

VOTER'S PAMPHLET

LOCAL NONPARTISAN CANDIDATES' STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATIONS

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

Occupation: Licensed General Building Contractor / Grandfather **Age:** 53

Fiscal oversight, construction planning and practical sense are qualities I bring to the Live Oak Elementary School District. Having lived and worked 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 children every day.

Since the last election, I have been appointed to serve on the Live Oak School Bond Oversight Committee. It has come to my attention that the District may have "over-promised" some of the school construction projects described in the specific Bond language. I can best serve our children (and taxpayers) by using my lifetime of extensive public building experience to get this resolved.

Three other important local education issues remain:

- Fostering Continued Student Achievement Gains
- Veteran Teacher Retirements & New Teacher Retention
- Declining Enrollment Projections for our School District

Being a husband, father and grandfather...I have both wisdom and patience to work through any bureaucratic red tape. My personal style is energetic and direct. I welcome your input and new ideas aimed to improve our schools.

When elected, our kids will always be my first priority as your School Trustee.

I would value your vote of confidence on Election Day. Thank you.

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Statement of **PAUL FRANKLIN**, Candidate for
Governing Board Member
Live Oak School District

I have served on this Board for the past four years and currently serve as President of the Board. I've worked in the software engineering, support and testing industry since 1981 and currently work as an independent computer consultant. I have volunteered as a Board Chairman, a trainer for the Conflict Resolution Program, as a crisis worker on the Suicide Prevention Hotline and as a support staff person at Quaker Camp in Ben Lomond. Last year I graduated from a nine-month integration program in Nonviolent Communication. I believe that we have the mandate and the capacity to provide educational services meeting or exceeding the highest standards set by any industrialized country. As a Board member I will continue to hold the physical and emotional security of students as my highest priority. I will advocate for an educational model that balances student's intellectual, physical and emotional needs. I support wage parity for teachers and all staff. I will work for critical analysis of the costs and benefits of high-stakes testing and I will challenge, when necessary, the State and Federal education initiatives which place unmanageable and unfunded burdens upon our district and those across the State. www.paulfranklin.us/campaign

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Declaración de **PAUL FRANKLIN**, Candidato para
Miembro del Consejo de Gobierno
Distrito Escolar de Live Oak

Durante los últimos cuatro años, he trabajado en este consejo y actualmente me desempeño como su presidente. Desde 1981, he trabajado en la industria de la ingeniería, asistencia y análisis de programas de informática, y trabajo ahora como consultor independiente en informática. He trabajado voluntariamente como director del consejo, como instructor para el Programa de Solución a las Diferencias, como trabajador social en crisis para la Línea de Emergencia para la Prevención de Suicidios, y como empleado asistente en el Campamento de los Cuáqueros en Ben Lomond. El año pasado, me gradué de un programa de integración en Comunicación No Violenta que duró nueve meses. Creo que tenemos la autoridad y la capacidad para ofrecer servicios educativos que alcancen o que superen las normas más altas fijadas por un país industrializado. Como miembro del consejo, continuaré fijando como la prioridad más alta la seguridad física y emocional de los alumnos. Abogaré por un modelo educativo que establezca un equilibrio entre las necesidades intelectuales, físicas y emocionales del alumno. Estoy a favor de la paridad salarial para los maestros y para todos los empleados.

Trabajaré para lograr un análisis crítico de los costos y beneficios de los exámenes tan categóricos, y me opondré, cuando sea necesario, a las iniciativas educativas impuestas por el gobierno estatal y federal que coloquen cargas inflexibles, sin el financiamiento correspondiente, sobre nuestro distrito y sobre el resto del estado. www.paulfranklin.us/campaign

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Statement of **MICHAEL J. PISENTI**, Candidate for
Governing Board Member
Live Oak School District

Occupation: Businessman/Communications Eng. Avionics

I have a lifetime of experience within the Live Oak community:

- Live Oak Elementary School (K thru 6)
- Branciforte Junior High (active in Boy Scouts)
- Santa Cruz High School (Class of 1957)

After High School, I attended college in Monterey and then went to serve our country in the U.S. Navy & Naval Reserve. I was honorably discharged from active duty as PO-2 (E-5). I have been in Live Oak ever since, raising my family, running the business and staying active in various community affairs:

- Elected Board Member, Live Oak S.D. (1975-79)
- Former Chairman, Neighbors After Good Government
- Past President, Live Oak PTA
- Past President, Santa Cruz Gideons
- Past President, Santa Cruz Life Care
- Past Lt. District Governor, California Jaycees

California schools used to be near the top in education in the nation. I intend to use my 47 years of practical experience in business to get the most out of money that our District is given. I believe that taxpayers deserve to get the most out of their investment in education. Your vote for me will insure a quality education for all students. Thank you.

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Statement of **KAREN PALMER**, Candidate for
Governing Board Member
Live Oak School District

Occupation: Incumbent / Executive Administrator

As a parent and former teacher, I believe that participation in the decision making process of public education is essential. My husband and I have been Live Oak homeowners since 1972, and the entire K-8 education for our children has been in Live Oak School District.

California schools are facing the serious challenges of inadequate funding and declining enrollment while seeking the highest standards of academic excellence. Because of my experience on this Board, I am able to deal more effectively with the many aspects of managing the District's multi-million dollar budget, recruiting and hiring the best administrators and teachers, and meeting the unique needs of each child who attends our schools. My goals include:

- Maintaining a balanced budget
- Increasing compensation for teachers and all school staff
- Enhancing our exemplary school programs
- Renovating and maintaining our existing facilities

As a Board Member I want to assist parents with the difficult responsibility of rearing children in a changing world. We must help children develop all of their abilities in order to become productive, contributing members of our community by providing the highest quality education – including personnel and facilities – for the funds available. The only thing more costly than education is ignorance.

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