

VOTER'S PAMPHLET

LOCAL NONPARTISAN CANDIDATES' STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATIONS

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Statement of **BRETT GRAESSLE**, Candidate for
Governing Board Member (Short Term)
Soquel Union Elementary School District

Occupation: Business Development

Age: 41

As a parent of four young children, I am seriously vested in the success of the district and therefore I seek election to the Soquel Unified School District Board. Serving as a board appointee over the past few months has been a great honor. Many challenges face our district: continued financial pressures, government mandates and increased operating costs. Despite these challenges our district has made great strides to improve our children's education. However, I feel there is still much work to be done.

If elected I will continue to challenge the status quo as we together raise the bar of success. I will also work to create local community and business partnerships to seek additional revenue opportunities to help fund innovative and sustainable learning programs district wide.

Credentials:

City of Capitola resident (10 years), Founding Member of: Save our Stairs, Capitola Environmental Committee, the C-Dog Committee, Men of Main Street, Adventure Guides. Coach: Little League and Soccer Coach. Married and Parent of four, Homeowner. BA UC Berkeley, MBA AGSIM. Intel Corporation.

If elected, I look forward to serving the community and its children.

Statement of **CYNTHIA TORRES-RICCA**, Candidate for
Governing Board Member (Short Term)
Soquel Union Elementary School District

Occupation: Early Childhood Educator/Consultant

The best education for our children will happen when the entire community is engaged in partnership toward supporting district goals, plans and challenges. I am committed to vastly improving the SUESD board's level and quality of communication with district stakeholders. I will seek to develop meaningful roles for parental involvement in expanding supplemental enrichment programs for our children. I will seek and insist upon broad feedback from parents and others in our district before I will support any irreversible development of brick-and-mortar school facilities. I will engage frequently and openly with other asset holders and service providers within our district to develop lasting solutions to our mutual goals for our community. I promise to bring clear due diligence to bear on any subject, action, or project that deserves District stakeholder support.

My qualifications and community contributions include:

A BA in Human Development, MA in progress, Leadership in Education/Program for Infant/Toddler Caregivers. I have been a SUESD resident for 20 years; have 3 children that went through SUESD from K-8 and a 4th is currently at New Brighton Middle school. I have been in the community as an early childhood educator, caregiver, and consultant for 25 years.