

VOTER INFORMATION PAMPHLET

LOCAL NONPARTISAN CANDIDATES' STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATIONS

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<p style="text-align: center;">Statement of ROSEMARY ROSSI, Candidate for Governing Board Member Los Gatos-Saratoga Joint Union High School District</p> <p>Occupation: Retired Teacher/Parent Age: 54</p> <p>The quality of schools significantly affects our community. As a board member, I will strive to maintain the high standards of our educational programs. My goals are to ensure the most effective allocation of funds to benefit all students, to promote the ethical development of our children in a safe, nurturing environment, and to prepare our graduates to function successfully in our diverse, complex world.</p> <p>I bring to this position a broad perspective on education. Having been a high school teacher, I understand the issues confronting teachers. I can work with the administration as I have done this in the numerous positions I have held on the PTSA including member of the board and co-president. I have served on the school site council for four years and participated in the Saratoga High accreditation review. My four children graduated from public high schools, three from Saratoga, so I understand parents' concerns. I served on the school board in Lower Merion, a large, excellent school district in a suburb of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania from which my oldest son graduated. These experiences will help me be an effective, contributing member of the board who will work toward the best interests of all students.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Statement of STEVEN KAHL, Candidate for Governing Board Member Los Gatos-Saratoga Joint Union High School District</p> <p>Occupation: High School Teacher Age: 42</p> <p>I have thoroughly enjoyed teaching English classes in Santa Clara Valley public high schools for the past nineteen years, first at Independence High School in San Jose's East Side Union High School District, and for the last four years at Mountain View High School, where I also serve as a mentor for new teachers.</p> <p>Last spring, I earned my Master of Arts Degree in Educational Administration and Supervision at San Jose State University. My graduation from the program qualified me for a preliminary administrative credential.</p> <p>In 2002, both the Mountain-View Los Altos Union High School District and the San Jose/Silicon Valley Chamber of Commerce named me "Teacher of the Year."</p> <p>Upon my graduation from Santa Clara University in 1984 (B.A. in English), the university presented me with the Nobili Award, given each year to the male graduate deemed exemplary in personal character and contributions to the university. Several years later, the University awarded me its Outstanding Alumnus Educator Award.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Statement of LORRIE WERNICK, Candidate for Governing Board Member Los Gatos Saratoga Joint Union High School District</p> <p>Occupation: Incumbent/Educator Age: 54</p> <p>It is with great pleasure and pride that I am seeking a third term to serve on the Los Gatos Saratoga Joint Union High School District Board. As a professional educator with a doctoral degree in educational leadership, and over twenty years of serving as a teacher and administrator in public education, I am in a unique position to understand what is needed to be a highly effective School Board Member. During my eight years of service as a Board Member, the high school district faced major budgetary issues. I was able to guide the district in being fiscally accountable while maintaining the excellent educational and co-curricular opportunities at both high schools. Another major accomplishment during my tenure as a Board Member was the passing of a \$79 million dollar bond and the new facilities and building improvements that followed. I am committed to keeping our district on top and ask that you re-elect me so I can continue to serve the community in which I have resided for 28 years and have been a district parent in for 11 consecutive years. My personal passion is student success, and I will continue to strive to meet the educational needs of all of our students.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Statement of CAROL BARMEIER, Candidate for Governing Board Member Los Gatos-Saratoga Joint Union High School District</p> <p>Occupation: Community Volunteer Age: 54</p> <p>Education and Qualifications:</p> <p>Professional experience: Received degrees in Arts and Law from the University of Alberta, Canada; attended graduate law program, Stanford University; partner in the law firm of Brobeck, Phleger & Harrison, San Francisco (retired 1995), practicing corporate and commercial law.</p> <p>Volunteer experience: Foothill Elementary School PTA Board, VP-Development; Saratoga Education Foundation Board Member; Saratoga High PTSA Board, VP-Programs; Saratoga High School WASC Committee, parent representative; Co-President and Board Member, Santa Clara Valley Chapter of Amigos de las Americas, a teen service learning program.</p> <p>Objectives if elected as Trustee: Educational policies that promote learning, leadership, and a healthy lifestyle for all students; maintenance of academic excellence; advocacy for academic integrity and personal responsibility; attraction and retention of high quality faculty and administrators; fiscal accountability; increased Board visibility and communication with the community.</p> <p>Personal: married; mother of Saratoga High School graduate and current junior; Saratoga resident for 8 years; able to listen carefully, learn quickly, and analyze issues effectively; focused on doing what is best for students; team player and consensus builder.</p> <p>For more information, see my website at www.smartvoter.org/ca/scl/</p>

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Statement of **MICHELE VAN ZUIDEN**, Candidate for
Governing Board Member
Los Gatos-Saratoga Joint Union High School District

Occupation: Healthcare Executive/LGHS Parent **Age:** 47

Education and Qualifications:

I am a true believer in our public schools and pledge to continue to maintain Los Gatos-Saratoga High School District as one of the best in the state. I am a parent of two LGHS students and have been actively involved in supporting our local schools over the past 15 years as a Board member of:

- Los Gatos Observation Nursery School,
- Los Gatos Education Foundation, and
- LGHS New Millennium Foundation.

In addition to my commitment to our local public schools, I have been actively involved in the community during the last 20 years as a resident of the Los Gatos and Monte Sereno including:

- United Way of SCC Campaign Council,
- Leadership San Jose, and
- Hospice of the Valley Board.

With 23 years of experience as a healthcare executive in the nonprofit and profit sectors, I believe my experience will be valuable in my role as a Trustee. As CEO of a \$27 million company, I have experience leading companies with similar size budgets and number of employees as the high school district.

If elected, I would work hard to maintain academic excellence for all students, improve test scores and lower class sizes.