

VOTER INFORMATION PAMPHLET

LOCAL NONPARTISAN CANDIDATES' STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATIONS

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<p style="text-align: center;">Statement of SUE ROTH, Candidate for Governing Board Member Scotts Valley Unified School District</p> <p>Occupation: University Financial Assistant Age: 59</p> <p>Common sense, strategic planning and budgetary oversight are assets I bring to Scotts Valley Unified School District. I have lived in Scotts Valley for 30 years. My three children attended Scotts Valley schools. Children, education and community are paramount to me. My leadership credentials include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • President, Girl Scouts of Monterey Bay • President, Manana Woods Mutual Water Company • Past Assistant to SVUSD Chief Business Officer • Past PTA President, Brook Knoll School & Harbor High • Past PTA Board Member, Scotts Valley Middle School • Community Volunteer, 4-H, Boy Scouts, St. Phillip's Church <p>I have extensive financial experience with non-profits. Despite difficult economic times, I have maintained a balanced budget with responsible reserves in the organizations I serve. I am skilled in working with local, state and federal agencies.</p> <p>Our School District's success is the product of cooperative interaction among teachers, staff, parents and local taxpayers. If elected, I will be a community-based public servant who always considers the best interest of the students. Parents for Scotts Valley Schools, the Senior Coalition and many of your neighbors have endorsed me. Call 438-5961. www.joinroth.org</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Statement of CAROLE HARRIS, Candidate for Governing Board Member Scotts Valley Unified School District</p> <p>Occupation: Former Teacher/Volunteer Age: 62</p> <p>I received my Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Education and minors in Special Education and Social Science. I taught elementary students.</p> <p>When first elected in 1988, my goal was to establish more open communication throughout the District. I will continue this goal.</p> <p>I am proud of the programs in our schools in cutting edge curriculum and how our students excel in the State testing. We have great teachers, students and parents.</p> <p>A generous community has donated approximately \$600,000.00 for each of the past three budgets and programs were not cut. With economic support from the community and expertise from our new business manager, we have a sound budget for the 2004-2005 school year with a 3% reserve. Until the State fully funds its mandates, I support a parcel tax and continued fundraising to maintain our educational programs.</p> <p>My educational philosophy includes a balanced program between the Academics and the Arts. The past two years I sponsored a \$1,000.00 Performing Arts Scholarship for seniors.</p> <p>I wish to continue serving on the Board of Trustees and being your voice on issues. I vote with this question in mind: Is this decision in the best interest of our students?</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Statement of JOSEPH W. ESPINOLA JR., Candidate for Governing Board Member Scotts Valley Unified School District</p> <p>Occupation: District Attorney/Parent</p> <p>Our School District needs strong leadership and a new direction. This district faces problems in accountability, fiscal resource allocation and educational performance standards. I advocate the development of long-term strategic planning for this district that will clearly assign responsibility. I will bring critical analysis, common sense, integrity and the ability to communicate effectively at a time when state budgetary problems demand tough decisions. I will advocate for academic excellence in our schools. My experience as a 40-year resident of Santa Cruz County, graduate of local Santa Cruz schools, local youth soccer and baseball coach, and school volunteer provides me with the perspective of what is important to this community. If elected, I will bring passion and energy to the decision making process to ensure that all decisions are made in the best interests of our children and our community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Married and parent of 2 Brook Knoll students; • Graduate DeLaveaga Elementary, Branciforte Jr. High, Harbor High, San Jose State University; • Graduate University of Santa Clara Law School; • Volunteer Brook Knoll PTA; • Volunteer coach for SV Youth sports; • Endorsed by PSVS; <p>Please vote for me and vote for new strong leadership to prepare our children for a challenging future.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Statement of MICHAEL L. SMITH, Candidate for Governing Board Member Scotts Valley Unified School District</p> <p>Occupation: Incumbent, Small business owner/Engineer Age: 61</p> <p>In 1994, I chaired the Propositions G & H Committee, which our community passed overwhelming. This changed Scotts Valley from a K-8 to a K-12 school district enabling us to build Scotts Valley High School and renovate our two elementary schools. At the same time, I was elected a School Board Trustee and have served our schools ever since. I stand proud of our four schools and their academic, arts and athletic programs. Our public schools rank among the best in the county. The district adopted the highly prestigious International Baccalaureate academic program and our graduates are being accepted into top universities nationwide.</p> <p>Immediate challenges facing our district include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building a new middle school; supporters came up 60 votes short in 2002; • Build multi-purpose rooms at our two elementary sites; • As we come out of the state and local budget crisis, address how schools are funded and districts can best manage their funding for growth/no growth and under funded but federally-mandated programs; <p>My enthusiasm and passion for our Scotts Valley schools remains as strong as ever. If I am re-elected, I promise to continue working to meet these goals and more, all for the educational benefits of our children. Thank you.</p>

