

VOTER INFORMATION PAMPHLET

LOCAL NONPARTISAN CANDIDATES' STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATIONS

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Statement of **ARNIE LEVINE**, Candidate for
Governing Board Member, Trustee Area 3
Santa Cruz County Board of Education

Occupation: Incumbent

I have served the youngsters of our city with purpose and diligence.

That service included 32 years as a teacher/administrator in the Santa Cruz City School District. I created, developed and administered the successful summer school program "A Taste of Honey" for junior and senior high school students.

Since retiring from teaching, I served five years on the Santa Cruz City Council and eight years as a member of the Santa Cruz County Board of Education.

In between I had served as a marshal at DeLaveaga Golf Course; established the College Night Program held annually at Cabrillo; developed and conducted "Walk-On Coaches' Clinics" for the COE.

Civically, I am an active member of the Santa Cruz Host Lions; The Elks Lodge; and was recently awarded the Paul Harris Fellowship from the Santa Cruz Rotary Club. I serve as the official starter for the Santa Cruz Surf City Band Review.

I am currently the Newspaper In Education Coordinator for the Santa Cruz Sentinel. I conduct the summer reading program for Santa Cruz children in conjunction with Santa Cruz public libraries and, I administer the annual Santa Cruz County Spelling Championships.

With your approval, I'd like very much to continue my efforts on the County Board of Education to have a voice in our children's education.

Statement of **WARD E. ALKSNE**, Candidate for
Governing Board Member, Trustee Area 3
Santa Cruz County Board of Education

Occupation: Environment, Health and Safety/Parent **Age:** 41

Goals: Our public schools face challenges, including how to balance serious budget pressures while improving student achievement and maintaining valuable programs such as arts education in the face of contrary federal mandates. Our schools need new, innovative strategies for providing educational opportunities for all children. I am a strong leader, passionate about education, and will work hard on behalf of all our school children. I will be an advocate for Santa Cruz County Schools at the State level.

I bring the following skills to the position of Trustee:

- Excellent fiscal management and budgeting expertise.
- Innovative ideas and strategic planning.
- Strong oral and written communication.
- Experience solving complex problems.
- Open dialogue with school districts and the community.
- A thorough understanding of our diverse population and the individual needs of students in our local public schools.
- Bilingual language (Spanish).
- Consideration for the health, safety, and education of all children in Santa Cruz County.

With new ideas and improved efficiencies, I believe we can transition out of a state of constant crisis management into a planned vision for the future of our schools and our children.

Vote for Ward Alksne and support new ideas, fiscal integrity, open communication, and excellent community schools.

Declaración de **WARD E. ALKSNE**, candidato para
Miembro del Consejo de Gobierno, Área de Síndico 3
Consejo de Educación del Condado de Santa Cruz

Ocupación: Medio ambiente, salud y seguridad/padre **Edad:** 41

Objetivos: Nuestras escuelas públicas se enfrentan con retos, incluyendo el de equilibrar fuertes presiones presupuestarias en tanto que se mejora el desempeño de los alumnos y se preservan programas valiosos tales como instrucción artística, ante los dictados federales contrarios. Nuestras escuelas necesitan nuevas estrategias innovadoras para ofrecerles a todos los niños oportunidades educativas. Soy un líder fuerte, apasionado por la educación, y trabajaré con empeño en nombre de los niños de nuestras escuelas. Seré defensor a nivel estatal de las escuelas del Condado de Santa Cruz.

Aportaré al puesto de síndico las habilidades siguientes:

- Una excelente administración fiscal y pericia en presupuestos.
- Ideas innovadoras y planificación estratégica.
- Sólida comunicación verbal y escrita.
- Experiencia en la resolución de problemas complicados.
- Un diálogo abierto con los distritos escolares y con la comunidad.
- Una comprensión sólida de nuestra población diversa y de las necesidades individuales de los alumnos en nuestras escuelas públicas locales.
- Soy bilingüe (español).
- Preocupación por la salud, la seguridad y la educación de todos los niños del Condado de Santa Cruz.

Con nuevas ideas y mejor eficiencia, creo que podemos desplazarnos lograr una transición desde un estado de constante administración de crisis hasta una visión planificada para el futuro de nuestras escuelas y de nuestros niños.

Vote por Ward Alksne y apoye nuevas ideas, integridad fiscal, comunicación abierta, y excelentes escuelas comunitarias.