

# VOTER'S PAMPHLET

## LOCAL NONPARTISAN CANDIDATES' STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATIONS

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Statement of **VIC MARANI**, Candidate for  
Governing Board Member, Trustee Area 5  
Santa Cruz County Board of Education

**Occupation:** Former Teacher / Coach / Parent of Twin Daughters **Age:** 48

*Change is necessary for our Schools to succeed. New Leadership is essential.*

With your vote, I will work hard to solve:

- 1) Unacceptable Budget Cuts
- 2) Serious Drop-out Rates
- 3) Parent Support & Teacher Retention Issues

A Santa Cruz County resident for over 40 years, I live in Rio Del Mar with my wife Marsha and twin daughters, Jasmine & Cheyenne who attend Aptos Junior High. A product of all PVUSD schools, I graduated from Aptos High School in 1978, later completing a Bachelors degree and Teaching credential at UCSC.

Previous leadership and community service experience:

Member, Santa Cruz County Youth Commission  
School Board Trustee, Pajaro Valley Unified School District  
Commissioner, Santa Cruz County Parks & Recreation Commission  
President, Rio Highlands Home Owners Association  
Treasurer, Girl Scouts Troop # 1499

To accomplish education goals for our children, it is important to have our elected County School Trustee with an active Parent's perspective. Funding shortages from Sacramento can be overcome with experienced leadership. As a former Senate legislative assistant, I will help our kids get their fair share.

Please contact me with your ideas: [www.Marani4kids.com](http://www.Marani4kids.com) or phone: 684-8888  
I hope to earn your vote.

Statement of **JAMES M. MAXWELL**, Candidate for  
Governing Board Member, Trustee Area 5  
Santa Cruz County Board of Education

**Occupation:** Education Fiscal Advisor

As your representative on the Santa Cruz County Board of Education for the past eight years I am acutely aware of the challenges involved in promoting quality education for our children.

I have worked in education, both public and private, for over thirty years. Being the parent of four children who attended schools in the Pajaro Valley Unified School District and now with grandchildren attending local schools, I bring a wealth of knowledge as well as personal experience to the Santa Cruz County Board of Education. My years in the public education system, specifically in the area of finance and my current position as a Fiscal Advisor to School Districts throughout the State, provides me with a unique perspective on the financial crisis facing the educational system.

Academic success for all students, qualified teachers and support staff, fiscal accountability and attention to the concerns of parents are my highest priorities. Your vote for me will insure that you have a voice on the Santa Cruz County Board of Education.

Statement of **MICHAEL OLIVER**, Candidate for  
Governing Board Member, Trustee Area 5  
Santa Cruz County Board of Education

**Occupation:** Science Education Evaluator **Age:** 52

As the parent of two Aptos High students and recent member of the Aptos Junior High Site Council, I understand the current financial and academic challenges facing our schools.

As a Soquel School Board Trustee I gained practical knowledge in leadership, collaboration, finance and a strengthened belief in always keeping children first while making decisions.

As a professional evaluator of nationally-funded science education programs I have gained a wealth of knowledge and understanding of school, county, university and state educational systems. I have a Masters from Stanford and a PhD from University of British Columbia.

I am running because promises for fiscal accountability have been broken. In the last two years the County Office of Education's budget went from a positive balance to an operating deficit of over \$1 million. Where are the accountability, oversight and leadership?

I will bring a new voice and perspective to the board. I will work with others to keep students first and provide oversight, direction and purpose to the County Office of Education.

Please join current and past school board trustees: Evie Volpa, Ted Donnelly, Kim Turley, Jim Martin, Judy McGooden, Sandra Wallace and Phil Rodriguez in electing me.

Vote Michael Oliver