City Schools can achieve academic excellence for all students. I am keenly aware of and most appreciative of the unparalleled support this community has fostered on our children. I hope to partially repay that generosity and trust by serving as a board member.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">3081-003</p> <p>Statement of RACHEL DEWEY THORSETT, Candidate for Governing Board Member, Trustee Area 1 (Inside City) Santa Cruz City School District</p> <p>Occupation: Associate Adjunct Professor (Astronomy/Astrophysics), UCSC</p> <p>Education: Public primary/secondary schools; B.A., Physics, Harvard University; Ph.D., Physics, Princeton University</p> <p>Public schools today face many challenges, but their central mission – providing strong academic programs that enable students to become informed and engaged members of a diverse society– has never been more important. To do this Santa Cruz schools need creative, knowledgeable and realistic leaders who recognize that the community's support for education is a crucial resource.</p> <p>In my two years on the board, I have worked to focus district decision-making and budgeting squarely on support for students and classrooms, so that all students have access to high quality programs. We have learned to do more with less, but we can do better. Santa Cruz City Schools needs budget reform and true fiscal accountability to ensure that limited tax dollars are used as effectively as possible to increase student achievement.</p> <p>As a parent, teacher, PTA member, and scientist, I bring to the Board the perspective of an educator with K-12 and college-level experience, the activism of a community volunteer, and the skills needed to understand school finance. I ask for your support and pledge my full commitment to our public schools.</p> <p>www.RachelDeweyThorsett.org</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">3081-002</p> <p>Declaración de RACHEL DEWEY THORSETT, Candidata para Miembro del Consejo de Gobierno, Área de Síndico núm. 1 (Zona a dentro) Distrito Escolar de la Ciudad de Santa Cruz</p> <p>Ocupación: Profesora adjunta asociada (Astronomía/Astrofísica), UCSC (Universidad de California de Santa Cruz)</p> <p>Preparación académica: Escuelas públicas a nivel primario y secundario; licenciatura en Física de la Universidad de Harvard; Doctorado en Física de la Universidad de Princeton</p> <p>Las escuelas públicas hoy en día se enfrentan con muchos asuntos desafiantes, pero su misión central – ofrecer programas académicos sólidos que permitan que los alumnos lleguen a ser integrantes informados y comprometidos de una sociedad diversa – nunca ha sido más importante. Para lograr esto, las escuelas de Santa Cruz necesitan líderes creativos, informados y realistas que reconozcan que el apoyo comunitario a la educación es un recurso esencial.</p> <p>En mis dos años en el consejo, he trabajado diligentemente para que las decisiones tomadas por el distrito y la preparación de presupuestos estén enfocadas en el apoyo a los estudiantes y a sus aulas de clases con el objetivo de que todos los alumnos tengan acceso a programas de primera calidad. Hemos aprendido a hacer más con menos esfuerzo, pero podemos mejorar. Las escuelas de la ciudad de Santa Cruz necesitan una reforma presupuestaria y una verdadera responsabilidad fiscal para garantizar que los fondos limitados provenientes de los impuestos se utilicen de la manera más eficaz posible para aumentar los logros académicos de los alumnos.</p> <p>Como madre, maestra, miembro de la Asociación de Padres y Maestros y científica, llevo al consejo la perspectiva de una educadora con experiencia en los primeros doce años escolares y a nivel universitario, el activismo de una voluntaria comunitaria, y las habilidades necesarias para comprender las finanzas escolares. Le pido su apoyo y prometo comprometerme en cuerpo y alma a nuestras escuelas públicas.</p> <p>www.RachelDeweyThorsett.org</p>

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<p>Statement of WENDY STRIMLING, Candidate for Governing Board Member, Trustee Area 1 (Inside City) Santa Cruz City School District</p> <p>Occupation: Attorney</p> <p>Education: B.A., Politics, UCSC; M.S., Sociology, University of Wisconsin - Madison; J.D., Boalt Hall</p> <p>We need to build confidence and pride in Santa Cruz City Schools. After years of hard budget choices, we now have an opportunity to reverse the slide in parents' faith in our schools. If elected, I will work to strengthen and restore respect for our public schools.</p> <p>We need to examine budget priorities, make wise financial choices, and make decisions openly. Our goals must include reducing class sizes at all schools, expanding learning opportunities for students of all abilities, valuing our teachers, and embracing creative solutions.</p> <p>We need an open and transparent decision-making process, where all voices in our community are welcome and decisions are made after careful and open deliberation.</p> <p>I am a practicing attorney with over ten years of experience advising governmental agencies. I will use my legal skills and knowledge to help the school board function openly and effectively. As a parent with children in the district for the past eleven years—including elementary, middle and high schools—I am deeply committed to improving our schools. I ask for your vote for school board.</p> <p>www.WendyStrimling.org</p>	<p>Declaración de WENDY STRIMLING, Candidata para Miembro del Consejo de Gobierno, Área de Síndico núm. 1 (Zona a dentro) Distrito Escolar de la Ciudad de Santa Cruz</p> <p>Ocupación: Abogada</p> <p>Preparación académica: Licenciatura en Ciencias Políticas, Universidad de California de Santa Cruz; maestría en Sociología, Universidad de Wisconsin – Madison; doctorado en Leyes de Boalt Hall</p> <p>Necesitamos forjar confianza y orgullo en las escuelas de la ciudad de Santa Cruz. Después de años de difíciles decisiones presupuestarias, ahora tenemos la oportunidad para poner fin al derrumbe en la fe que tienen los padres en nuestras escuelas. Si soy elegida, trabajaré para fortalecer y restablecer el respeto por nuestras escuelas públicas.</p> <p>Tenemos que examinar las prioridades presupuestarias, elegir prudentemente en los asuntos fiscales, y tomar decisiones abiertamente. Nuestras metas tienen que incluir una reducción en el número de alumnos por salón en todas las escuelas, la ampliación de las oportunidades de aprendizaje para todos los alumnos con distintas habilidades, alta estima para nuestros maestros, y una acogida a las soluciones creativas.</p> <p>Necesitamos un proceso abierto y transparente para la toma de decisiones, uno que invite la opinión de toda nuestra comunidad y en que todas las decisiones se tomen después de deliberaciones estudiadas y abiertas.</p> <p>Ejero como abogada y tengo más de diez años de experiencia en el asesoramiento de las agencias gubernamentales. Usaré mis habilidades y conocimientos legales para ayudar al consejo escolar a funcionar abierta y eficazmente. Como madre de niños que estudian en el distrito, desde hace 11 años, incluyendo la escuela primaria, intermedia y superior, estoy profundamente comprometida a mejorar nuestras escuelas. Le pido su voto para el consejo escolar.</p> <p>www.WendyStrimling.org</p>
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<p>Statement of DON MAXWELL, Candidate for Governing Board Member, Trustee Area 2 (Outside City) Santa Cruz City School District</p> <p>Occupation: Retired Teacher</p> <p>Education: B.A., Art, Fresno State University; M.A., Art Education, Ohio State University</p> <p>Our students deserve leaders who put students first, plan for the future and provide leadership in uncertain times. As a former teacher with 35 years in our local schools and as past president of the local teachers union, I bring essential experience to the task of preparing our students and schools for tomorrow.</p> <p>If elected, I will focus on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increasing funding • Improving achievement • Reducing class sizes • Increasing college-prep Advanced Placement courses • Developing high quality technical and vocational programs • Increasing arts programs in all our schools • Providing support for Library and Counseling programs • Improving teacher and support staff salaries • Collaborating with neighboring school districts <p>I have been a tireless advocate for arts education in all our schools. I have the balanced background and demonstrated skill necessary to serve you as a Santa Cruz City Schools Trustee.</p> <p>Public education is the cornerstone of our free, democratic society. I am committed to public education and with your support I believe we can work together to revitalize and strengthen our public schools.</p> <p>www.DonMaxwell.net</p> <p style="text-align: right;">3083-001</p>	<p>Declaración de DON MAXWELL, Candidato para Miembro del Consejo de Gobierno, Área de Síndico núm. 2 (Zona afuera) Distrito Escolar de la Ciudad de Santa Cruz</p> <p>Ocupación: Maestro retirado</p> <p>Preparación académica: Licenciatura, Arte, Universidad Estatal de Fresno; maestría, Educación de Arte, Universidad Estatal de Ohio</p> <p>Nuestros alumnos merecen líderes que den prioridad a los alumnos, que hagan planes para el futuro y que ofrezcan liderazgo en los momentos de incertidumbre. Como ex maestro con 35 años de experiencia en nuestras escuelas locales y como ex presidente del sindicato local de los maestros, llevaré experiencia esencial para la labor de preparar a nuestros alumnos y escuelas para el futuro.</p> <p>Si soy elegido, me concentraré en:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aumentar el financiamiento • Mejorar el desempeño • Reducir el número de alumnos por salón • Aumentar el número de cursos preparatorios con créditos universitarios • Desarrollar programas técnicos y vocacionales de alta calidad • Aumentar el número de programas de arte en todas nuestras escuelas • Facilitar apoyo a los programas de bibliotecas y de consultoría • Mejorar los sueldos de los maestros y de los empleados auxiliares • Colaborar con los distritos escolares vecinos <p>He sido un defensor incansable de la educación de las artes en todas nuestras escuelas. Tengo la formación balanceada y la habilidad probada que se necesitan para servirle como síndico de las escuelas de la ciudad de Santa Cruz</p> <p>La educación pública es la piedra angular de nuestra sociedad libre y democrática. Estoy comprometido a la educación pública y con su apoyo creo que podemos trabajar juntos para revitalizar y fortalecer nuestras escuelas públicas.</p> <p>www.DonMaxwell.net</p> <p style="text-align: right;">3083-001</p>
<p>Statement of MICHAEL ROUTH, Candidate for Governing Board Member, Trustee Area 2 (Outside City) Santa Cruz City School District</p> <p>Occupation: Incumbent/Retired Educator</p> <p>If you support an independent voice, decisions reflecting what's best for kids, sustainable class size reductions and academic growth, balanced decisions that preserve the District's financial stability, support for educational programs that serve our Hispanic community, respect for the Trustee's role as policy maker - not day to day manager - and common sense decisions resulting in the best education program the District can afford, then vote for incumbent Michael Routh.</p> <p>No candidate brings the variety of educational experience I do to the Board of Trustees - 19 years as a classroom teacher grades 4 - 9, 4 years Harbor High Asst. Principal, 5 years SLVJH Principal, 8 years university instructor supervising new teachers, 8 years SCCS District Trustee, 24 years Capitola City Council member.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">3083-002</p>	<p>Statement of G. RICHARD ARNOLD, Candidate for Governing Board Member, Trustee Area 2 (Outside City) Santa Cruz City School District</p> <p>Occupation: Businessman</p> <p>Hidden from the public are outside "directives" that are forced on local school districts.</p> <p>Unelected multi-nationals have turned our schools into experimental laboratories designed to create malleable, groveling "global citizens" unaware of the unique country in which they grew up. Individualism is replaced with "group think" so students can be "managed" for a lifetime.</p> <p>The Feds and UNESCO are promoting "Global Classrooms" brainwashing kids into accepting Agenda 21 (sustainable development) a system of total control. This new feudalism is being sold as "regional governance" "smart growth" "compatible communities" and is designed to replace the Constitution with its checks and balances. http://www.freedom21santacruz.net/site/</p> <p>Government-Private Partnerships (fascism) is funded by the same foundations protecting the millions of dollars of the Rockefellers, Panettas, Soros, Gorbachevs, Ford, Packards and Maurice Strongs.</p> <p>Kids need a good grasp of history, the Constitution, math, business, an appreciation of the arts, ability to compose a correct paragraph. The goal is thinking individuals who will control <i>their own lives</i> and not robots programmed to work cheap for the globalist's government-private partnerships.</p> <p>If you want your kid to be groomed as an individual and not merely a human commodity ... vote for G. Richard Arnold</p> <p style="text-align: right;">3083-003</p>

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<p>Statement of CYNTHIA HAWTHORNE, Candidate for Governing Board Member, Trustee Area 3 (At Large) Santa Cruz City School District</p> <p>Occupation: Psychotherapist/Mediator</p> <p>Education: B.S., Psychology, University of Oregon; M.S., Community Psychology, San Jose State University</p> <p>As president of the Santa Cruz Education Foundation, I led successful efforts to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce class sizes for 9th grade English classes at Harbor, Santa Cruz and Soquel High Schools • Develop a mentoring program for at-risk middle school students • Strengthen K-5 science education • Make equitable and accessible pre-Kindergarten programs a priority • Heal wounds from years of budget cuts • Build new partnerships with the business community <p>With strong vision and leadership, we can strengthen our schools through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full commitment to small class sizes K-12 • Return of previously cut science and arts programs • Stronger bilingual and cross-cultural programming • Nutritionally and fiscally sound nutrition programs • An inventive and student-involved district environmental policy <p>From the classroom to the ballot box, our community has sent Santa Cruz City Schools a clear message: we are committed to a brighter future for our public schools.</p> <p>As a parent, therapist and mediator, I will build on nearly twenty years in our local schools as a relentless activist focused on vision and tangible results. Please vote for me and support greater opportunity for all of our students.</p> <p>www.CynthiaHawthorne.org</p>	<p>Declaración de CYNTHIA HAWTHORNE, Candidata para Miembro del Consejo de Gobierno, Área de Síndico núm. 3 (Representación global) Distrito Escolar de la Ciudad de Santa Cruz</p> <p>Ocupación: Psicoterapeuta/mediadora</p> <p>Preparación académica: Licenciatura de la Universidad de Oregón; maestría, Psicología Comunitaria, Universidad Estatal de San José</p> <p>Como presidenta de la Fundación de Educación de Santa Cruz, dirigí campañas exitosas para:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reducir el número de alumnos por salón en las clases del Idioma Inglés del noveno grado en las escuelas superiores de Harbor, de Santa Cruz y de Soquel; Desarrollar un programa de mentores para los alumnos en riesgo de las escuelas intermedias; Fortalecer la instrucción de ciencias en el jardín de infancia hasta quinto grado; Fijar como prioridad programas equitativos y accesibles precursores al jardín de infancia; Restañar las heridas causadas por años de recortes presupuestarios; Formar nuevas alianzas con el sector comercial <p>Con una visión y dirección fuertes, podemos fortalecer nuestras escuelas mediante:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Un compromiso total por tener pocos alumnos por salón en el jardín de infancia hasta el doceavo grado; Restablecer los programas de ciencias y de artes que fueron eliminados anteriormente; Programas bilingües e interculturales más vigorosos; Programas de nutrición fiscalmente sólidos y nutritivos; Una política ambiental para el distrito inventiva que incluya la participación de los alumnos <p>Desde las aulas hasta las urnas, nuestra comunidad ha enviado un mensaje claro a las escuelas de la ciudad de Santa Cruz: estamos comprometidos a un futuro más brillante para nuestras escuelas públicas.</p> <p>Como madre, terapeuta y mediadora, haré uso de mis casi veinte años en nuestras escuelas locales trabajando como activista incansable enfocada en visión y en resultados concretos. Por favor, vote por mí para apoyar más oportunidades para todos nuestros alumnos.</p> <p>www.CynthiaHawthorne.org</p>
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<p>Statement of BRUCE NEUSTADTER, Candidate for Governing Board Member, Trustee Area 3 (At Large) Santa Cruz City School District</p> <p>Occupation: Marriage and Family Therapist</p> <p>Age: 53</p> <p>I am a Santa Cruz City School Board Member, parent of two children who attended K-12 in Santa Cruz City Schools, counselor, and have been a resident of Santa Cruz for more than 30 years. While on the Santa Cruz City School Board I have actively supported academic excellence, educational equity, class size reduction plans, a pre K program, and a fiscally sound budget. As a board member I will continue to support these priorities. To move the district forward I will continue to stress collaboration between parents, teachers, staff, administrators, and students. I am passionate about public education and have spent the past 20 years working with Santa Cruz City Schools. Thank you for your consideration.</p>	<p>Declaración de BRUCE NEUSTADTER, Candidato para Miembro del Consejo de Gobierno, Área de Síndico núm. 3 (Representación global) Distrito Escolar de la Ciudad de Santa Cruz</p> <p>Ocupación: Terapeuta familiar y matrimonial</p> <p>Edad: 53</p> <p>Soy miembro del consejo escolar de la ciudad de Santa Cruz, padre de dos hijos que estudiaron sus primeros doce años en las escuelas de la ciudad de Santa Cruz, consejero, y residente de Santa Cruz por más de 30 años. Durante mi desempeño en el consejo escolar de la ciudad de Santa Cruz, he apoyado activamente la excelencia académica, la equidad educativa, los planes para reducir el número de alumnos por salón, un programa precursor al jardín de infancia, y un presupuesto fiscalmente sólido. Como miembro del consejo, continuaré respaldando estas prioridades. Para mover el distrito hacia delante, continuaré insistiendo en una colaboración entre los padres, los maestros, los empleados, los administradores y los alumnos. Estoy apasionado por la educación pública, y he pasado los últimos 20 años trabajando en las escuelas de la ciudad de Santa Cruz. Agradezco su consideración.</p>
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Statement of **JOHN WASSERBURGER**, Candidate for
Governing Board Member, Trustee Area 3 (At Large)
Santa Cruz City School District

Occupation: Retired Teacher/Businessman

Age: 72

Concerened Competent Committed

Our students deserve the finances and success in the classroom that can only come from good management.

I am a retired teacher with more than 25 years experience in the classroom in our area. I have personal experience with the operations in the Santa Cruz City School District. As a retired teacher, I have an overview of the needs, goals and challenges our schools face today.

I listen, learn, and act. I will pursue new programs such as the California Partnership Academies so our students can thrive and achieve.

My successful business ventures have provided me expertise analyzing budgets and allocating financial resources. As the former president of the teacher's organization, I understand the needs of all district employees and support their efforts to be paid a competitive salary.

I support the senior citizen's exemption for all present and future parcel taxes. I pledge all construction bond monies will be spent for classrooms, not administrative offices.

Quality public education is vital to the future of our children and community.

Educación pública de calidad es vital para el futuro de nuestros hijos y nuestra comunidad.

I will operate with honest, forthright communication. I look forward to your input.

e-mail: JW4TRUSTEE@aol.com

Telephone: 831-427-3418

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<p>Statement of RICHARD CLARK, Candidate for Director Scotts Valley Fire Protection District</p> <p>Occupation: Incumbent/Retired Silicon Valley Executive</p> <p>I have been a Director of the Scotts Valley Fire Protection District since 1996 and I am seeking re-election to a new 4-year term.</p> <p>I represent the entire community in all matters that come before the Board, and have used my management experience to help the District achieve and maintain a solid financial position.</p> <p>In the past ten years the District has been able to add a new fire station to improve responses for residents in the northern end of the city and the mountains above Scotts Valley; add Paramedic services benefiting all residents; and establish financial reserves sufficient to fund all our equipment purchases without borrowing. Our reserves have also allowed us to weather large cost increases from workers compensation insurance and employee pension funds without having to reduce service to the community. We also now employ long range financial planning.</p> <p>Coming challenges for the District where I will make sure the community's needs are served include:</p> <p>Maintaining staffing excellence as we encounter turnover due to retirements.</p> <p>Re-balancing and improving response times throughout the District (critical for medical emergencies as well as fires).</p> <p>Maintaining all services plus an adequate financial reserve in the face of increased costs.</p>	<p>Statement of RUDY J. CABIGAS, Candidate for Director Scotts Valley Fire Protection District</p> <p>Occupation: Retired Fire Fighter Age: 55</p> <p>I have lived in Scotts Valley for 22 years. I am married and have one 16-year-old daughter.</p> <p>I retired at Fire Captain Rank from the San Jose Fire Department after 30 years of service and plan to stay in Scotts Valley.</p> <p>I have served as Fire Director for the last 4 years. During this time, I served on the Facilities, Personnel and Policies Committee's.</p> <p>My goal is to build the La Madrona Fire Station.</p> <p>This year we tried to get a Bond to build the La Madrona Station and failed by 71 votes. I am heading the La Madrona Committee for the November Measure Ballot and will be working hard to get this Bond passed. I am calling on all that voted yes to bring three other voters to show that this community cares about each other. We need 67 percent but let's get 85 percent and show we care about our Neighbors and Community. The La Madrona Station will provide the best balance and coverage for the entire District.</p> <p>Time Saves Lives and this is what the new Station will do.</p> <p>Vote for fiscal responsibility, experience and dedication. Please vote for the Fire Station and me.</p>
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<p>Statement of JOHN C. WALSH, Candidate for Director Scotts Valley Fire Protection District</p> <p>Occupation: Fire Fighter Age: 32</p> <p>As a resident and home owner in Scotts Valley, I have a strong desire to be active and serve in the community. I will bring a fresh perspective to the Board regarding the needs of the local Fire Fighters as well as the financial challenges of the District.</p> <p>My experience includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Endorsement by the Scotts Valley Fire Fighters Assn. • Professional Fire Fighter/Paramedic with the San Jose Fire Department. • My wife Tiffany and I own and manage a small business employing 26 part time employees. • BA, Law & Society from UCSB. <p>As a professional fire fighter I have knowledge of the job responsibility as well as the need for adequate training and equipment. Through experience as a small business owner I am aware of budget challenges and the need for fiscal responsibility.</p> <p>If elected, I will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus on relocation of the fire station, which will reduce response times and save lives. • Work closely with the Board members to ensure that the fire fighters have adequate training and equipment to perform their job safely and efficiently. • Practice fiscal responsibility, operate within the district budget, and improve emergency service. <p>A vote for me is a vote for accountability, cooperation and community safety.</p>	
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Statement of **JAMES RAPOZA**, Candidate for
Director
San Lorenzo Valley Water District

Occupation: Retired Juvenile Hall Superintendent

Age: 61

I have been a resident of the San Lorenzo Valley since 1972. I retired after 29 years of service with the Santa Cruz County Probation Department. I am a graduate of San Jose State. I have been involved in Water District issues since the early 1980's. I have served as a Water District Director for over 17 years. I was the Chairman of the Waterman Gap Citizen's Advisory Committee. I was elected by the other county special districts (water, fire, etc.) to represent them on the Santa Cruz County Local Agency Formation Commission.

I am committed to:

- The protection of the watershed and all sources of water
- The financial stability of the District
- Outstanding service to all Customers of the District
- Interagency cooperation for the good of the Customers of the District
- Improving and maintaining the distribution, storage and sources of the District
- Maintaining a fair and reasonable rate structure for all Customers
- Local control of water resources

I believe with my experience, I can continue to serve the District Customers well if elected to this office.

Statement of **LAWRENCE (LARRY) A. PRATHER**, Candidate for
Director
San Lorenzo Valley Water District

Occupation: Director of Engineering

Age: 51

I am an electronics engineer with 28 years experience in the Semiconductor Industry. While serving on the Waterman Gap Citizens Advisory Committee, I had the opportunity to learn from scientists, professionals, and environmentalists, and gained a better understanding of the watershed we live in. During my two terms of service on the Board of Directors I worked to protect Waterman Gap and acquire and preserve the Malosky Creek watershed to protect the district's surface water supply. I also worked to implement a capital equipment replacement fund, to initiate a 5-year capital improvement plan that will update the District's infrastructure, and to negotiate the deal for the acquisition of the Manana Woods mutual water works providing the district additional funds to offset needed infrastructure improvements. I support local control of the Felton Water Works and have been working diligently to assist the citizens in their efforts to acquire the Felton (Cal Am) system. I would appreciate your consideration for Water Board Director so that I may continue this important work.

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**Statement of BILL GEISREITER, Candidate for
Commissioner
Santa Cruz Port District**

Occupation: Port Commissioner

The Santa Cruz Port District is a self-sufficient public entity that operates on user fees. Boating fees, parking fees and concession rents provide all harbor income. The administration of the Port District, therefore, requires very careful management of revenues and expenditures. I am proud to say that during my tenure as a commissioner we have added and improved many facilities for the general public and boaters alike.

The harbor is a beautiful resource. There are places where one can walk, jog, bike and generally enjoy the gateway to the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary. The boating facilities are varied – the harbor can accommodate boats in the water and on-land, from kayaks to ocean-going vessels. The harbor is a powerful economic generator for the area and provides over a thousand marine-oriented jobs in the immediate area and generates over \$500,000 every year in tax money to the City and County of Santa Cruz.

It is my personal commitment that the harbor continues to be well managed and an asset to the community. I appreciate your vote so that I will be able to continue to fulfill this commitment.

6212-003

**Statement of THOMAS C. (TOBY) GODDARD, Candidate for
Commissioner
Santa Cruz Port District**

Occupation: Water Conservation Manager

Age: 50

I have lived in the Santa Cruz area for 32 years and have been actively involved with the harbor and boating community the entire time. My interest in serving on the Port Commission stems from a personal love for the place, its people, its vitality, and its connection to the sea.

My qualifications for the position of Port Director include 20 years of public service in local government and 8 years in the private sector performing oceanographic and water quality research. I have been active in numerous community and civic organizations, including the Santa Cruz City Water Commission, Live Oak School District site council, Mid-County youth soccer club board, and most recently, Leadership Santa Cruz County. My wife is a teacher and we are the parents of 2 young men, both of whom work as lifeguards for State Parks.

As a Port Director, I would devote my time and energy to successfully navigate the financial, regulatory, and maintenance challenges facing the harbor. I would work hard to ensure that the harbor remains a safe, functional, accessible, and viable entity for recreational and commercial users, surrounding businesses, and the general public into the future. Thank you for your consideration and for this opportunity to serve.

6512-002

**Statement of LOU MATA, Candidate for
Commissioner
Santa Cruz Port District**

Occupation: Aquatic Sports Retailer

Age: 47

Since 1964 the Santa Cruz Yacht Harbor has played host to a diverse range of users including fisherman, visiting boaters, slip renters, kayakers, as well as related businesses. As port commissioner, I have a vision to help ensure the harbor community viability while being sensitive to community concerns for dredging, planning, and growth. My vision of inclusivity would use my diverse contacts of community leaders, mariners, fisherman, and marine technologists to help form a successful means of port management. As a lifelong resident and self-employed contractor, consultant, and water sports retailer, I would use my experience as a businessman and yachtsman towards my office. As an avid harbor user, I'm acquainted either directly or indirectly with the people and businesses there and being inclusive is key to success.

My experiences include;

- Small business owner
- Member Santa Cruz Chamber of Commerce
- Member of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary
- Avid sailor and mariner
- Coached swimming and water polo at local high schools since 1981
- UCSC Regents and Foundation supporter
- Water safety instructor and trainer
- Sponsor and volunteer of numerous aquatic youth programs
- Member, Loyal Order of the Moose (a family fraternity)

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**Statement of DENNIS (DENNY) L. SMITH, Candidate for
Commissioner
Santa Cruz Port District**

Occupation: Retired Sheriff's Lieutenant/Manager

Age: 57

My 32 years of public service in Santa Cruz County have provided the experience needed to responsibly serve the Port District. Ultimately, however, my qualifications owe just as much to personal history. I was born, raised, and educated here in Santa Cruz, and I've been a boat owner and a harbor user for over 30 years. My sense of connection to Santa Cruz community and the Small Craft Harbor runs deep.

I seek this office as a means to make the most valuable contribution possible to the district. I believe in the need to maintain harbor infrastructure at manageable cost, while making every effort to ensure its future viability. This will require a collaborative effort by the District, the City, the agencies serving the harbor, and the surrounding communities. With my experience, insight, and cooperation, I can help the Port District set realistic goals and plan appropriately for the future.

The economic and ecological health of our gateway to the Monterey Bay Sanctuary is of the greatest importance to everyone in the region. Responsible stewardship is our duty – for the present and for generations to follow.

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Statement of **ROBERT "BOB" VALLERGA**, Candidate for
Commissioner
Santa Cruz Port District

Occupation: Retired Commercial Fisherman

Vote for Traditional Santa Cruz Values.

As a second generation Italian-American & fisherman, I share the special relationship with the Sea and our Coastland. This enduring relationship between the People of Santa Cruz County and their coastal border is priceless. With your vote of support, I will protect this bond.

I will preserve the successful management and ambiance of the Santa Cruz Small Craft Harbor. The Harbor has provided a home for ocean related businesses and recreational activities. It is truly one of the jewels in the crown of the Central Coast.

In my experience, it is essential to the health of the region that our Harbor continues to thrive. As your Santa Cruz Port District Commissioner, that would be my constant focus.

I have an extensive background in business, from the large corporate world to the local nonprofit California Senior Alliance, of which I am a Board Member.

A Northern California native, my family was all raised locally, and I can say without reservation that my heart is here. I love the Sea and if you give me your vote—I will serve you well.

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MEASURES, ANALYSES AND ARGUMENTS

(whichever is applicable to your ballot)

Arguments in support of, or in opposition to, the proposed laws are the opinions of the authors.

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FULL TEXT OF BALLOT MEASURE N

SCOTTS VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT RESOLUTION NO. 2006-13

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SCOTTS VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT DETERMINING THE NECESSITY TO INCUR A GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND INDEBTEDNESS IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW FIRE STATION AND LEVY A SPECIAL TAX THEREFOR, CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION THEREON, REQUESTING CONSOLIDATION OF SAID SPECIAL ELECTION, AND AUTHORIZING PREPARATION OF A TAX RATE STATEMENT

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BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors ("Board") of the Scotts Valley Fire Protection District ("District") resolves as follows:

The construction of a new fire station on certain real property owned by and located within the District has been proposed. The real property on which the new fire station is proposed to be constructed is located at 6000 La Madrona Drive, Scotts Valley, California 95066, and constitutes a portion of the real property commonly known as Santa Cruz County Assessor's Parcel No. 021-141-20.

Pursuant to Section 13925 of the California Health and Safety Code, the Board does hereby find, determine, and declare that in order to assist in financing the construction of the aforesaid proposed fire station it is necessary to incur a General Obligation bond indebtedness.

The purpose for which the proposed debt is to be incurred is to provide a portion of the funds necessary to pay for the cost of construction of said improvements and expenses incidental thereto, including, but not limited to, architectural and engineering fees and costs, as well as to pay all expenses incurred by the District in connection with the conducting of proceedings for the authorization, issuance, and sale of bonds. It is the intent of this Board to utilize existing sources of funds to the maximum practical extent, consistent with prudent financial management, to reduce the overall debt obligation required to finance the new station and to use existing revenue streams to reduce the annual debt service. Specifically, the Board intends to use the proceeds from the sale of the Sims Road station, the proceeds from the sale of the unused Glenwood lot, and funds in the Zone A capital improvement account to reduce the amount of the Bond offering. These amounts are \$450,000, \$400,000 and \$400,000, respectively. Further, the Board intends to utilize part of the revenue stream for the Zone A account to reduce the annual debt service throughout the period of Bond indebtedness. This amount is currently estimated at \$55,000 per year, and will increase annually in proportion to the increase in total assessed valuation in Zone A.

The construction of the fire station is necessary to carry out the objects, purposes and powers of the District.

The cost of construction of the fire station, and the expenses incidental thereto, is and will be too great to be paid out of the ordinary revenue available to the District after the District meets the costs of providing services pursuant to Section 13862 of the Health and Safety Code.

The maximum amount of the proposed General Obligation bond debt to be incurred is not to exceed \$5,200,000.

The maximum term the bonds proposed to be issued shall run before maturity shall not exceed thirty (30) years from the date of issuance.

Consistent with Section 53531 of the California Government Code, the maximum rate of interest to be paid on the bonds shall not exceed twelve percent (12%) per year payable semiannually, unless a higher rate is permitted by law.

To pay the interest and principal, and any premium, on any bonds issued, the District proposes to annually levy for thirty (30) years after the bonds are issued or until the bonds are fully paid a special ad valorem tax on all property in the District subject to taxation by the District, at a rate sufficient for these purposes and based on assessed valuation.

Pursuant to Sections 13925 et seq. of the California Health and Safety Code, this Board hereby calls a District-wide special election for November 7, 2006 at which the proposition of authorizing the District to incur the General Obligation bond indebtedness in connection with the construction of a new fire station shall be submitted to the voters, along with the proposition of the levy of the special ad valorem tax.

The Board does hereby request the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors to approve consolidation of said special District-wide election with any other elections conducted by Santa Cruz County within the territory of the District on said date.

The measure to be submitted to the voters of the District and to be placed on the November 7, 2006 ballot and in any ballot pamphlet shall read substantially as follows:

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SCOTTS VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOND MEASURE. Shall the Scotts Valley Fire Protection District be authorized to issue general obligation bonds (no bond exceeding 30 years from issuance) in a principal amount not exceeding \$5,200,000, bearing interest at legal rates, to assist in constructing a new fire station, pay costs of issuance, and levy an ad valorem tax on taxable property in the District at a rate sufficient to pay for the bonds and the administration thereof?

The words "YES" and "NO" shall be printed on the ballots so that the voters may express their choice on the aforesaid proposition.

That all the purposes enumerated in the foregoing measure shall be united and voted upon as one single proposition.

That the Chair of the Board is hereby authorized and directed to prepare or cause to be prepared a tax rate statement (the "Tax Rate Statement") conforming to the requirements of Section 9401 of the Elections Code, and to file or cause to be filed said Tax Rate Statement with the Santa Cruz County Elections Department.

The Secretary to the Board is hereby authorized and directed to file or cause to be filed with the Santa Cruz County Elections Department a map showing the boundaries of the District, if necessary, and to execute and file with the Santa Cruz County Elections Department any forms or applications required by it in connection with the consolidation of the special election herein referenced.

That the Santa Cruz County Elections Department is hereby requested to include the Tax Rate Statement in all official publications pertaining to the special election herein called, pursuant to the provisions of Section 9402 of the Elections Code.

That the members of the Board are hereby authorized, but not directed, to prepare and file with, or cause to be prepared and filed with, the Santa Cruz County Elections Department a ballot argument in favor of the proposition set forth above, within the time established by law.

This Board hereby requests the Board of Supervisors of Santa Cruz County, pursuant to Elections Code Sections 10400, 10401 and 10403 to consolidate this District-wide special election with the statewide election to be conducted in Santa Cruz County on November 7, 2006.

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Upon approval by the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors of the District's request for consolidation of said special District-wide election with the statewide election to be conducted in Santa Cruz County on November 7, 2006, the election shall be conducted in all particulars, including, without limitation, the specification of precincts, polling places, and selection of officers of election, the same as the consolidated statewide election.

Without limiting the foregoing in any manner, with respect to the special election herein called on the measure to be submitted, all notices required by law, including without limitation any notice of election, shall be published by, and the date and place for submission of written arguments for and against the measure for inclusion in the ballot pamphlet shall be fixed by, the County of Santa Cruz.

The District agrees to enter into any necessary service contract with the County of Santa Cruz for its services in connection with the administration and conduct of the election and to pay the reasonable costs of Santa Cruz County relating thereto. The Chair or Vice-Chair of the Board, or Secretary to the Board, and each of them, acting severally, is hereby authorized to execute the service contract on behalf of the District.

This resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption.

TAX RATE STATEMENT BOND MEASURE N

A special general obligation bond election will be held within the Scotts Valley Fire Protection District ("District") on November 7, 2006, for the purpose of submitting to the electors of the District the question of incurring a general obligation bonded indebtedness of the District in a principal amount not to exceed \$5,200,000. It is the intent of the Board of Directors of the Scotts Valley Fire Protection District that the highest tax rate shall never exceed \$0.00567 per \$100 assessed valuation and that the tax rate shall expire 30 years after the issuance of the general obligation bonds ("bonds"). Proceeds of the bonds would be utilized to assist in construction of a new fire station on land owned by and within the District, and to pay for costs of issuance of the bonds.

The following estimated projections are made assuming said bonds are sold with an average annual interest rate of 4.9876% using the fiscal year 2006-2007 assessed valuations of real property and improvements located within the Scotts Valley Fire Protection District, as provided by the assessor's office of the County of Santa Cruz, California, as the base year. If such bonds are authorized and sold, the principal thereof and interest thereon, and the cost of administering them, will be payable from the proceeds of tax levies made upon the taxable real property and improvements in the District.

The following information regarding tax rates is given to comply with Sections 9400 and 9401 of the California Elections Code. Such information is based upon the best estimates and projections presently available from official sources, upon experience within the District, and other demonstrable factors.

Based upon the foregoing and projections of the District's assessed valuation, and assuming the entire debt service will be amortized through special tax levies based on assessed valuation made upon all taxable real property and improvements within the District:

The best estimate from official sources of the tax that would be required to be levied to fund the bond issue during the first fiscal year after the first sale of the bonds, based on assessed valuations presently available, is \$0.00539 per \$100 assessed valuation.

The best estimate of the highest tax rate which would be required to be levied to fund the bond issue and an estimate of the year in which that rate will apply, based on assessed valuations presently available, is \$0.00567 per \$100 assessed valuation for the fiscal year 2008-2009.

Attention of all voters is directed to the fact that the foregoing information is based upon projections and estimates only, which is not binding upon the District. The actual times of sales of said bonds and the amount sold at any given time will be governed by the needs of the District and other factors. However, as a practical matter

the District believes the foregoing projections and estimates (including the aforesaid annual interest rate) are sound and reasonable and based thereon,

the estimated average rate of \$0.00354 per \$100 of assessed valuation means a tax of \$3.54 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation, \$5.31 per \$150,000 assessed valuation, \$7.08 per \$200,000 of assessed valuation, and so on.

The actual interest rates at which the bonds will be sold, which in any event cannot exceed 12% per annum by law, will depend upon the bond market at the time of sale. Actual assessed valuation in future years will depend upon the value of the property within the District as determined in the assessment and equalization process. Hence, the actual tax rates and the years in which such rates are applicable may vary from those presently estimated above.

The intention of the current Board of Directors of the District to limit the tax rate is not binding on future Boards of Directors who may determine the needs of the District require a higher tax rate to pay for principal and interest on any authorized bonds up to the maximum of \$5,200,000.

Dated: August 2, 2006

s/ Art Smith
Chair, Board of Directors
Scotts Valley Fire Protection District

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS BY COUNTY COUNSEL MEASURE N

If approved by at least two-thirds of those voting on the measure, up to \$5,200,000 of general obligation bonds may be issued on behalf of the Scotts Valley Fire Protection District ("the District").

The bonds would constitute an indebtedness of the District, with a maximum term of thirty years from issuance and a maximum interest rate of twelve percent per year payable semiannually, unless state law permits a higher rate.

The money raised through sale of the bonds will be used by the District to provide a portion of the funds necessary to pay for constructing a proposed new fire station, as well as expenses incidental thereto and expenses in connection with the authorization, issuance and sale of the bonds. The location of the proposed new fire station is 6000 La Madrona Drive, Scotts Valley, California.

Payment of interest, principal and any premium on the bonds would be financed by a tax levied annually on real property within the District. The Tax Rate Statement for this measure which is printed in this ballot pamphlet provides information about that tax, as required by law. The precise effect of the bonds upon the property tax rate within the District would be determined after sale of the bonds.

A "yes" vote on Measure N is a vote to authorize the District to issue the bonds described above.

A "no" vote on Measure N is a vote not to authorize the District to issue those bonds.

DANA MCRAE, COUNTY COUNSEL
By Jane M. Scott, Assistant County Counsel

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE N

Vote YES on Scotts Valley Fire Station

Emergency response time is the critical factor for medical emergencies, traffic accidents and fires. Seconds lost in medical emergencies can mean the difference between life and death. Faster district-wide response to a medical emergency will be for your benefit.

More than 65% of voters approved the bond issue in June. To get the required two thirds approval, the District has scaled back the project by \$3 million, reducing the average homeowner's cost to just \$16 per year, a very modest cost for this permanent community improvement that is so critical to all residents.

It's About Saving Lives

- Fair, district-wide coverage means faster responses to emergencies
- Wisely invests taxpayers' funds in a new building, instead of upgrading a 40-year old outmoded structure that does not meet safety standards
- Balanced paramedic and fire crew distribution
- Equal and faster service to families and seniors

This bond will build an up-to-date Fire Station on La Madrona Drive near Mount Hermon Road fulfilling a major part of the District's Long Range Plan to fairly balance response time throughout the District and increase staff efficiency. The La Madrona Station will be 12,000 square feet, quarters for 6 crew members, 12 during an emergency and will house 8-forty foot safety and fire vehicles.

Fiscally Responsible

- Moving the Station will benefit the citizens of the District for years to come
- Delaying construction to future years will dramatically increase construction costs
- Bond funds may only be used to pay for the fire station
- New location is already fully owned by the District

Now is the Time to build the La Madrona Fire Station. It's Right for Everyone.

For more information, please visit www.YESonFireStation.com

Voting YES on Measure N protects your life and your property.

Scotts Valley Fire Fighters Association
s/ Mike Pasquini, President

Scotts Valley Peace Officers Assn.
s/ Jason Rutherford, President

s/ Steve Walpole
Retired Scotts Valley Police Chief

s/ Paul Marigonda
Scotts Valley City Council Member

s/ Fred Zanotto
Business Owner/Grocer, Long time Resident

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE N

Everyone supports improvements in medical or fire emergency response time. Everyone supports firefighter safety and serviceable facilities. But taxpayers only have a limited pool of resources. An example of real need is Scotts Valley Middle School. Teachers are holding classes in portable classrooms. Many schools are old and really need new facilities. On the other hand, the Fire district has one new fire station and one centrally located, very serviceable fire station on Erba Lane. Drive by the station or schedule a visit and see for yourself.

The majority of seniors live in and around the central area of Scotts Valley. The fire station on Erba Lane is currently located to best serve seniors and families. Measure N isn't about improving response time. Building a new facility only one mile from the current facility will not appreciably improve response time to anyone.

The argument in favor of Measure N states that the Erba Lane fire station is an "outmoded structure that does not meet safety standards". The Erba Lane Fire Station may not meet current seismic standards, but the building is not unsafe. Think about your own house or place of employment. Do they meet current seismic standards? Does that make the place you live or work unsafe?

Building a new fire station, only one mile from the current station, at a cost of 5.2 million taxpayer dollars, paid for by bonds bearing interest at an interest rate not to exceed 12% is not necessary! Vote NO on Measure "N"

s/ Paul J. Heltsley

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ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE N

Please join me and other responsible Scotts Valley taxpayers in voting NO on Measure N. Proposing that new infrastructure be built with expensive interest bearing bonds is not a cost effective solution for taxpayers! Scotts Valley already has two perfectly good fire stations that provide excellent coverage to a city of 11,500 residents. The stated goal of possibly reducing response times for only the Pasatiempo area is just too expensive at a cost of 5.2 million dollars. Many taxpayers question the current large overhead and administrative ratio of the Scotts Valley Fire Department. Before taxpayers will likely be interested in funding more office space for chiefs and administrators, taxpayers want to see more actual firefighters and a reduced administrative ratio!

s/ Paul J Heltsley

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE N

Staffed by a Fire Chief, Fire Marshall, Secretary, half-time bookkeeper, 24 firefighters, and volunteers, the Scotts Valley Fire Protection District extends 22.5 square miles, serves 21,000 residents and is double the population of the City of Scotts Valley. Districts of comparable size often have three times the Administrative staff and three, or more, fire stations.

The Board of Directors and Fire Chief are diligent and conservative managers of taxpayers' monies, always striving to provide better service and faster response times while staying within their budget. This is a team that works toward the future needs of the citizens of the District as boundaries change and growth occurs. The District's financial records are available to the public upon request and on the internet at www.scottsvalleyfire.com.

Response times to emergencies are critical and shouldn't depend on where one lives! The new Glenwood Station improved response times to the central portion of Scotts Valley and the northern end of the District. The La Madrona Station will fairly equalize response times to a large portion of the District and fulfill the long-term plan to improve public safety. With the present staffing levels, the number of fire fighters at stations is not the current issue. It's the location of the station that makes the difference.

The La Madrona Station will be financed with 30-year bonds with an average interest rate of approximately 4.95%. Bond funds, and any District funds set aside for this project, may only be used to build the Station.

Join us. Vote YES on Measure N!

Improve Public Safety

s/ Jerry Ashfield
Former Fire Board Member

s/ Donna R. Lind
Retired Sergeant, Scotts Valley Police Department

s/ Peter Pini
Project Manager, B.C.I.

s/ Patti R. Malone
Malone's Grande Grille, Businessowner

s/ Shirley Flack
County Office of Education Trustee