

VOTER'S PAMPHLET

LOCAL NONPARTISAN CANDIDATES' STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATIONS

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Statement of **BRIAN SANFORD**, Candidate for
Governing Board Member, Trustee Area 1
Santa Cruz County Board of Education

Occupation: Program / Organizational Manager

Age: 53

I have more than 20 years management experience in areas such as financial budgeting and group problem solving. I've enjoyed being able to apply these skills to public school activities including the SLV Charter Task Force, high school principal selection committees, and the SLV High School Site Council on which I served as president in 2006-7. I also facilitated the Superintendent's School Closure Committee meetings of 2002-2003.

Students vary in their abilities and aptitudes and come from a wide range of environments where factors like language and culture come into play. Finding the best way to address the needs of each individual and the overall good of the community is a critical social responsibility. With funding severely limited during the current state budget crisis, much effort will be required to safeguard the fundamental American right to an education as a way to help all people reach their full potential.

I've received valuable training and experience since my appointment to the Santa Cruz County Board of Education in August, 2007 and hope to continue to work on the issues that the county is facing. Thank you for your consideration.

Statement of **AARON HINDE**, Candidate for
Governing Board Member, Trustee Area 1
Santa Cruz County Board of Education

Occupation: Chiropractic Physician / Father

Age: 33

We need new leadership and renewed energy on our County School Board.

As a father of two, SLV graduate, Bonny Doon Resident and Scotts Valley business owner, I am keenly aware of the needs of our children, parents and school community.

My top priorities are addressing:

- 1: Unacceptable Dropout Rates
2. Escalating Childhood Obesity
3. Supporting Teachers
4. Fiscal Accountability

Our teachers are being forced to teach skills to pass standardized tests while sacrificing the skills our kids need to make it today: critical thinking and deductive reasoning. We need to attract teachers that are passionate about what they teach, compensating them accordingly so they can afford to live in our community.

I will bring fiscal responsibility at the county level. Recently, I witnessed a Santa Cruz County Board of Education meeting where the majority voted in favor of a \$1.5 million deficit for the upcoming fiscal year. Can you run your personal finances on a \$1.5 million deficit?

Because of my background with fiscal responsibility, Shirley Flack, the last elected Trustee to this position and the Santa Cruz Senior Coalition, have endorsed my candidacy.

I will promote transparency, fiscal responsibility and open communication when you trust me with your vote. Provide input to ahinde@sbcglobal.net