

VOTER'S PAMPHLET

LOCAL NONPARTISAN CANDIDATES' STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATIONS

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

Occupation: Business Owner/Teacher/College Advancement Board **Age:** 41

I am a candidate for the West Valley-Mission Community College District Board of Trustees because my own community college experience provided me with educational opportunities that led to a better life. As your trustee, I will work with our colleges to provide the best educational opportunities that benefit all members of our community. My goals, as a trustee, are student success and the effective use of public funds to ensure that success.

I began attending Moorpark Community College in 1984, and then earned a B.S. from UCSD. I entered the tech industry in 1991, and earned M.S. and Juris Doctorate Degrees from Santa Clara University part-time. Currently, I am the Founder and President of an intellectual property firm, a part-time teacher, and a member of the Board of Directors for the WVMCCD Advancement Foundation.

Like other California Community Colleges, WVMCCD faces many financial and organizational challenges. As your trustee, I will combine my educational and professional experiences with my enthusiasm and optimism to advance the District's interests.

As a trustee candidate, I am honored by endorsements from the majority of current trustees, the former Chancellor, other college and community leaders. To learn more about my qualifications and supporters, please visit: www.walsh4collegeboard.com

Statement of **WADE ELLIS, JR.**, Candidate for
Governing Board Member, Trustee Area 1
West Valley-Mission Community College District

Occupation: Appointed Incumbent **Age:** 66

As a longtime resident of the District I have had the opportunity to serve our community as an instructor, as a college leader, and most recently since my retirement, as a member of the Board of Trustees. My 30 years as a faculty member at West Valley College provides valuable experience to the Board. I have published over 25 books, been honored by local, state, and national organizations, and currently serve as a senior education advisor to a major technology company.

If you allow me to continue serving on the Board I will focus on key District issues that will allow us to balance our budget and still provide an excellent education to our students. To accomplish these goals, I support:

1. Reducing costs by increasing administrative and instructional efficiency
2. Devising proactive strategies to manage rising benefit costs
3. Offering additional, targeted, state-of-the-art courses designed to address the changing needs of our students and community
4. Working with the college campus communities to make West Valley and Mission the "Colleges of Choice" for all residents of Silicon Valley

So that I can continue to serve you, I ask for your vote.