

VOTER INFORMATION PAMPHLET

LOCAL NONPARTISAN CANDIDATES' STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATIONS

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Statement of **SUSAN KING MC CLAIN**, Candidate for
Governing Board Member
Live Oak School District

I am the mother of three children and have lived in Live Oak for twenty three years. My adult son attended elementary school in this district. My two daughters are currently enrolled in Shoreline and Cypress. I have been dedicated to this school district and children in many ways. I've spent countless hours aiding in classrooms, on field trips, Life Labs and fundraising. I served on the school site council for four years at Del Mar and two at Shoreline. I am aware of the budget issues and feel I would be an asset to the board. I would like to put focus on better education, parent and community involvement and awareness. I'm concerned about safety and health issues. I would also like to attempt to increase the arts in our schools. I believe that music, art, drama, etc. increase childrens passion for learning and creates a more well rounded individual. I would be honored to serve on the Live Oak school board and to further my dedication to our community.

Statement of **CHARLIE ROUS**, Candidate for
Governing Board Member
Live Oak School District

Occupation: Public Projects Manager **Age:** 31

As your elected Live Oak School District Board Member, I will work to maintain the tradition excellence. It is my goal to ensure that all students receive the best possible education and access to the maximum resources available. It is my belief that schools should work together with the community to help create an environment in which students can learn and grow to their abilities. I will also work diligently to make decisions that are in the best interest of the District, and best represent the public's wishes.

Statement of **BERNARD "BARNEY" BRICMONT**, Candidate for
Governing Board Member
Live Oak School District

I am a past Trustee with 21 years experience in the Live Oak School District. I have also been deeply committed and involved at the State level for sixteen years. During that time, I have developed the necessary skills and contacts to best serve the interests of the students in the Live Oak School District at the State level.

I see libraries as the heart of a school. I would like to turn all students into readers. I am a long time supporter of art in education and will continue to do so. In addition to reading and art in education, strengthening writing and research skills for long term student success is also one of my goals.

Member of:

- Santa Cruz County Reading Association 1981-present
- California Reading Association 1981-present
- Board Member of Friends of Santa Cruz Library

California Certified Organic Farmers

- President 1975-1985

Santa Cruz County Reading Association

- Award for Distinguished Service 1997

Cultural Council of Santa Cruz County

- Co-chair "Hearts for the Arts" art auction 1986-2000

Instrumental in the development of Life Lab

Active role in the planning and completion of Shoreline Middle School

Statement of **JAMES D. BRESNAHAN**, Candidate for
Governing Board Member
Live Oak School District

Occupation: Licensed General Building Contractor **Age:** 51

Practical sense, construction planning and fiscal oversight are qualities I bring to the Live Oak Elementary School District. Having lived in the Live Oak area for the past 30 years, I know our community appreciates the excellent level of education local teachers deliver to our schoolchildren on a daily basis.

In the last election, we voted overwhelmingly to authorize a multi-million dollar school bond for our kids. I can best serve our school district by tapping a lifetime of extensive public building experience in working with local, state and federal agencies. This wealth of construction experience will result in huge savings to the school district which then can be filtered directly back to the classroom, especially to music and arts.

Having been a husband, father and now a new grandfather,

I have had a keen interest in community service.

- Soccer Coach for Under 8 League
- Twin Lakes Church volunteer repairman
- Senior Coalition for Fair Taxation, "Elder Ombudsman"
- Santa Cruz County Builders Exchange Board of Directors

I promise to work for you with an energetic management style which highlights direct communication and frequent school visits. I would appreciate your vote on Election Day. Thank you.