

OFFICIAL BALLOT

CONSOLIDATED GENERAL ELECTION

COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2006

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS: To VOTE, CONNECT THE ARROW pointing to your choice, like this: 

To vote for a qualified write-in candidate, write the person's name on the blank line provided and CONNECT THE ARROW:

IMPORTANT: Use only a blue or black ink pen.

If you make a mistake marking your ballot, return it to the Election Official and a replacement ballot will be issued.

Sample

STATE		STATE		JUDICIAL	
Governor	Vote for One	Attorney General	Vote for One	FOR ASSOCIATE JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT	Vote Yes or No for Each Office
PETER MIGUEL CAMEJO Financial Advisor	Green	JERRY BROWN Oakland Mayor/Attorney	Democratic	Shall Associate Justice JOYCE L. KENNARD be elected to the office for the term provided by law?	YES NO
EDWARD C. NOONAN Computer Shop Owner	American Independent	KENNETH A. WEISSMAN Attorney At Law	Libertarian	FOR ASSOCIATE JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT	
PHIL ANGELIDES Treasurer of the State of California	Democratic	MICHAEL S. WYMAN Attorney-At-Law	Green	Shall Associate Justice CAROL A. CORRIGAN be elected to the office for the term provided by law?	YES NO
ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER Governor	Republican	CHUCK POOCHIGIAN California Senator/Attorney	Republican	FOR PRESIDING JUSTICE, COURT OF APPEAL 6TH APPELLATE DISTRICT	
ART OLIVER Engineer	Libertarian	JACK HARRISON Attorney/Rent Commissioner	Peace and Freedom	Shall Presiding Justice CONRAD L. RUSHING be elected to the office for the term provided by law?	YES NO
JANICE JORDAN Counselor	Peace and Freedom	Insurance Commissioner	Vote for One	FOR ASSOCIATE JUSTICE, COURT OF APPEAL 6TH APPELLATE DISTRICT	
		CRUZ M. BUSTAMANTE California Lt. Governor	Democratic	Shall Associate Justice NATHAN D. MIHARA be elected to the office for the term provided by law?	YES NO
Lieutenant Governor	Vote for One	TOM CONDIT Writer	Peace and Freedom	FOR ASSOCIATE JUSTICE, COURT OF APPEAL 6TH APPELLATE DISTRICT	
DONNA J. WARREN Financial Manager/Author	Green	LARRY CAFIERO Newspaper Editor	Green	Shall Associate Justice RICHARD J. MCADAMS be elected to the office for the term provided by law?	YES NO
STEWART A. ALEXANDER Automobile Sales Consultant	Peace and Freedom	STEVE POIZNER Businessman/Entrepreneur	Republican	FOR ASSOCIATE JUSTICE, COURT OF APPEAL 6TH APPELLATE DISTRICT	
LYNNETTE SHAW Caregiver/Musician	Libertarian	DALE F. OGDEN Actuary/Insurance Consultant	Libertarian	FOR ASSOCIATE JUSTICE, COURT OF APPEAL 6TH APPELLATE DISTRICT	
JIM KING Real Estate Broker	American Independent	JAY EARL BURDEN Student	American Independent	Shall Associate Justice RICHARD J. MCADAMS be elected to the office for the term provided by law?	YES NO
JOHN GARAMENDI California State Insurance Commissioner	Democratic				
TOM MCCLINTOCK California State Senator	Republican				



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Secretary of State GLENN MC MILLON, JR. Small Business Owner	Vote for One American Independent	Member, State Board of Equalization 1st District KENNITA WATSON Retired Quality Engineer	Vote for One Libertarian	FOR ASSOCIATE JUSTICE, COURT OF APPEAL 6TH APPELLATE DISTRICT Shall Associate Justice WENDY CLARK DUFFY be elected to the office for the term provided by law? YES NO
BRUCE MCPHERSON Appointed Secretary of State	Republican	BETTY T. YEE Acting Equalization Boardmember	Democratic	SCHOOL County Superintendent of Schools ROWLAND BAKER Assistant County Superintendent
GAIL K. LIGHTFOOT Retired Nurse	Libertarian	DAVID CAMPBELL Office Worker	Peace and Freedom	MICHAEL WATKINS Educator/School Administrator
MARGIE AKIN Archaeologist/Medical Anthropologist	Peace and Freedom	DAVID J. NEIGHBORS Certified Public Accountant	Republican	SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION Governing Board Member Trustee Area 2 T. N. HO Incumbent
FORREST HILL Financial Advisor	Green	UNITED STATES SENATOR MICHAEL S. METTI Parent/Educator/Businessman	Vote for One Libertarian	LYNETTE LEE ENG Mediator/Businesswoman
DEBRA BOWEN State Senator	Democratic	TODD CHRETEN Writer	Green	CHARLIE AHERN Writer
Controller WARREN MARK CAMPBELL Minister	Vote for One American Independent	MARSHA FEINLAND Retired Teacher	Peace and Freedom	WEST VALLEY-MISSION COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT Governing Board Member Trustee Area 1 DAVID MONTAGNA College Foundation Member
LAURA WELLS Financial Systems Consultant	Green	DIANNE FEINSTEIN United States Senator	Democratic	DON A. CORDERO College Professor
DONNA TELLO Tax Accountant	Libertarian	DON J. GRUNDMANN Doctor of Chiropractic	American Independent	JACK LUCAS Incumbent
TONY STRICKLAND Taxpayer Organization President	Republican	RICHARD "DICK" MOUNTJOY Immigration Control Consultant	Republican	JOHN FEEMSTER Retired Business Executive
ELIZABETH CERVANTES BARRON Retired Teacher	Peace and Freedom	UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE 14th District BRIAN HOLTZ Engineer/Author/Father	Vote for One Libertarian	MARK LITTLE Software Test Engineer
JOHN CHIANG Member, State Board of Equalization	Democratic	CAROL BROUILLET Director, Nonprofit Organizer	Green	BUCK POLK Appointed Incumbent
Treasurer CLAUDE PARRISH Member, State Board of Equalization	Vote for One Republican	ANNA G. ESHOO Member of Congress	Democratic	
MEHUL M. THAKKER Investment Advisor	Green	ROB SMITH Account Executive	Republican	
MARIAN SMITHSON City Treasurer/CPA	Libertarian	MEMBER OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY 27th District MICHAEL MORRISON Councilmember/Business Manager	Vote for One Republican	
GERALD SANDERS	Peace and Freedom	JOHN LAIRD State Assembly member	Democratic	
E. JUSTIN NOONAN Computer Technician	American Independent			
BILL LOCKYER California Attorney General	Democratic			

VOTE BOTH SIDES

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SCHOOL		MEASURES SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS		STATE	
LOS GATOS-SARATOGA JOINT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT					
Governing Board Member	Vote for no more than Three				
ROGER MASON Attorney	↓				
BILL CHIOCCHI Business Consultant	↓				
CYNTHIA CHANG Incumbent	↓				
STEVEN PATRICK KAHL Public School Teacher	↓				
MICHELE VAN ZUIDEN Business Executive	↓				
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DISTRICT					
SAN LORENZO VALLEY WATER DISTRICT					
Director	Vote for no more than Three				
JAMES RAPOZA Incumbent	↓				
LAWRENCE A. PRATHER Incumbent	↓				
PAUL STORM Director, Boulder Creek Recreation and Parks District	↓				
TERRY VIERRA Incumbent	↓				
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MEASURES SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS					
STATE					

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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.		YES ↓	NO ↓
89 POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS, PUBLIC FINANCING, CORPORATE TAX INCREASE, CAMPAIGN 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 campaign 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.		YES ↓	NO ↓
90 GOVERNMENT ACQUISITION, REGULATION OF PRIVATE 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.		YES ↓	NO ↓

MEASURES SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS		STATE	
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.		YES ↓	NO ↓
1E DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AND FLOOD PREVENTION BOND ACT OF 2006. This act rebuilds and repairs California's most vulnerable flood control structures to protect homes and prevent loss of life from flood-related disasters, including levee failures, flash floods, and mudslides; it protects California's drinking water supply system by rebuilding delta levees that are vulnerable to earthquakes and storms; by authorizing a \$4.09 billion dollar bond act. Fiscal Impact: State costs of approximately \$8 billion over 30 years to repay bonds. Reduction in local property tax revenues of potentially up to several million dollars annually. Additional unknown state and local operations and maintenance costs.		YES ↓	NO ↓
83 SEX OFFENDERS, SEXUALLY VIOLENT PREDATORS, PUNISHMENT, 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.		YES ↓	NO ↓



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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. Increases stability of funding to transportation in 2007 and thereafter.	YES NO
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.	YES NO
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 housing for low-income senior citizens; homeownership 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.	YES NO
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 \$5,388,000,000 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. Unknown state and local operations and maintenance costs, potentially tens of millions of dollars annually.	YES NO
85 WAITING PERIOD AND PARENTAL NOTIFICATION BEFORE TERMINATION OF MINOR'S PREGNANCY. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. Amends California Constitution prohibiting abortion for unemancipated minor 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.	YES NO
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.	YES NO
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 producers. 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.	YES NO

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VOTER'S PAMPHLET

STATE LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATES' STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATIONS

The following pages may not contain a complete list of candidates. A complete list of candidates appears on the Sample Ballot.
Pursuant to Government Code Section 85601(c), only a candidate who accepts voluntary expenditure limits may purchase space for a statement.

Statement of **JOHN LAIRD**, Candidate for
State Assembly
27th District

Occupation: State Assemblymember

Age: 56

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.

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.

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.

I am particularly proud of the successful bipartisan effort to pass the Laird-Leslie Act, which established the Sierra Nevada Conservancy.

We still must extend health care to all Californians, ensure access to higher education and work together to attack the problem of global warming.

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.

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.

www.johnlaird.org

1270-001

Declaración de **JOHN LAIRD**, Candidato para la
Asamblea Estatal
Distrito 27

Ocupación: Asambleísta estatal

Edad: 56

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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

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Statement of **ROWLAND BAKER**, Candidate for
Superintendent of Schools
Santa Cruz County

Occupation: Santa Cruz County Assistant Superintendent of Schools **Age:** 55

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.

My goals:

- 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.

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.

<http://www.bakerforsuperintendent.com>

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Declaración de **ROWLAND BAKER**, Candidato para
Superintendente de Escuelas
Condado de Santa Cruz

Ocupación: Asistente al Superintendente de Escuelas del Condado de Santa Cruz **Edad:** 55

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.

Éstas son mis metas:

- 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.

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.

<http://www.bakerforsuperintendent.com>

3005-002

Statement of **MICHAEL WATKINS**, Candidate for
Superintendent of Schools
County of Santa Cruz

Occupation: Educator and School Administrator **Age:** 56

I am running for Superintendent because I refuse to accept the declining state of our public schools. New leadership is the answer.

As your Superintendent, I will:

- 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

I have been endorsed by:

- 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

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.

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.

3005-001

Declaración de **MICHAEL WATKINS**, Candidato para
Superintendente de Escuelas
Condado de Santa Cruz

Ocupación: Educador y administrador escolar **Edad:** 56

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.

Como su Superintendente, Yo

- 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

Cuento con el respaldo de:

- 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 entres gays y lesbianas); Democracia para Estados Unidos

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 concejo de la ciudad de Watsonville.

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.

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Statement of **CHARLIE AHERN**, Candidate for
Governing Board Member, Trustee Area 2
Santa Clara County Board of Education

Occupation: Writer/Volunteer/City Commissioner

Age: 56

BA (Education and Political Science), Tufts. MBA (Finance), University of Massachusetts. Leadership Cupertino grad. Fifteen years corporate accounting experience, ten years of technical curriculum development and writing.

Your Office of Education is responsible for special education and alternative programs for struggling students. We need fresh energy and new ideas to sustain the high quality of our schools and prepare our children for healthy, fulfilling, and productive futures.

As past president of Social Advocates for Youth, I understand the importance of this mission and how to accomplish it in a cost-effective way that truly leaves no child behind. I will use my experience as a board member of the Emergency Housing Consortium and board president of my church to bring people together to improve our community by providing a world-class education for our children.

With your vote, I will support our excellent local schools and focus on responsible fiscal management, classroom accountability, and innovative programs for at-risk children. Thank you.

Please visit <http://www.ahernforsccbboe.org>.

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Statement of **JACK LUCAS**, Candidate for
Governing Board Member, Trustee Area 1
West Valley-Mission Community College District

Occupation: Incumbent/Part-Time High School Teacher

Before my election as a West Valley-Mission Community College Trustee, I served the City of Monte Sereno as a Councilmember and as its Mayor for five terms. Before my retirement from the Los Gatos-Saratoga High School District, I served the High School District for 35 years as a Teacher, Coach, Dean of Students, and Principal. I am currently a part-time adult education teacher. These professional experiences have provided me with insights and skills that I have brought to the Community College District. I hold a Doctorate of Education, M.A., B.A., and A.A. Degrees. I am married with three grown children and two grandchildren.

In my first two years, I was elected Vice-President of the Board, and then the President. I am proud of the Board accomplishments during my term which include: The passage of Measure H, the District's first successful bond measure, Resolving a forty year dispute with the City of Saratoga over the use of athletic facilities, No staff lay offs despite a community college financial crisis, and Improved Board relations resulting in a team effort to best serve our students.

Your vote will help me to ensure the efficient use of your Measure H tax dollars and to continue my commitment to a strong West Valley-Mission Community College District.

3040-002

Statement of **JOHN FEEMSTER**, Candidate for
Governing Board Member, Trustee Area 1
West Valley-Mission Community College District

Occupation: Retired Business Executive

Last year the West Valley – Mission Community College District lost over 2,000,000. dollars per year in base funding because of a failure in enrollment management. This year, many more millions in future funding are threatened. A mistake in construction management may cost the District 60 million dollars of state approved renovation money for Mission College and threatens Measure H bond funds. Labor relations have been at crisis levels for two years; morale in the District is at an all time low.

The West Valley – Mission Community College District has wonderful facilities and many dedicated and talented faculty and staff but the District is in need of new leadership that is strong and positive.

My Santa Clara University MBA and experience overseeing six General Electric power plants with a 1.5 billion dollar budget have provided the analytical and fiscal skills to offer that required leadership.

I will be a strong advocate for fiscal accountability, educational excellence, long term planning and rigorous evaluation.

I am a 45 year resident of the West Valley area. I am on the District's Bond Construction Oversight Committee, and past President of both the San Jose State Chorale and Saratoga Senior Council. Please support the West Valley – Mission Community College District by voting for me, John Feemster, on November 7

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Statement of **BUCK POLK**, Candidate for
Governing Board Member, Trustee Area 2
West Valley-Mission Community College District

Occupation: Appointed Incumbent/Retired School Administrator

For two years I have proudly served you as a member of the District Governing Board. In my work as your trustee, I have actively supported the following:

- responsible management of district funds
- career programs: fire, law enforcement, nursing and paramedic
- expanding core classes to facilitate college and university transfer
- increasing recruitment of local high school graduates
- additional vocational and re-entry programs

My qualifications include a 36-year career in Santa Clara Unified School District as a teacher, coach and school principal. (25 years) I am currently an independent contractor at National Semiconductor. My education includes graduation from Santa Clara University and a M.A. in Secondary School Administration from Stanford University.

Nothing is more important than our students who are the future of Silicon Valley. With experience in both public and private sectors, I will carefully monitor District resources and make sure our tax and bond dollars are spent where they are needed most - on students. I will work to bring administrators, faculty and staff together to ensure our students have every opportunity to be successful. Your vote for Buck Polk is a vote for leadership, experience, and commitment.

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VOTER'S PAMPHLET

LOCAL NONPARTISAN CANDIDATES' STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATIONS

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Statement of **CYNTHIA CHANG**, Candidate for
Governing Board Member
Los Gatos-Saratoga Joint Union High School District

Occupation: Incumbent

For the past eight years, I have had the privilege of serving the Los Gatos-Saratoga Joint Union High School District as a Board Member. During my tenure, I have worked tirelessly to ensure transparency in the administration of district policies and matters, fiscal responsibility and providing the best learning environment for all students. If re-elected, I will continue to focus on the:

- (1) Articulation and collaboration with feeder districts;
- (2) Quality of education in all subject areas;
- (3) Most efficient and effective use of our limited resources.

As a resident of Saratoga for 22 years, I have been involved with many school and community organizations. I was Treasurer for the Facility Bond Measures B and D which enabled our districts to upgrade the facilities on our campuses. I am also a former Saratoga Union School District Board Member, a BSA Troop 508 committee chair for six years, and a key member of the Building Bridges project sponsored by the Rotary Club. From these experiences, I have developed a broad and long term perspective on our community and the needs of our district. Both our sons graduated from SHS. I am a CPA/MBA and work part-time as a business consultant.

Your vote for me will assure the excellence of education at Los Gatos-Saratoga Joint Union High School District.

www.vote4cynthia.org

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Statement of **BILL CHIOCCHI**, Candidate for
Governing Board Member
Los Gatos-Saratoga Joint Union High School District

Occupation: Business Consultant/LGHS Parent

Age: 50

If elected, I will bring to this office 5 years (2000 - 2005) experience serving as a Trustee for the Loma Prieta Joint Union School District. During my tenure I chaired the successful passage of Measure E (G.O. Bond), served as board president and was actively involved in the development and construction of a new middle school. I have also worked extensively with the board and staff in the budgeting/finance process, renewing a parcel tax and recruiting and hiring a new superintendent. I understand the role and responsibilities of a governing board member in setting policies that further our children's education. During my tenure at LPSD, student test scores increased each year.

Having worked as a past founder, manager and consultant with technology companies, I understand and value the importance of education for our children's future. Schools are important in our community.

My credentials include:

- 5 years experience as Governing Board Member; 20 years business
- B.S, Louisiana Tech; MBA USC;
- Married and parent of 2; Coach for kids soccer and softball

If elected, I will do my best to serve as a leader and role model and will strive to improve academic excellence for all students.

3079-002

Statement of **ROGER MASON**, Candidate for
Governing Board Member
Los Gatos-Saratoga Joint Union High School District

Occupation: Attorney at Law

Age: 50

I am an attorney with the Los Gatos law firm of Sweeney, Mason, Wilson & Bosomworth. I have lived in Los Gatos with my wife, Susie, and three children, Sam (Senior), Dan (Sophomore), and Chloe (7th Grade) since 1993. I currently sit on the Boards of the New Millennium Foundation, the LGS Recreation Department (Chair) and the Los Gatos Lions' Club (President-elect). I have chaired the Lions' Student Speaker Program, have been active on the Lions' Scholarship Committees, and help run the Los Gatos Lions' Wildcat Shootout Basketball Tournament. I also assist the Los Gatos Athletic Association in its fundraising activities.

In the past I have been a member of the Blossom Hill Site Council and have volunteered at both Blossom Hill and Fisher. I am a past President of and coach in the Los Gatos NJB. I have also coached Los Gatos Little League, Softball, and Soccer. I am committed to this community. My goal will be to maintain, and, where possible, improve the educational opportunities in the Los Gatos-Saratoga High School District.

3079-003

Statement of **STEVEN PATRICK KAHL**, Candidate for
Governing Board Member
Los Gatos-Saratoga Joint Union High School District

Occupation: Public School Teacher

Age: 44

My extensive experience and passionate interest in public education will enable me to serve you as an exceptional board member. A veteran English teacher at Mountain View High School, I have also provided quality professional development training for teachers in more than fifty California school districts.

After graduation from Santa Clara University in 1984, I earned my master's degree (in Educational Administration and Supervision) at San Jose State University.

My own school district and the San Jose/Silicon Valley Chamber of Commerce have both honored me as Teacher of the Year.

As a trustee, I would advocate these vital proposals:

1. Enhancing the relevance of students' course assignments and projects in order to foster an enduring understanding of essential skills and concepts.
2. Promoting a comprehensive character education program to support students in making responsible decisions.
3. Providing a world-class, research-based professional development program for teachers.
4. Differentiating instruction to match varying readiness levels so that all students are appropriately challenged.

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Statement of **MICHELE VAN ZUIDEN**, Candidate for
Governing Board Member
Los Gatos-Saratoga Joint Union High School District

Occupation: Business Executive **Age:** 49

I am a true believer in our public schools and pledge to maintain Los Gatos-Saratoga High School District's academic excellence and financial viability. If elected, I will work hard to maintain academic excellence for all students based on their learning needs, increase student access to guidance counselors and lower class sizes.

With 25 years of experience as a business executive in the nonprofit and commercial sectors, I believe my experience will be valuable in this role as a Trustee. As CEO of a \$27 million company, I have experience leading companies with similar size budgets and employees as the high school district.

As a parent of two students in the District, I have been actively involved in supporting our local schools over the past 17 years through the LGSJUHSD Strategic Planning Committee, Vice Principal Selection Committee, Facility Usage Task Force, New Millennium Foundation Board, Los Gatos-Saratoga Observation Nursery School Board and LGEF Board.

In addition to my commitment to public schools, I have been actively involved in our community for 22 years through Leadership San Jose, Hospice of the Valley Board, Court Appointed Child Advocate, Santa Clara County and United Way Campaign Council.

Support our schools - Vote van Zuiden!

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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.

6132-001

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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