

VOTER'S PAMPHLET

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| <p>Statement of WILLIAM "WILLIE" YAHIRO, Candidate for Governing Board Member, Trustee Area 4 Pajaro Valley Unified School District</p> <p>Occupation: Self-Employed Insurance Agent Age: 69</p> <p>The Best is Yet to Come.</p> <p>Academics: PVUSD proudly has four schools that have earned the honor of being a California Distinguished School. As a trustee I have worked with our local schools as they focus on student achievement, and fully expect one of our Watsonville schools to earn this honor very soon. We have a comprehensive plan for English Language Learners and have strong graduation requirements for our students.</p> <p>Community: I have worked with community members to bring support and increased interest in our schools.</p> <p>Facilities: In my time as a trustee we have grown from 20 to 34 schools. We received and managed 130 million dollars from the State and voters passed a \$50M bond to modernize, convert, and build new schools.</p> <p>Budget: We made some very difficult cuts the past several years. Now it's time to do a comprehensive review and audit of those cuts and, as the economy begins to recover, prioritize rehiring staff and rebuilding programs.</p> <p>My experience, dedication and community outreach will continue to provide stability to the board during this very difficult economic time.</p> <p>I ask for your vote and support to our drive for excellence.</p> <p>www.reelectwillie.com</p> | <p>Declaración de WILLIAM "WILLIE" YAHIRO, candidato para Miembro del Consejo de Gobierno, Área de Síndico 4 Distrito Escolar Unificado de Pájaro Valley</p> <p>Ocupación: Agente de seguros por cuenta propia Edad: 69</p> <p>Todavía no llegó lo mejor.</p> <p>Programa académico: El PVUSD orgullosamente cuenta con cuatro escuelas que han obtenido el honor de ser escuelas distinguidas de California. Como síndico, he trabajado con nuestras escuelas locales mientras que se enfocan en el desempeño de los alumnos, y tengo la gran esperanza de que una de nuestras escuelas de Watsonville gane ese honor muy pronto. Tenemos un plan global para los estudiantes del idioma inglés y tenemos rigurosos requisitos de graduación para nuestros alumnos.</p> <p>Comunidad: He trabajado con los integrantes de la comunidad para traer apoyo a nuestras escuelas y mayor interés en ellas.</p> <p>Instalaciones: Durante mi desempeño como síndico hemos crecido de 20 a 34 escuelas. Recibimos y administramos 130 millones de dólares del estado y los electores aprobaron bonos por \$50 millones para modernizar, convertir y construir nuevas escuelas.</p> <p>Presupuesto: Hemos hecho unos recortes muy difíciles durante los últimos años. Ahora es el momento para hacer una revisión y auditoría globales de esos recortes y, cuando la economía comience a recuperarse, fijar prioridades para volver a contratar a personal y rehacer programas.</p> <p>Mi experiencia, dedicación y participación comunitaria continuarán aportando estabilidad al consejo durante estos tiempos de dificultades económicas.</p> <p>Le pido su voto y apoyo en nuestro esfuerzo para excelencia.</p> <p>www.reelectwillie.com</p> |
| <p>Statement of CONNIE M. SAUER, Candidate for Governing Board Member, Trustee Area 4 Pajaro Valley Unified School District</p> <p>Occupation: Retired Educator PVUSD</p> <p>I will bring to this office a diversity of viewpoints and experience. Having been reared in Watsonville, attending local schools and teaching successfully for 23 years in the PVUSD, I am ready to meet the many challenges that our Public Schools are faced with currently. My top priority is to see that our school district will serve the Pajaro Valley Community, Parents and Children, once again, with the quality of education and excellence that these stakeholders want and deserve. I have no doubt that this can be accomplished through hard work and perseverance.</p> <p>I taught in Adult Education, Renaissance and Watsonville High School, where, for the latter, I chaired the Business Department for multiple years. In 1999 I was appointed by the Superintendent to write the charter, obtain funding and then brought to fruition AVCI, a PVUSD charter school. In addition, I served on Site Council and various school committees, throughout my tenure, including curriculum and teacher professional development.</p> <p>If I am elected to serve the families of the PVUSD, I will challenge the status quo and strive for positive change in our local schools, to the best of my ability.</p> | <p>Declaración de CONNIE M. SAUER, candidata para Miembro del Consejo de Gobierno, Área de Síndico 4 Distrito Escolar Unificado de Pájaro Valley</p> <p>Ocupación: Educadora jubilada del PVUSD</p> <p>Llevaré a este cargo una diversidad de puntos de vista y experiencia. Debido a que me crié en Watsonville, y asistí a las escuelas locales y enseñé exitosamente en el PVUSD, por 23 años, estoy lista para hacer frente a los numerosos desafíos que nuestras escuelas públicas tienen por delante ahora. Mi prioridad más alta es asegurarme de que nuestro distrito escolar sirva a la comunidad, a los padres y a los niños de Pájaro Valley, una vez más, con la calidad de educación y excelencia que estas personas afectadas desean y merecen. No cabe duda que se puede lograr eso mediante trabajo con empeño y perseverancia.</p> <p>Enseñé educación para adultos, en Renaissance y en la Escuela Superior de Watsonville, y en esta última fui directora del departamento de negocios por varios años. En 1999, fui nombrada por el superintendente para redactar la carta constitutiva, obtener fondos y luego convertí en una realidad la AVCI, una escuela independiente del PVUSD. Además, me desempeñé en el consejo local y en varios comités escolares, durante mi desempeño, incluyendo el del plan de estudios y el del desarrollo profesional de maestros.</p> <p>Si fuera elegida para servir a las familias del PVUSD, me opondría al orden establecido y me esforzaría por un cambio positivo en nuestras escuelas locales, en la medida de mis capacidades.</p> |

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Statement of **LESLIE L. DE ROSE**, Candidate for
Governing Board Member, Trustee Area 5
Pajaro Valley Unified School District

As a parent of one PVUSD graduate and one beginning their junior year this fall, I have spent countless hours volunteering with their teachers and office staff. I also served on site council which helped me to understand school finance. As my first term comes to a close, I am asking for the opportunity to continue service to our students and the community. My focus has been, and will continue to be, high standards for all students with the support they need to achieve their goals. I am a firm believer that every student has the ability to reach the goals set for them.

The recent budget cuts have presented tough decisions to make, but it has also presented the opportunity to rebuild district programs when funding is re-established. I promise to set my sights on identifying additional sources of revenue and working diligently with staff and my constituents to rebuild the programs that are important to families, teachers and the community at large.

It has been a pleasure to represent Trustee Area 5 for the past 4 years. I would be grateful for the opportunity to continue to serve you.

Declaración de **LESLIE L. DE ROSE**, candidata para
Miembro del Consejo de Gobierno, Área de Síndico 5
Distrito Escolar Unificado de Pájaro Valley

Como madre de un alumno que se graduó en el Distrito Escolar Unificado de Pájaro Valley y de uno que comienza el tercer año de la escuela superior en el otoño de este año, he pasado incontables horas trabajando como voluntaria con sus maestros y con el personal de oficina. También, trabajé en el consejo local y eso me ayudó a entender las finanzas escolares. A punto de concluir de mi primer término, pido la oportunidad de seguir al servicio de nuestros alumnos y de la comunidad. Mi enfoque ha sido, y seguirá siendo, altas normas para todos los alumnos con el apoyo que necesitan para alcanzar sus metas. Creo firmemente que todos los alumnos tienen la capacidad para alcanzar las metas establecidas para ellos.

Los recientes recortes presupuestarios han presentado decisiones que son difíciles de tomar, pero también ha presentado la oportunidad de reconstruir los programas del distrito cuando se restablezca el financiamiento. Prometo poner la mira en identificar más fuentes de ingresos y trabajar diligentemente con los empleados y con los electores de mi distrito para reconstruir los programas que son importantes para las familias, los maestros y la comunidad como totalidad.

Ha sido un placer representar al área de síndico 5, por los últimos cuatro años. Me sentiría muy agradecida, si tuviera la oportunidad de seguir sirviéndole.

Statement of **FRANCISCO DIAZ**, Candidate for
Governing Board Member, Trustee Area 5
Pajaro Valley Unified School District

As a lifetime resident of Watsonville and a graduate of the Pajaro Valley School system, I cannot stand on the sidelines with our school district in such poor condition. I recently graduated from St. Marys College and chose to return to my hometown to get involved.

Recently, four schools in the Pajaro Valley School District were declared to be in "emergency condition" by the Governor. The report stated that students were "seriously harmed" by attending these schools. Two of those four schools were located here in our Trustee District – Pajaro Valley HS and Landmark Elementary School. This is unacceptable to me, and it should be unacceptable to the parents and taxpayers of Watsonville.

I attended Cabrillo College and have worked at Home Depot, K-Mart, Valero Gas on Freedom, and Driscoll's Strawberries. I am a lifetime member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church. I worked as a law clerk with a non-profit immigrant rights firm. I am bilingual in English and Spanish. I understand Watsonville and the Pajaro School System, and I believe I am the right person to change the direction of PVUSD.

I would be honored to have your vote. Thank you.

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Statement of **PATRICE C. EDWARDS**, Candidate for
Governing Board Member, Trustee Area 1
Pajaro Valley Unified School District

Occupation: Mother/Publisher/Rancher

Our children deserve better.

Many parents have lost confidence in the school district to meet the needs of their children. My husband and I still have two children in Aptos public schools and my oldest graduated from Aptos High School.

Local schools are going through difficult times:

The Budget continues to be cut

Basic programs are under-funded

Valuable teachers are being laid off

Several PVUSD schools have been declared by the State as in "Emergency" status

I have been working in our community for the past twenty years to make it a better place for all of us in the following ways:

Organizer & Sponsor, Adopt-A-Family program

Appointee, Santa Cruz County Fair Board

Board Member, Chamber of Commerce

Judge, Aptos 4th of July Parade

"Mariner Mom," Aptos High Sports

Publisher/Owner of Times Publishing Group, Inc.

I will work to cut administrative costs and am a strong advocate of charter schools to provide more choice for parents and kids.

Now is the time to protect local schools and improve education.

I will work hard for all our kids. www.patrice4kids.com

Vote Patrice Edwards for School Board.

Thank you for your vote.

Statement of **KIMBERLY A. DE SERPA**, Candidate for
Governing Board Member, Trustee Area 1
Pajaro Valley Unified School District

Occupation: Parent/Social Worker

Age: 43

As a social worker and the mother of children, ages 9 and 12, I have a commitment to improving our community. Six years ago I began a journey to improve Valencia Elementary. That first year, I was surprised to discover that the school had no working computers - for children or teachers, just 30 miles from Silicon Valley, and yet no working technology!

Since that time, I have worked tirelessly along with a group of talented individuals, driven to improve our public school. Achievements include successful grant writing (\$130k) and project management, which enabled Valencia to: Establish much needed technology for students and teachers. Replace broken playground equipment with a playground that serves all children, including children with disabilities, and place lunchtime picnic tables so children don't have to sit on the ground (underway). I participate in Home and School Club, as Site Council Chair, coordinate the Arts Program, & served on the North Zone Council. I will bring this creative energy to the school board, working to: Focus on student achievement and parent satisfaction; Find ways to bring more money to Aptos/Corralitos schools; Revamp the school lunch program; Improve morale and retain quality, experienced teachers and staff!

www.kimdeserpa.com

Declaración de **KIMBERLY A. DE SERPA**, candidata para
Miembro del Consejo de Gobierno, Área de Síndico 1
Distrito Escolar Unificado de Pájaro Valley

Ocupación: Madre/Trabajadora social

Edad: 43

Como trabajadora social y madre de niños que tienen 9 y 12 años, tengo un compromiso para mejorar nuestra comunidad. Hace seis años, comencé una misión de mejorar la Escuela Primaria de Valencia. El primer año, que sorprendida cuando descubrí que la escuela no tenía computadoras en funcionamiento - ni para los niños ni maestros, ¡a solamente 30 millas de Silicon Valley, y no tenían tecnología en operación!

Desde ese momento, he trabajado incansablemente junto con un grupo de personas talentosas, impulsada a mejorar nuestra escuela pública. Los logros incluyen el éxito en la redacción de una petición de donativos (\$130,000) y en la administración de proyectos, que permitió que Valencia: estableciera la tecnología tan necesaria para los alumnos y maestros. Cambiar el equipo de recreo descompuesto por un patio de recreo que sirve a todos los niños, incluyendo a los niños con discapacidades, y colocar mesas para comer para que los niños no tengan que sentarse en el piso (en progreso). Participo en Home and School Club (club de casa y escuela) como directora del consejo local, coordino el programa de las artes y trabajé en el consejo de North Zone. Llevaré esta energía creativa al consejo escolar, trabajando para: concentrarme en el desempeño de los niños y la satisfacción de los padres; encontrar maneras para traer más dinero a las escuelas de Aptos/Corralitos; reorganizar el programa de almuerzos escolares; ¡mejorar la moral y retener maestros y empleados de primera calidad y con experiencia!

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