

VOTER'S PAMPHLET

LOCAL NONPARTISAN CANDIDATES' STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATIONS

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Statement of **CYNTHIA CHANG**, Candidate for
Governing Board Member
Los Gatos-Saratoga Joint Union High School District

Occupation: Incumbent

For the past eight years, I have had the privilege of serving the Los Gatos-Saratoga Joint Union High School District as a Board Member. During my tenure, I have worked tirelessly to ensure transparency in the administration of district policies and matters, fiscal responsibility and providing the best learning environment for all students. If re-elected, I will continue to focus on the:

- (1) Articulation and collaboration with feeder districts;
- (2) Quality of education in all subject areas;
- (3) Most efficient and effective use of our limited resources.

As a resident of Saratoga for 22 years, I have been involved with many school and community organizations. I was Treasurer for the Facility Bond Measures B and D which enabled our districts to upgrade the facilities on our campuses. I am also a former Saratoga Union School District Board Member, a BSA Troop 508 committee chair for six years, and a key member of the Building Bridges project sponsored by the Rotary Club. From these experiences, I have developed a broad and long term perspective on our community and the needs of our district. Both our sons graduated from SHS. I am a CPA/MBA and work part-time as a business consultant.

Your vote for me will assure the excellence of education at Los Gatos-Saratoga Joint Union High School District.

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Statement of **BILL CHIOCCHI**, Candidate for
Governing Board Member
Los Gatos-Saratoga Joint Union High School District

Occupation: Business Consultant/LGHS Parent

Age: 50

If elected, I will bring to this office 5 years (2000 - 2005) experience serving as a Trustee for the Loma Prieta Joint Union School District. During my tenure I chaired the successful passage of Measure E (G.O. Bond), served as board president and was actively involved in the development and construction of a new middle school. I have also worked extensively with the board and staff in the budgeting/finance process, renewing a parcel tax and recruiting and hiring a new superintendent. I understand the role and responsibilities of a governing board member in setting policies that further our children's education. During my tenure at LPSD, student test scores increased each year.

Having worked as a past founder, manager and consultant with technology companies, I understand and value the importance of education for our children's future. Schools are important in our community.

My credentials include:

- 5 years experience as Governing Board Member; 20 years business
- B.S, Louisiana Tech; MBA USC;
- Married and parent of 2; Coach for kids soccer and softball

If elected, I will do my best to serve as a leader and role model and will strive to improve academic excellence for all students.

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Statement of **ROGER MASON**, Candidate for
Governing Board Member
Los Gatos-Saratoga Joint Union High School District

Occupation: Attorney at Law

Age: 50

I am an attorney with the Los Gatos law firm of Sweeney, Mason, Wilson & Bosomworth. I have lived in Los Gatos with my wife, Susie, and three children, Sam (Senior), Dan (Sophomore), and Chloe (7th Grade) since 1993. I currently sit on the Boards of the New Millennium Foundation, the LGS Recreation Department (Chair) and the Los Gatos Lions' Club (President-elect). I have chaired the Lions' Student Speaker Program, have been active on the Lions' Scholarship Committees, and help run the Los Gatos Lions' Wildcat Shootout Basketball Tournament. I also assist the Los Gatos Athletic Association in its fundraising activities.

In the past I have been a member of the Blossom Hill Site Council and have volunteered at both Blossom Hill and Fisher. I am a past President of and coach in the Los Gatos NJB. I have also coached Los Gatos Little League, Softball, and Soccer. I am committed to this community. My goal will be to maintain, and, where possible, improve the educational opportunities in the Los Gatos-Saratoga High School District.

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Statement of **STEVEN PATRICK KAHL**, Candidate for
Governing Board Member
Los Gatos-Saratoga Joint Union High School District

Occupation: Public School Teacher

Age: 44

My extensive experience and passionate interest in public education will enable me to serve you as an exceptional board member. A veteran English teacher at Mountain View High School, I have also provided quality professional development training for teachers in more than fifty California school districts.

After graduation from Santa Clara University in 1984, I earned my master's degree (in Educational Administration and Supervision) at San Jose State University.

My own school district and the San Jose/Silicon Valley Chamber of Commerce have both honored me as Teacher of the Year.

As a trustee, I would advocate these vital proposals:

1. Enhancing the relevance of students' course assignments and projects in order to foster an enduring understanding of essential skills and concepts.
2. Promoting a comprehensive character education program to support students in making responsible decisions.
3. Providing a world-class, research-based professional development program for teachers.
4. Differentiating instruction to match varying readiness levels so that all students are appropriately challenged.

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Governing Board Member
Los Gatos-Saratoga Joint Union High School District

Occupation: Business Executive

Age: 49

I am a true believer in our public schools and pledge to maintain Los Gatos-Saratoga High School District's academic excellence and financial viability. If elected, I will work hard to maintain academic excellence for all students based on their learning needs, increase student access to guidance counselors and lower class sizes.

With 25 years of experience as a business executive in the nonprofit and commercial sectors, I believe my experience will be valuable in this role as a Trustee. As CEO of a \$27 million company, I have experience leading companies with similar size budgets and employees as the high school district.

As a parent of two students in the District, I have been actively involved in supporting our local schools over the past 17 years through the LGSJUHSD Strategic Planning Committee, Vice Principal Selection Committee, Facility Usage Task Force, New Millennium Foundation Board, Los Gatos-Saratoga Observation Nursery School Board and LGEF Board.

In addition to my commitment to public schools, I have been actively involved in our community for 22 years through Leadership San Jose, Hospice of the Valley Board, Court Appointed Child Advocate, Santa Clara County and United Way Campaign Council.

Support our schools - Vote van Zuiden!

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