

# VOTER'S PAMPHLET

## LOCAL NONPARTISAN CANDIDATES' STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATIONS

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Statement of **JONDI GUMZ**, Candidate for  
Governing Board Member  
Scotts Valley Unified School District

**Occupation:** Journalist/School Volunteer **Age:** 52

As a mom, I have served Scotts Valley schools with passion, seeking better education for all children and building community partnerships to get results. As your elected representative, my top priorities will be:

- Maintaining a balanced budget
- Raising student achievement for all students
- Finding a real solution for our aging Middle School

I helped numerous teachers obtain classroom grants, started a book sale that funded student scholarships and mentored a High School effort to recycle bottles and cans. With a teacher's support, we parents coached college-bound seniors in essay writing, a project that achieved 100% success for three straight years! My credentials include:

- Distinguished Alumnus, Ripon College
- Founder, Mike O'Connell Scholarship
- Angel Award, Valley Churches United Missions
- Citations, National Association of Secondary School Principals
- Casey Medal, Casey Journalism Center for Children & Families

My son, Bryan Condy, inspired me to volunteer five years ago. He graduated from Brook Knoll, SVMS, SVHS and now attends UC Berkeley.

Community leaders, the Senior Coalition, and Parents for Scotts Valley Schools endorse me. I would appreciate your vote. Thank you.

More information at [www.jondigumz.org](http://www.jondigumz.org)

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Statement of **ALLISON CLARK NIDAY**, Candidate for  
Governing Board Member  
Scotts Valley Unified School District

**Occupation:** Incumbent/Parent **Age:** 43

I am seeking re-election as a Trustee for the Scotts Valley Unified School District. During my tenure I have been committed to improving the overall performance of our District and have:

- Been an active board member at school and community events;
- Been an available contact for parents, city leaders and community;
- Directed the District in the development of its first strategic plan for efficiently and effectively providing excellent educational opportunities for all students;
- Headed the District's Legislative Action Committee and created and led a Student Legislative Action Committee;
- Represented Santa Cruz County as an elected Delegate for the California School Board Association.

As a product of Scotts Valley Unified School District, parent of two in Scotts Valley schools, and a 33-year resident of the city, I am dedicated to ensuring our schools continue to provide quality educational opportunities to all of our children. If re-elected I will continue to work hard on our strategic plan implementation, including improving fiscal efficiencies, plans for a new Middle School and continued emphasis on improving student achievement. At the same time, my active participation in a wide range of school activities and availability to parents and community as an active listener and leader will not waver.

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Statement of **DOMINIC PASSANISI**, Candidate for  
Governing Board Member  
Scotts Valley Unified School District Board

**Occupation:** Business Owner **Age:** 49

In serving on the School District Board, I will work toward:

- Accountability in finances;
- A focus on students and their education;
- Support of administrators and educators in their pursuit of excellence;
- Support of long-term goals of students in advanced placement.

As a business owner, I understand the foundation that must be laid in order to promote stability as well as the importance of working toward future goals. Being a long-time resident of Scotts Valley, I also appreciate the positive environment that has been created here for raising and educating our children. I will bring to the Board a drive to see our schools continue toward a focused and stable approach to education. As citizens, we have a moral obligation to provide an effective and meaningful educational experience for students.

I am proud of Scotts Valley, and I desire to be involved as a leader in our community's educational system. If elected, I will do my best to be a positive influence on the School District Board and to see our community and its schools become a stronger and more effective force in the life of Scotts Valley's students.

Visit me online at [www.DomForSchoolBoard.com](http://www.DomForSchoolBoard.com)

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