

VOTER INFORMATION PAMPHLET

LOCAL NONPARTISAN CANDIDATES' STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATIONS

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Statement of **DAVID MARES**, Candidate for
Governing Board Member, Trustee Area 2
Pajaro Valley Unified School District

Candidates will often speak about the need for parent participation, more local control, and communication with parents to make our schools better.

My name is David Mares, a graduate of Aptos High, and a longtime resident of Watsonville. My wife Yvonne and I are parents that not only believe in parent participation, we live it every day. Our nine year old son attended Salsipuedes and will be attending Amesti in the fall.

I have been involved in Home and School Club, fundraiser committees, and school site council.

I served on district transportation committee, and attended central zone meetings.

In addition, we have been leaders in the Mesa Village Association. We have proven what can be done when people pull together for a common cause. A new sheriff substation, restrooms, and playground equipment came about with county help. As a part of National night out, over 500 people came to celebrate our accomplishments.

I work for our family business in Watsonville, L&G Detail. It is a business that has taught me that hard, quality work is a formula for success.

Our Board needs the voice of young families in our district. I will be that voice.

Statement of **DOUG KEEGAN**, Candidate for
Governing Board Member, Trustee Area 2
Pajaro Valley Unified School District

Occupation: Immigration Attorney

B.A. Holy Cross College

J.D. Boston College Law School

Member, Watsonville High School Site Council 2003 - present

Father of three children, two (twins) recently graduated from WHS, the third is a tenth grade student. All three have attended PVUSD schools since kindergarten.

Trustee Area II, indeed all of the PVUSD, is diverse—ethnically, socio-economically, and politically. But one thing we share is our love of our children and grandchildren, and our desire to see them succeed in life. The key to their success is their education.

I believe our school district can provide the best possible education for our children if all members of the educational community work together in that effort: parents, students, administrators, teachers, and classified staff.

We face challenges in the effort to educate all students in the district: poverty, language barriers, and funding cutbacks. I am ready to take on these challenges as a trustee, and to lead the effort to achieve excellence in our schools. But I need not only your vote, but also your support and involvement, as we work to overcome these challenges.

Declaración de **DOUG KEEGAN**, candidato para
Miembro del Consejo de Gobierno, Área de Síndico 2
Distrito Escolar Unificado de Pájaro Valley

Ocupación: Abogado de inmigración

Licenciatura de Holy Cross College

Doctorado en leyes de Boston College of Laws

Miembro del Consejo Local de la Escuela Superior de Watsonville desde 2003 hasta la fecha.

Padre de tres hijos, dos (unos gemelos) se graduaron recientemente de la WHS (Escuela Superior de Watsonville), el tercer está cursando el décimo grado. Los tres asistieron a las escuelas del PVUSD (Distrito Escolar Unificado de Pájaro Valley) desde el jardín de infancia.

El Área de Síndico II, y por cierto todo el PVUSD es una entidad diversa en lo étnico, lo socioeconómico y lo político. Pero algo que compartimos es nuestro amor por nuestros hijos y nietos, y nuestro deseo de verlos tener éxito en la vida. La clave de su éxito es su preparación académica.

Creo que nuestro distrito escolar puede ofrecerles a nuestros hijos la mejor educación posible si todos los integrantes de la comunidad educativa trabajan juntos con ese propósito: los padres, los alumnos, los administradores, los maestros, y el personal clasificado.

Nos enfrentamos con retos en nuestro esfuerzo por educar a todos los alumnos del distrito: la pobreza, las barreras del idioma, y los recortes de fondos. Estoy listo para hacer frente a estos retos como síndico, y a encabezar el esfuerzo por lograr la excelencia en nuestras escuelas. Sin embargo, necesito no solamente su voto sino su apoyo y su participación para poder superar estos obstáculos.

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<p style="text-align: center;">Statement of GEORGIA LYNN ACOSTA, Candidate for Governing Board Member, Trustee Area 2 Pajaro Valley Unified School District</p> <p>Occupation: Businesswoman / Parent Age: 34</p> <p>I will bring a fresh and energetic approach as your School Board Member. As a mother of three school aged children, I fully understand the importance of active parental involvement within the classroom and administration of our local schools.</p> <p>My experience in a leadership role as the Chairwoman of the Pacific Coast Charter School Governing Council has taught me how to effectively deal with State Education regulations, local financing and school operations.</p> <p>As your elected School Board Member, I will be inventive in finding new ways to assist teachers, staff and most importantly students in getting the resources they desperately need.</p> <p>Our schools are facing difficult financial times. As a successful business-woman and active mother, I promise to work diligently to insure that all students receive the best education possible.</p> <p>I will visit our schools on a regular basis and always listen to your concerns. Let's work together to make our schools a safe and secure learning environment for all kids.</p> <p>I would appreciate your vote. Thank you.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Declaración de GEORGIA LYNN ACOSTA, candidata para Miembro del Consejo de Gobierno, Área de Síndico 2 Distrito Escolar Unificado de Pájaro Valley</p> <p>Ocupación: Mujer de negocios/madre Edad: 34</p> <p>Llevaré un enfoque fresco y energético como miembro de su consejo escolar. Como madre de tres niños de edad escolar, entiendo totalmente la importancia de la participación activa de los padres dentro de las aulas y de la administración de nuestras escuelas locales.</p> <p>Mi experiencia en un papel directivo como directora del Consejo de Gobierno de la Escuela Constituida de Pacific me ha enseñado cómo lidiar eficazmente con los reglamentos de la educación estatal, con el financiamiento local y con las operaciones escolares.</p> <p>Cuando sea elegida miembro del consejo escolar, seré inventiva en encontrar nuevas formas de ayudarles a los maestros, al personal y más importantemente a los alumnos a obtener los recursos que ellos necesitan desesperadamente.</p> <p>Nuestras escuelas se enfrentan con tiempo económicos difíciles. Como mujer de negocios exitosa y madre activa, prometo trabajar diligentemente para garantizar que todos los alumnos recibirán la mejor educación posible.</p> <p>Visitaré a nuestras escuelas con regularidad y siempre escucharé sus motivos de preocupación. Trabajemos juntos para hacer que nuestras escuelas ofrezcan un ambiente de aprendizaje seguro y libre de peligros para todos nuestros niños.</p> <p>Agradeceré su voto. Muchas gracias.</p>