

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE,
25TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT**

RAUL RUIZ, Democratic

OCCUPATION: Emergency Physician / Congressman

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

The last few years have been deeply challenging. And while we all hope the worst of the pandemic is over, the impact will be felt for years.

Now more than ever, we need elected officials who put public service over politics.

I'm the son of farmworkers, who grew up in Coachella.

I'm an emergency physician who ran for Congress to serve people; I'm not a career politician. When I care for patients, it doesn't matter what political party they belong to or whether they are wealthy. All that matters is serving them.

I brought that same commitment to Congress, and continue to do so:

FIGHTING FOR COVID RECOVERY: I helped pass laws that distributed vaccines to everyone who wanted them, delivered \$250 million that allowed local schools to reopen safely, and created a child tax credit that helped 90,000 local families pay for rent, food, and healthcare.

FIGHTING FOR RETIREES AND VETERANS: I promised I would protect Social Security, Medicare, and Veterans' benefits and I've kept my promise. And, I've helped local retirees and veterans collect \$13 million in Social Security and other benefits they'd earned.

FIGHTING FOR AFFORDABLE HEALTHCARE: I wrote a law to improve MediCal coverage for thousands of local families. I voted to prevent insurance companies from denying coverage to people with pre-existing conditions. And, I am working to make prescription drugs more affordable.

We have a lot of work to do; I will not stop until the job is done.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE,
35TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT**

NORMA J. TORRES, Democratic

OCCUPATION: Member of Congress

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

During these unprecedented times, Norma Torres is fighting to help Eastvale move beyond the pandemic. In 2020, Norma took bold action to ease COVID19's impact by providing free testing, facemasks, groceries, and economic relief for vulnerable families in Eastvale. Despite today's challenges, Norma continues tackling tough issues. Norma's signature legislative accomplishments include:

- Passing federal legislation that directly puts money in the pockets of hardworking families
- Fighting to increase benefits for veterans and their families
- Expanding the Child Tax Credit to provide families with much needed economic relief
- Spearheading efforts to bring billions to California to fix our roads, bridges, and water systems
- Voting for the Inflation Reduction Act to extend health care benefits, lower prescription drug costs for seniors, and make sure big corporations pay their fair share
- Co-authoring legislation investing \$53 billion in U.S. semiconductor chip manufacturing, so automakers can maximize production and relieve shortages

Norma Torres is a proven leader who won't back down from powerful interests. She'll continue to fight for Californians to create good jobs, make government more accountable, protect reproductive freedoms, defend Social Security and Medicare, lower prices on groceries and gas, and seek commonsense solutions to combat gun violence.

That's why Norma Torres is supported by firefighters, nurses, and essential workers who say that we need her experience in Congress now more than ever to move us beyond a post-pandemic economic recovery and to get our lives back on track. On Election Day, Vote for Norma Torres. www.NormaTorres.com

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE,
39TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT**

MARK TAKANO, Democratic

OCCUPATION: U.S. Congressman

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Dear Neighbor,

It has been a great honor to serve the people of Riverside, Moreno Valley, Jurupa Valley and Perris in the United States Congress.

I am proud of the work Congress has accomplished on behalf of the American people. This year, I helped pass legislation to combat record inflation, lower the cost of prescription drugs, and expand domestic energy production while also responding to the climate crisis. I also authored and shepherded through Congress bipartisan legislation that expanded access to healthcare for 9/11-era veterans.

Since taking office, I have passed laws that have supported students, extended health benefits for veterans, and protected small businesses. I have defended our immigrant community, worked to create high-paying jobs in the Inland Empire, and protected Social Security and Medicare. My office has returned over \$13 million in federal funds that were owed to members of our community and has secured over \$6 million in community project funding to support childcare, fight homelessness, and build vital infrastructure.

As a lifelong resident of the Inland Empire, and former public school teacher, I'm proud to have the support of leaders from throughout the region including Mayor Michael Vargas, RCCD Trustee Mary Figueroa, Assemblymember Sabrina Cervantes and others.

Together, I am confident that we can overcome any obstacle, stand up for the values of democracy, and rebuild a more equitable economy.

I respectfully ask for your vote,

Mark Takano

www.marktakano.com

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE,
40TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT**

DR. ASIF MAHMOOD, Democratic

OCCUPATION: Physician

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Politicians in Congress are too busy fighting each other. They aren't finding ways to help families.

I have never held elected office. I've spent my career as a physician and pulmonologist helping people. For more than twenty years, I've helped patients overcome their health challenges and go on to lead richer lives.

I'm running for Congress because we deserve leaders who wake up every day to solve problems.

When a patient comes into my office, they don't say whether they're a Republican or Democrat. They tell me what's wrong, and we begin working together to make them feel better. Congress shouldn't be any different.

I'll work across the aisle and pass legislation that benefits all our families. Here's what makes me different:

Abortion: Health care decisions should be made by women and their physicians – not the government. I will protect a woman's right to choose.

Gun Safety: I strongly support background checks and an assault weapons ban. No one should be able to buy an AR15 and unlimited ammunition with no questions asked.

Standing Up to Extreme Politics: Neither party is right all the time. I'll fight for the good of our country – not a political party.

My wife and I raised our three children here in Southern California. I love our community and we need more from Washington.

I humbly ask for your vote.

www.DrAsifMahmood.com

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE,
40TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT**

YOUNG KIM, Republican

OCCUPATION: U.S. Representative

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I ran for U.S. Congress because, like you, I believed our country was heading in the wrong direction and I was fed up with the status quo. For far too long, Washington DC put politics over people, instead of working on solutions to address major issues hurting American families.

As a Member of Congress, I've spent my first term standing up to the establishment saying enough-is-enough. I've worked on legislation to protect small businesses, combat skyrocketing inflation, lower taxes on all Californians, and improve access to quality healthcare.

Economy & Jobs: I have passed legislation to create jobs and promote policies that would fix our economy.

Taxes & Inflation: Inflation is taxation and that's why I've worked to lower the burden of rising prices and voted against every tax increase.

Public Safety: My top priority is keeping our communities and families safe, and I will continue to support law enforcement and keep criminals off our streets.

Healthcare: I've led efforts to lower the cost of prescription drugs and improve access to quality, affordable healthcare.

I have a proven record that has earned me endorsements from Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association, Sheriff Don Barnes, and nearly 100 local, county, and state elected officials who I've worked with personally to deliver positive results for our communities.

I'll continue to take on out-of-touch Washington DC politicians like Nancy Pelosi to stand up for you, and I hope to earn your vote and continue representing our community in Congress. Learn more at www.YoungKimforCongress.com

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE,
41ST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT**

WILL ROLLINS, Democratic

AGE: 37

OCCUPATION: Counterterrorism Prosecutor

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I'm Will Rollins, and I'm running for Congress because America needs a new generation of leaders who will fight corruption, keep government out of our bedrooms, and protect our communities from extremism.

I served as a federal prosecutor, where I worked to keep residents in the Inland Empire and Coachella Valley safe. I took on MS-13 and the Sinaloa cartel. I prosecuted gang shootings, child predators, and kidnapping cases. I fought against opioid abuse and corruption by taking on fentanyl and heroin dealers, whose drugs killed a young victim, and prosecuted a doctor taking bribes to prescribe pain killers. Specializing in counterterrorism, I defended our country from adversaries like Russia, China, Iran, and ISIS, and I helped prosecute insurrectionists who breached the U.S. Capitol on January 6th.

In Congress, I will continue fighting against extremism and corruption and work to:

- Pass a new law guaranteeing a woman's right to abortion. Women and their doctors should make these personal health decisions, not politicians.
- Ban Members of Congress and their spouses from trading stocks, restrict the revolving door of lobbyists working in the Capitol, and end dark money and corporate campaign contributions.
- Stop price-gouging by massive oil corporations and Big Pharma and lower costs for working families and seniors.
- Keep our communities, schools, and police officers safe with violent criminal history and mental health background checks on gun sales.

I ask for your vote. Let's end the toxic divisions promoted by extremism and start solving problems.

Learn more at WillRollinsForCongress.com.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE,
41ST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT**

KEN CALVERT, Republican

AGE: 69

OCCUPATION: U.S. Representative

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

It is an honor to deliver results for Riverside County including federal funding for transportation, water and clean air projects. I voted for one of the largest middle-class tax cuts and doubled the child tax credit. My office has helped thousands of constituents to ensure veterans and seniors receive the benefits they deserve.

Inflation is crushing families every time they buy food or fill up on gas. I voted against trillions of dollars in inflationary spending pushed by President Biden. I am the only candidate who opposes tax increases and more inflationary spending.

We must increase American energy production to lower gas prices. Democrat proposals to decrease or tax energy production will only continue to raise prices for consumers.

I support local law enforcement officers who put their lives at risk to keep us safe. I oppose Democrat proposals to defund the police which has resulted in higher crime. I support increased funding for border security to gain control of our border and end drug and human trafficking. I created E-Verify, a program for employers to check the legal status of their employees.

I support school choice and parents' rights. I have worked to lower healthcare costs and fund research to cure terminal diseases.

I voted for a pay raise for troops and new benefits for veterans exposed to toxic burn pits. The United States must be a leader and confront challenges posed by China and Russia through strength and international alliances.

I humbly ask for your vote.

Ken Calvert

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**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE,
48TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT**

DARRELL ISSA, Republican

OCCUPATION: Member of Congress

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

It is my honor to serve the people of Southwest Riverside County in Congress. As a senior member of key committees, including Foreign Affairs and Judiciary, I am working daily on issues that matter deeply to our region, and every American.

I started my business in this district and have strong ties to our community. My past endorsements proudly include the Riverside Sheriff's Association, former Governor Pete Wilson, Temecula Mayor Matt Rahn and many more.

I'm committed to securing our borders, building the wall, restoring government accountability and transparency, and supporting our armed forces to ensure peace through strength.

As House Oversight Committee Chairman, I led investigations targeting waste, fraud, and abuse. I wrote and passed legislation reducing the size of government, eliminating regulations, and protecting privacy.

Our investigations exposed IRS wrongdoing; the Obama-Clinton failures in Benghazi; and the Obama administration's "Fast and Furious" scandal which put weapons used to kill in the hands of Mexican cartels.

We deserve efficient, effective government that preserves our freedoms and empowers us to succeed. Our policies should support the growth of jobs and small businesses, not government.

It would be my honor to serve you in Congress again. I appreciate your vote.

Please visit www.DarrellIssa.com or call me at (760) 598-3535.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE,
48TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT**

STEPHEN HOULAHAN, Democratic

AGE: 49

OCCUPATION: Registered Nurse

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Honor and service aren't just words to me: they're how I define myself.

This fueled my 25 years as a frontline nurse, and what led me to become a City Council member and Vice Mayor. This pushed me to save taxpayers billions of dollars by fighting government corruption, and this inspired me to represent you, the citizens of our shared home in District 48.

We need new leadership that doesn't think by rehearsing the mistakes of others in the past it will distract you from their failures.

As your representative, I will always uphold my Constitutional oath because I know the sacrifice my father and grandfather gave to ensure it was defended during wartime.

I will always support a women's constitutional right to avoid government intrusion into her moral beliefs and choices about abortion. I will fight to reform our broken national debt and taxes, protect Social Security, improve Medicare, ensure a strong national defense, and expose the Washington swamp.

In my public service, I've protected Santee against sprawl development, prioritized infrastructure and roads, redeveloped parks, and protected home values.

I took on government and corporate corruption by fighting Sempra/SDG&E and Goldman Sachs, the Quail Brush Power Plant, and the Rainbow to Mission Trails Pipeline... and won. Saving taxpayers a billion dollars.

More importantly: I successfully sponsored term limits that were enacted into law. I care more about rooting out corruption than playing the political game for my own benefit. As your congressman, I'll do it again.

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**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
STATE SENATOR,
18TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT**

STEVE PADILLA, Democratic

OCCUPATION: City Councilmember / Former Police Officer

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

"Steve Padilla respects our community, fights for our families and will move our Valley forward." – Assemblymember Eduardo Garcia

Steve Padilla is a City Councilmember, father and former Police Officer who knows the struggles working families face. Steve will fight for what matters to us: good jobs with decent wages, public schools we're proud of, homes we can afford, healthcare we can all rely on.

Steve Padilla has spent his life taking on tough fights and getting things done for working people. As a Police Detective, Steve protected neighborhoods from crime. As Mayor, he broke the gridlock to build Chula Vista's Bayfront and create 7,000 union jobs. On the State Coastal Commission, Steve fought oil companies to protect clean air and put renewable energy first.

In the State Senate, Steve Padilla will stand up to the special interests and fight to bring the cost of living down. He'll put the focus on housing for working families, not just the wealthy. Expand paid family sick leave so workers can actually afford to take time off. Work for lower prescription drug costs and healthcare that's universal. And Steve will continue the fight to restore the Salton Sea and protect the water our families count on.

We Endorse Steve Padilla: California Nurses Association. Planned Parenthood Action Fund. California Teachers Association. California Labor Federation. California Latino Caucus.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
STATE SENATOR,
32ND SENATORIAL DISTRICT**

KELLY SEYARTO, Republican

AGE: 62

OCCUPATION: State Assemblymember

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

California's state government is broken. There are no checks and balances in our Legislature, and it is clear that the supermajority one-party rule is bad for our citizens.

California has become unaffordable. As the nation deals with the highest inflation rates in four decades, California seems to be hit harder than the rest of the country. Our taxes are the highest in the nation, gas prices have skyrocketed, and our small business climate is ranked one of the worst in the country.

Our communities are less safe than they have ever been. Homeless encampments continue to plague our communities, our education system is failing to prepare our kids for the future, and we have done nothing to address our water supply issues.

After spending billions upon billions of taxpayer dollars, things are not getting better. Enough is enough.

As your State Senator, I will aggressively address these ongoing issues in a fiscally responsible manner while re-establishing transparency and credibility in our government. I have been and will continue to be a strong advocate for taxpayers.

That's why I'm the choice of taxpayer protection groups and public safety.

I offer years of life experience, having served 35 years as a firefighter and 13 years as a local elected official. My wife owns a small business. We raised our family in this region, and our kids were educated in our public schools.

I humbly ask for your vote.

Website: SeyartoforSenate.com

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
MEMBER OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY,
36TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT**

IAN M. WEEKS, Republican

AGE: 37

OCCUPATION: Certified Financial Planner

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I'm running for State Assembly to stand up for what is objectively true and right, not for personal gain or popularity. As a believer in and follower of Jesus Christ, I will champion and advocate for the traditional values that made this country great in the first place. As a husband and father, I will fight for laws that make our community safer. As a father of school-aged children, I will fight to give parents the ultimate authority over their children's education and well-being. I will fight government overreach that makes it harder for families to make ends meet. As a Certified Financial Planner, I will fight for responsible management of the financial resources entrusted to the state by its citizens.

I will boldly:

- Support Law Enforcement.
- Fight policies that increase the cost of living.
- Meet with and listen, rather than dictate to farmers and other business owners regarding what they need from government to be successful.

I will fight tirelessly to increase EVERY Californian's independence from, and not dependence upon the government.

If you have any questions, please reach out to me. I hope to hear from you.

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**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
MEMBER OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY,
47TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT**

GREG WALLIS, Republican

OCCUPATION: Assembly District Director

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

California should be the land of opportunity. We've got some of the smartest, hardest working people anywhere. Weather and natural beauty that's the envy of the world. Innovation. Technology. Agriculture. So why are people leaving?

They are leaving because Sacramento politicians are failing at the basics. Increased crime and homelessness. Higher taxes, restrictive home prices. Failing K-12 schools. Traffic gridlock. Losing freedoms.

The California I think we want? A good idea or hard work can get you ahead... where there is opportunity to be successful and prosper... where we lend a helping hand to people who need it... where it's safe to walk the streets at night... where every student has a good school. I don't think that's asking too much, do you?

Why am I running? My wife Desiree and I have seen too many of our friends pack up and move because of the high cost of living, lack of opportunity, and growing lawlessness. It doesn't have to be this way. We are young, and we could leave too, but instead we want to stay and work to fix things.

I can't solve all the problems, but I can offer a new sense of bipartisanship and fresh ideas. Make it safe again. Friendly to jobs and small business. Affordable. Safe from fire with plenty of water storage. Good schools. Where it's easy to join the middle class. A place where we look forward at a better future, not back wondering what happened.

GregWallis.org

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
MEMBER OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY,
58TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT**

BERNARD WILLIAM MURPHY, Republican

OCCUPATION: Civil Engineer

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

The direction of this state needs to change. Born and raised in California, I earned a civil engineering degree from Cal Poly Pomona to improve the society in which my family lives. I have served on the Rubidoux Community Services District (RCSD) board of directors for eight years. Our rates are among the lowest in the region preparing for droughts while simultaneously delivering services to our community. I will bring this same type of efficient governance to our state legislature.

I have seen, firsthand, how the cost of idealistic policies from Sacramento has usurped our local control. RCSD has provided trash services to the community for years. Recently, we have had to raise rates to provide inspections of kitchen waste because of mandates from state bureaucrats. This is a blatant example of Sacramento trying to appear green and frivolously spend your money.

Education is a high priority for me, and we need to spend our state tax dollars wisely. The recent passing of Senate Bill 328, which restricts school start times before 8:30 am, does little to address that half the children attending public schools do not perform at grade level. We need more time for teaching, not less. The woke agenda of our state legislature who pushes for LGBTQ+ messaging in elementary school curriculums needs to change NOW!

California is a great state. If elected, I will work to engineer positive change for the hardworking people of the Inland Empire.

Bernard William Murphy

www.BernardMurphyforAssembly.com

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
MEMBER OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY,
58TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT**

SABRINA CERVANTES, Democratic

OCCUPATION: California State Assemblymember

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Dear Neighbor,

As your Assemblymember, I work hard every day to deliver results for the Inland Empire and serve as an accessible and responsive advocate for our district's residents. During my five years in the State Assembly, I have authored 31 bills that have been signed into law, including important legislation to help local veterans, seniors, small businesses, and schools.

In the State Assembly, I've fought to:

- Help local small businesses recover from the pandemic and create more jobs.
- Secure \$427 million to reduce traffic locally by repairing freeways, roads, and bridges.
- Promote public safety, fight human trafficking, and support survivors of sexual assault.
- Fully fund public schools and make college more accessible and affordable.
- Procure funding for the UC Riverside Medical School.
- Build a Veterans Resource Center at Norco College.

As Chair of the Assembly Jobs Committee, I'm helping lead California's economic recovery, and fighting to create jobs in the Inland Empire. As the mother of triplets, I understand the challenges working parents face every day, and that's why I worked to expand paid family leave and sick leave.

Before being elected to the Legislature, I worked in the private sector, state government, and for a statewide nonprofit organization. I'm proud to have support from community leaders throughout Corona, Eastvale, Grand Terrace, Jurupa Valley, and Riverside. I'd be honored to earn your vote and have the opportunity to continue representing the Inland Empire in the State Assembly.

Sabrina Cervantes

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**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
MEMBER OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY,
60TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT**

COREY A. JACKSON, Democratic

OCCUPATION: Riverside County Board of Education Member
EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

As your Assembly Member, I want to make sure that you do more than just survive. You and your family deserve to thrive in a safe community that has affordable housing to own a home, takes care of our homeless, have good paying jobs, and high-quality education. Two years ago you elected me to represent you on the Riverside County Board of Education. Now I am asking for your vote to take my decades of experience serving our community to Sacramento. Together, we can be the change we want to see. This is our time to make sure that we get our fair share of resources and opportunities from our State. I am running and asking you for your vote to be your voice so we can build a better future where:

- We all have affordable childcare
- We all have the ability to buy a house and build wealth
- We all have a job that pays all of our bills
- We all have affordable health care

Biography: I was elected to represent you on the Riverside County Board of Education in 2020. I have a Master's degree in Social Work (MSW) and have my Doctor of Social Work (DSW) degree. I currently serve as the founder and Chief Executive Officer of SBX Youth and Family Services serving the cities of Moreno Valley, Perris, and Hemet.

Join this campaign to make sure we all have what we need to thrive.

www.coreyajackson.net

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
MEMBER OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY,
63RD ASSEMBLY DISTRICT**

FAUZIA RIZVI, Democratic

OCCUPATION: Engineer / Water Boardmember

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

There are too many politicians in Sacramento who put themselves or their political parties ahead of the people. I'm not a partisan politician. I'm an engineer and a problem solver who will work with anyone to get things done.

I'm proud to have raised my three children in Corona. As a small business owner, non-profit founder, and a local elected official, I understand the issues that matter to our communities and I've been of service to the people of this district for over 20 years.

I earned the trust of my neighbors to serve on Western Municipal Water District and I've worked with members of both parties to clean up our water using my experience as a water engineer.

As your State Assemblymember, I'll work on bipartisan solutions to:

- Invest in our small businesses and restore lost jobs.
- Reduce the tax burden on middle-class families and get inflation under control.
- Strengthen public safety and 911 response times.
- Increase access to home ownership and expand housing options.
- Improve services for veterans, seniors, and youth.
- Tackle the homelessness crisis.

My priorities will be the people of our communities, not partisan politics. We deserve a representative who lives in and understands our communities, and who will focus on getting results for us, not themselves. I'll put people first.

I'm grateful to have broad support from local elected officials, business owners, community leaders, and neighbors from both parties.

I would be honored to earn your vote.

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**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
MEMBER OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY,
63RD ASSEMBLY DISTRICT**

BILL ESSAYLI, Republican

OCCUPATION: Former Federal Prosecutor / Small Business Owner

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I am running for the California Assembly because when it comes to educating our children, keeping families safe, and making California an affordable place to live, Sacramento has completely failed.

As a former federal prosecutor, Riverside County Deputy District Attorney, and now as an attorney in private practice, I have a record of holding people accountable, working to protect our community, and defending your liberties.

I prosecuted criminals on a variety of charges, including violent crime, identity theft, white-collar fraud, obstruction of justice, and many other offenses. I was on the team that investigated the 2015 terrorist attack in San Bernardino that killed 14 people.

Now, I'm ready to make the case in Sacramento for Riverside County families who are fed up with the status quo. California is on the wrong track, and I'm ready to make our state work again for parents, small business owners, and ensure we provide a brighter future for our children.

I will oppose tax increases in Sacramento because we have a spending problem, not a revenue problem. We must stop reckless spending that is fueling inflation. To lower gas prices, I believe we should take advantage of American resources rather than beg other countries to produce more.

Soft on crime policies have failed, and I will work to reverse them. I'm honored to be endorsed by Riverside County Sheriff Chad Bianco, Riverside County District Attorney Mike Hestrin, and every local law enforcement organization in the district.

I hope I can count on your support too!

Bill Essayli

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**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
MEMBER OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY,
71ST ASSEMBLY DISTRICT**

MATT RAHN, Republican

AGE: 47

OCCUPATION: Mayor / Businessman

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Sacramento politicians are out of touch with the real problems facing our state: soaring inflation, surging crime rates, homelessness, taxes that are too high, and businesses leaving and taking jobs with them.

Experience matters. As a Mayor and City Councilman I have saved taxpayers millions of dollars through innovative, fiscally responsible policies – while increasing support for law enforcement and fire protection. I will take that same conservative approach to Sacramento to reduce taxes, slash waste and fraud, and make state government work again.

As your Representative, I will work for:

Public Safety First.

I will oppose any efforts to 'Defund the Police' and bring back actual enforcement and punishment for crimes. I will help secure our border, reduce wildfire risk, and significantly reduce homelessness and encampments by enforcing the law and getting people the help they need.

Making California More Affordable.

I will work for middle-class and small business tax cuts, and for policies that attract and retain businesses and jobs. I will help cut California's highest-in-the-nation gas tax.

Responsible High-Achieving Schools.

I helped bring a new state-of-the art college to the region. I'm an advocate for a parent's choice in their child's education. I believe in a curriculum that includes the Constitution and American History.

I'm proud to be endorsed by Riverside County District Attorney Mike Hestrin and Sheriff Chad Bianco, Assemblyman Kelly Seyarto, CAL FIRE L2881, Riverside Sheriff's Association, and nearly fifty local elected leaders from Murrieta, Temecula, Wildomar and other cities in the District.

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**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
MEMBER OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY,
71ST ASSEMBLY DISTRICT**

KATE SANCHEZ, Republican

OCCUPATION: Small Businesswoman

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

We need a dedicated, experienced, proven leader to represent us in Sacramento -- especially when our cities and residents are facing unprecedented economic and social challenges.

I'm a bold leader who brings conservative common-sense solutions to California.

As your State Assemblywoman, I'll support policies that: lower taxes; preserve Proposition 13; cut wasteful government spending; improve our power grid to prevent wildfires/meet increasing demand; stop government mask/vaccine mandates; fully-fund police/firefighters; and prohibit the early release of felons.

As a mother, I'll protect parental rights. Every child deserves a quality education -- family wealth and zip code should not determine opportunity.

I am well qualified to serve, receiving my undergraduate degree from Salve Regina University with a concentration in Political Science/Law. I'm a graduate of the Marian Bergeson Excellence in Public Service Series, former Executive Director of the California Women's Leadership Association, and State Finance Director for California Young Republican Federation.

I've served California residents as Field Representative for a prominent U.S. Congressman -- and at the California Policy Center working to secure a more prosperous future for all Californians.

My family has always lived in California -- and I'm a lifetime registered Republican.

That's why so many conservative leaders/organizations endorse me, including: Senator Melissa Melendez, Assemblywoman Laurie Davies, County Sheriff Don Barnes, Orange County Republican Party, California Republican Assembly, and many others.

As your Assemblywoman, I will never waiver in protecting your God-given rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

I respectfully ask for your vote.

www.SanchezForAssembly.com

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT,
OFFICE NUMBER 4**

AMY BARAJAS

OCCUPATION: Senior Deputy District Attorney

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I am running for Riverside County Superior Court Judge Seat #4 to ensure we protect our community and provide justice for victims and their families and to give all litigants fair administration of justice whether in criminal, civil, family, juvenile, or probate court.

For 17 years, I have served as a Senior Deputy District Attorney, successfully prosecuting some of society's worst criminals, including perpetrators of homicide, child abuse, sexual assault, gang violence, domestic violence, and political corruption. My unparalleled track record and years of courtroom experience taught me the necessary lessons and values to be your next judge.

Demonstrating my impartial approach to advancing justice, I have earned the support of the current Presiding Judge of Riverside County Superior Court and the current Presiding Justice for the Fourth District Court of Appeal, Division 2, each respectively supervising all judges or justices within Riverside County, (including the position I am running for), over 36 additional judges countywide, District Attorney Mike Hestrin, Public Defender Steve Harmon, public safety, and many more.

Riverside deserves a trusted, experienced and informed judge who lives in and understands our community, a place where I grew up and choose to raise my family. I am committed to holding violent criminals accountable, protecting victims, and rehabilitating nonviolent offenders. I would be honored to earn your vote to continue delivering justice in this great county we call home.

www.voteamy4judge.com

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT,
OFFICE NUMBER 4**

NATALIE LOUGH

OCCUPATION: Senior Deputy District Attorney

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I am running for judge because I want to increase accountability, efficiency, and transparency in the judicial sector with public safety as my priority. My experience in the District Attorney's Office with trial and appellate work has uniquely prepared me to achieve these goals because I have worked on criminal cases at every stage countywide and have significant experience conducting complex legal research.

I am a Senior Deputy District Attorney in Riverside County and have been with the Riverside County District Attorney's Office for over 15 years. I've won convictions, appeals, and petitions against defendants charged with murder, rape, child molestation, child abuse, and domestic violence. I've won a death penalty case, successfully argued before the California Supreme Court, achieved statewide case precedent on DUI charges, and overturned a judicial plea bargain in a murder case.

My candidacy has been endorsed by 15 different law enforcement groups, 39 elected officials, and multiple community groups, including:

- Sheriff Chad Bianco
- District Attorney Mike Hestrin
- Riverside County Deputy District Attorneys Association
- Riverside Sheriffs Association
- U.S. First Responders Association
- Crime Victims United

Finally, I am proud to have the support of my former opponent, Richard Swanson.

I would be honored to have your support.

Loughforjudge.com

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER,
DESERT COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 1**

LARISSA CHAVEZ CHAIDEZ
OCCUPATION: Business Manager
EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

As a College of the Desert graduate who served as President Student Ambassador, Vice President of the Student Body, and Student Trustee for COD's Board of Trustees, I know the issues facing the college and will implement policies to get our students a great college education. Having worked in the Office of the President, I collaborated with college leadership to eliminate barriers by offering free tuition for all high school graduates and free student public transportation. I increased student engagement to change policies regarding the academic student calendar and class offerings that contributed to COD being the fastest growing community college in California.

My extensive COD government experience has prepared me to serve as your next representative on the Board of Trustees. There are still many milestones to reach in East Valley including infrastructure connections for the Mecca/Thermal Campus to legally expand, full buildout of the Indio Campus, and filling classrooms at Coachella Library. Recent actions by the current Board have caused enrollments to plummet. Expansion plans not reviewed by the public have wasted tax dollars and time. Together, we can make COD, once again, a transparent and award-winning college that benefits your family! I ask for your vote. www.LarissaforCOD.com.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER,
DESERT COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 1**

RUBEN PEREZ
OCCUPATION: Governing Board Member, Desert Community College District
EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

In 2018, the community encouraged me to run and with your overwhelming support, I became the youngest and first locally born trustee to serve on the College of the Desert (COD) Board of Trustees.

I outlined four goals, including, improving COD's presence in the Eastern Coachella Valley; being more equitable in COD's distribution of resources; improving campus culture; and improving graduation rates, thus, ultimately changing the status quo and the way COD operates.

Very proud to share, I have fulfilled every single promise by:

- Offering transfer ready courses at our Mecca Campus and fostering a new relationship with CVUSD — creating a dual enrollment program.
- Begun offering ESL and Transfer level courses and academic and transfer services in the city of Coachella.
- Revamping campus culture by demanding accountability and providing resources and safe spaces for students and staff.
- Increasing transfer/certificate rates and breaking graduation records every year in my 4 years since elected.

I am currently serving as the youngest trustee and board chair in the nation and the only trustee and candidate who attended and has friends attending COD. With your continued vote of confidence, I ensure, students will continue to be at the forefront of the decision making process.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER,
DESERT COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 4**

AURORA WILSON

OCCUPATION: Incumbent

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

This past May, College of the Desert presented more than 1600 degrees and certificates to a record number of graduates. This achievement not only belonged to the students but also to faculty, staff, friends and family.

Getting to that moment was the result of cooperative, researched and experienced decision-making by your elected Board of Trustees. So critics who highlight blame on any single person or issue are wrong. This election shouldn't be about politics, developers or special interests but about student success and meeting our Coachella Valley's future economic demands.

Yes, there will be a Palm Springs campus where students will choose their own futures. Programs may include hospitality, art, film, healthcare and sustainable technologies. Other campus expansions are underway; all under the watchful eyes of a knowledgeable community oversight committee to ensure your tax dollars are properly spent.

As a community college graduate, single mom, 30 year Desert resident with a master's degree from our local Cal State San Bernardino, I am grateful for serving these past nine years and will continue to approach my decision-making with what best serves our students, families and you, the taxpayer. This approach keeps "community" in our community college. That is my commitment to you. Thank you! www.Aurora4COD.com

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER,
DESERT COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 4**

JOEL L. KINNAMON

OCCUPATION: Educator / College Trustee

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

As COD's President from 2012 until my retirement in 2021, I assembled a team focused on student success and delivered results. COD became the fastest-growing community college in California with a record number of graduates. COD won national academic awards, offered free tuition to local high school graduates, free public transportation, and passed a \$578 million construction bond to make major improvements to the Palm Desert Campus, build the West Valley Campus in Palm Springs and Roadrunner Motors in Cathedral City, and double the size of the East Valley Campus.

After my retirement, The Desert Sun reported numerous scandals attributed to the current COD Board of Trustees for canceling or pausing major bond projects that are costing taxpayers millions in delayed construction, and leaving students without new classrooms. Consequently, enrollments and morale have plummeted and basic college operations have failed. It's a mess!

With a doctorate in higher education and decades of community college experience; community leaders, elected officials, faculty, and students agree that I'm the most qualified candidate. I will get COD back on track by keeping its promises and building innovative facilities for students to earn advanced degrees without leaving the Valley. I ask for your vote. www.Joel4COD.com.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER,
PALO VERDE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 1**

BRADLEY E. ARNESON

AGE: 51

OCCUPATION: Correctional Officer / Realtor / Incumbent

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

As an incumbent trustee and a 50 yr resident of the Palo Verde Valley, I have been honored to have been elected by the people of my community to fulfill my responsibility to Palo Verde Community College. In doing so, my mission has always been to contribute my dedication and work ethic to meet the goals for the advancement and success of the college and the community of Blythe. It would be my privilege to be elected once again to continue this work on behalf of the community of Blythe.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER,
RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 5**

DARYL TERRELL

OCCUPATION: County Commissioner / Clerk

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Moreno Valley College is the BEST VEHICLE to get our students ready to work, with actual skills that will get them a living wage job needed right now in our community.

Moreno Valley College needs leaders like Daryl Terrell who understand that we must create more courses, apprenticeships, and certificated programs that fill employer's specific needs now!

Daryl Terrell will:

- Create Hybrid Training/Apprenticeship Programs that develop marketable skills that go directly into high-growth industries like advanced manufacturing, information technology, and health care.

- Create a regional biotechnology STEM Hub to increase access to STEM career pathways.

- Create logistics training and certificated programs with the logistics community.

- Create Building and Construction Trade Certificate and Apprenticeship Preparedness programs in partnership with our business and labor community.

- Create an automotive certificated and apprenticeship program with local auto dealers.

- Create a Truck Driving Certificate Program with the Teamsters and other trucking companies.

- Create Manufacturing and Product Development apprenticeship and certificated programs with our business and labor community.

Daryl Terrell is a graduate of both RCC and UC Riverside.

If you have any questions you call Daryl at 951-214-0050, darylterrell4rcc@yahoo.com, darylterrell4rcc on Facebook.

Vote for Daryl Terrell for Riverside Community College District Board of Trustees.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER,
RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 5**

KERI A. THEN

OCCUPATION: College Professor / Educator

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Dear Neighbor,

My name is Keri Then and I am a college professor, U.S. Air Force veteran, and 25-year resident of Moreno Valley, running to represent you on the Riverside Community College District (RCCD) Board of Trustees.

I know firsthand the importance of a community college education. While on active duty, I enrolled at the Community College of the Air Force and learned the skills I needed to work at UC Riverside. That opportunity led me to a Doctorate in Business Administration and a 20-year career in education.

I am running because I truly believe in the career opportunities a quality community college education creates.

As your Trustee, I will put the needs of our students first, and I will work hard to ensure that Moreno Valley receives its fair share of funding and programming to help our city remain competitive in the job market of tomorrow.

I am proud to have the support of the RCCD Faculty Association and of local leaders including Congressman Mark Takano and RCCD Trustee Bill Hedrick.

Together, we will ensure that RCCD continues to provide accessible, quality higher education to our community.

I would be honored to earn your vote,

Keri Then

www.keri4rccd.com

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER,
ALVORD UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 1**

GEORGINA RAMIREZ

OCCUPATION: Business Owner / Educator

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

My name is Georgina Ramirez, I am running to be your voice in the Alvord Unified School District. As a lifelong student and community advocate, I have devoted my career to education and recently started my own business where I provide direct support for mental health, medical needs, and sober living.

I am running for the Alvord Unified School District Board to :

- Ensure Alvord receives the tools and support needed to achieve academic success.
- Advocate for mental health support services.
- Expand/implement proven programs aiming for district-wide connectedness/ school safety.

As a counselor, I advocated for mental health support, closing the achievement gap and inclusion of all students. Most recently, I served as the Director of Equity and Access for Alvord where I was responsible for the district counseling, Title I, and AVID programs; developed and implemented Ethnic Studies at our comprehensive high schools, increased enrollment and course opportunities for dual enrollment with our community college, and expanded the PUENTE program to three middle schools and one high school. I've coordinated various trainings for management teams at the site and district level including an implicit bias training. I'm a proven leader and dedicated to serving our students.

I look forward to earning your vote on November 8th!

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER,
ALVORD UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 1**

GIL OCEGUERA

OCCUPATION: Retired High School Principal / Parent

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Vote for Mr. Gildardo Ocegura for Alvord School Board. Mr. Gil Ocegura has been our neighbor for over 20 years. As a father of six daughters, two have attended Alvord Schools, one now in college and one currently in Villegas Middle School, he understands both the opportunities and challenges faced by students in our district. He has also served on the Board of Riverside Public Utilities for over 7 years and understands the importance of listening to his constituents.

Mr. Gil Ocegura holds both a Bachelor's and Master's degree from Sonoma State University. He has over 37 years of public school experience as a middle and high school teacher, counselor, and high school principal. He retired as high school principal and has consistently been a member of the K-12 School Site Councils and PTA in Alvord Unified.

Gil Ocegura strongly believes that our schools must do whatever it takes to match best teaching strategies with all students' learning styles. Gil Ocegura is committed to working with the School Board on the Pre-K expansion, prioritizing the revitalizing of buildings while protecting our tax dollars, bringing back our District Office to Riverside, and always acting on behalf of our students and community.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER,
ALVORD UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 1**

WENDEL W TUCKER

OCCUPATION: Retired Superintendent

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

California public schools are facing one of the most challenging times in history. The impact of COVID 19 protocols along with overall confidence in the ability to address low student achievement scores has created a crisis. Solving this requires the combined efforts of all members of our community. My 52-years in education covers all levels from K-12 thru university. I have been a Teacher, Principal, Superintendent and University Vice-President. I have taught university graduate education and business courses and earned a PhD in Educational Leadership. Recently I completed 8 years of service on the Riverside County Board of Education.

This wide range of experience along with 30-years of community involvement makes me uniquely qualified to serve on the Alvord Unified School Board. I pledge to work closely with district administrators, faculty, staff, parents, and community leaders as a team to provide the best educational programs and instruction for all students. With your vote on or before November 8, 2022, you can help make this happen.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER,
BANNING UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 1**

LESLIE A. NOVALIS

OCCUPATION: Retired Teacher

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

My name is Leslie Novalis and I am running for the Banning School Board. As a retired highly-qualified mentor teacher and mother who has had success in developing and implementing programs for my school district of Pico Rivera, my priorities will be the following:

1. Ensure students have suitable programs to achieve success.
2. Provide opportunities for parents to take an active role in their children's education.
3. Build strong bonds between today's businesses and tomorrow's leaders through community outreach in areas of safety, mentorship and stewardship.
4. Provide leadership and professional training opportunities for teachers to meet the ongoing technological demands of our ever-changing society.
5. Streamline the budget so students and teachers receive the maximum financial benefit from taxpayers' contributions.

We have an obligation to create a Board who is transparent, caring and consistently supportive. By working together for the betterment of our community's children, we can provide a stable and open forum where every stakeholder feels they are being heard and supported.

<p style="text-align: center;">CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER, BANNING UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 5</p> <p>SHELLY RUIZ OCCUPATION: Teacher EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:</p> <p>As a native of the Banning community and graduate of Banning schools, I have a responsibility to serve my community. Having a child attending our Banning schools and as an educator, I bring the experience of a teacher and the compassion of a parent. I currently serve my community by volunteering on the Stagecoach Days Association and work with parents and teachers to preserve community traditions by serving as a board member. I trust with the endorsement of the Banning Teachers Association and my commitment to our community I can ensure that Banning students receive the best education possible.</p> <p>My priority is to create a transparent and accountable school district by addressing the problems plaguing our school district. The low graduation rates, truancy, low academic expectations, and the lack of programs to support various types of learning. Together we can build communication between parents and the school district where all concerns are encouraged and respected. Together, we can increase options for educational opportunities for all students.</p> <p>I look forward to the opportunity to serve my community by providing the best educational opportunities to all students in the Banning Unified School District. Thank you for considering my candidacy to serve Banning.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER, BANNING UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 5</p> <p>JEFFREY A. PLATT OCCUPATION: Business Owner EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">AGE: 60</p> <p>As a local stakeholder, I am asking for your vote for the Bannig Unified School District Board upcoming Election. I am an inspired hard workin member of the communtiy, dedicated to helping our future as a father of two, and grandfather of four, I know and understand the importance of great education. We as a community need to ensure we are doing the best for our youth and their future we need someon who understands, the finacials, the short term and long effects, of our decisions and how they those decisions affect our youth. Please vote for Jeffrey A. Platt for the Bannin Unifie School Distris Area (5) Trustee.</p>

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER,
BEAUMONT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 2**

JEFF BROWN

OCCUPATION: Technology Manager / Parent

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

My name is Jeff Brown and I'm running for Beaumont Unified School District Board, Trustee Area 2. I am the parent of a Beaumont Unified student, a 20-year resident of Three Rings Ranch, and a US Army veteran. I have been a technology and logistics manager for 20 years. These qualifications allow me to bring a unique perspective to this board.

I helped to found the first family scouting organization in Beaumont and I am committed to do whatever is necessary to advance all of our students and children. Our kids, all deserve to have an opportunity to reach their full potential.

The school board should be populated by people with a personal stake in the success of our students. It is important for every decision a board makes to reflect that it's always about our kids.

I believe the board members should be concerned parents who are willing to invest the time needed to create and foster an environment of growth for all students.

If you aren't doing all of it for the kids, you're doing it all wrong.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER,
BEAUMONT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 4**

STEVEN A HOVEY

OCCUPATION: School Board Member

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Dear Voters,

My name is Steve Hovey, and I am running for reelection to the Beaumont School Board, with the experience, leadership, and integrity to be an effective and responsible representative for our community. My reelection will promote transparent decision making, conducting the public's business in public, and doing what's good for kids.

My experience includes service as a special education teacher, school principal, Beaumont USD assistant superintendent, Riverside County Office of Education Associate Superintendent, as well as leadership experience in regional and state organizations. My education includes a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in Education from UC Riverside.

In 2021-2022, we provided in-person instruction and had no closed schools or classes. We have one of the highest graduation rates in the county; we opened a new K-8 school, added Career Technical Education opportunities, expanded Beaumont High School, and started the Middle College program with SJCC. Transitional and full-day kindergartens have grown, and student learning has improved.

In the "post-COVID" period, we need everyone working together – Home, School, and Community - to assure the best educational opportunity for all BUSD students. Supporters include BUSD Board members, Teachers, Classified Employees, Parents, and Community leaders.

Requesting your vote,

Sincerely, Steve Hovey

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER,
BEAUMONT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 4**

MELISSA WILLIAMSON

AGE: 45

OCCUPATION: Educator / Parent / Administrator

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I believe that the well-being of our schools determines the future of Beaumont. Our community is growing at an unprecedented rate. Our current climate necessitates high support for students throughout their education. This belief in education determining futures is why I am running for School Board; Melissa Williamson for BUSD.

My 23 years of experience in the field of education have given me valuable insight into the importance of social-emotional wellness for students, parent involvement and student achievement, leading to graduation and career/college readiness.

As a parent of three school age children, I am invested in: ensuring schools are a safe place for students to learn and thrive, and that parents have a voice in their child's education. My husband and I love our community and time with our children and three dogs.

Professionally, I prioritize classified and certificated staff in my role as a District level administrator with CJUSD. I focus on leadership, student, and family support with the general and special education population, effective fiscal management of State and Federal funds and support of the District's LCAP findings. I hold a bachelor's in business management from University of Phoenix.

Thank you for your vote!

<p style="text-align: center;">CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER, COACHELLA VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 1</p> <p>JOSE “JOEY” ACUÑA JR. OCCUPATION: Incumbent EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:</p> <p>CVUSD Families,</p> <p>Over the past few years, the COVID-19 Pandemic has devastated and affected many lives. Together with our partners, we at CVUSD initiated Testing sites and Vaccine centers for our students, staff and families. We also created protocols in the classrooms and District Offices to protect students and staff. Despite all that was happening with the pandemic, we continue to create and expand programs that support our Students.</p> <p>We rebuilt Palm View School and are beginning construction on the new North Shore Elementary. We continue to expand our Mental Health Services for Students and their families, we have fully staffed our Wellness Centers, and continue to implement our Restorative Practices programs. We have expanded Afterschool programs and grown our Career & Technical Education department to give more opportunities to our students. Additionally, we continue to enhance our AVID, Puente, Ethnic Studies and STEM programs.</p> <p>I'm proud of what we have achieved together, but there is more work to be done. That is why I respectfully ask for your support for another Term representing our Community on the CVUSD School Board.</p> <p>On November 8th I humbly request your vote for the CVUSD School Board.</p> <p>Joey Acuña Jr. Acuna4CVUSD@gmail.com</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER, COACHELLA VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 1</p> <p>BLANCA TORRES HALL OCCUPATION: Incumbent EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:</p> <p>I'm a lifelong resident of Eastern Coachella Valley and spent my career educating our students and protecting our children. I have masters in social work and a teaching credential from Cal State San Bernardino.</p> <p>I'm President of the Board of Trustees for the Coachella Valley Unified School District. It's been an honor to serve on the Board. As your representative, I'm committed to our students' academic success, and foster a philosophy of life-long learning for all students at our schools.</p> <p>During my tenure on the Board, I've had the privilege to guide and steer our District in a direction where we are fiscal solvent, build a new Palm View Elementary School, build a new play field for our children at Sea View Elementary and most importantly provided guidance during the Covid-19 pandemic. I have assisted in fostering trust and transparency of all our staff, and built positive relationships with our communities, and currently in the planning stages to build another elementary school, in the North Shore Community.</p> <p>Prior to being elected as a Board Member I taught ESL at Coachella Valley Adult School for 14 years and collaborated with other educators to formulate our ESL Curriculum. I was part of the CVUSD Adult School committee on accreditation and in 2007 we successfully completed the accreditation process, I taught Independent Studies for 6 years.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER, COACHELLA VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 1</p> <p>VALERIE GARCÍA OCCUPATION: Parent EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:</p> <p>I am the product of CVUSD and the mother of a soon-to-be CVUSD student.</p> <p>In the aftermath of COVID, we have a responsibility to address the needs of our students and families in new & innovative ways. Now is not the time to play it safe or continue our course - unchanged.</p> <p>I have demonstrated a vested interest in education through my work with the Tiger Woods Learning Center, Riverside County Migrant Education & Alternative Education programs and as a substitute teacher. For the past five years I have worked with the California Teachers Association, supporting our local schools & teachers.</p> <p>There is important work to be done to refocus resources to ensure that our students thrive in a safe environment; a place that provides new opportunities for success.</p> <p>I feel that my experience, familiarity with the region and network of established relationships make me a strong candidate for consideration. I am deeply committed to DELIVERING REAL RESULTS for a brighter future with a fiscally responsible budget & safer school.</p> <p>This November Vote Valerie for CVUSD! www.ValerieForCVUSD.com</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER, COACHELLA VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 1</p> <p>VENTURA “BEN” GUTIERREZ AGE: 73 OCCUPATION: Retired School Teacher EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:</p> <p>As a former K-12 student of our District, I wish to honor with my candacy, all tax payers and all District employees, by supporting any and all current policies that gaurantee the development of productive and responsible students. In addition, I appreciate greatly the opportunity to teach in our District until my retirement on June 7, 2022.</p>

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER,
CORONA-NORCO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 2**

CHRIS RAAHAUGE

AGE: 36

OCCUPATION: Peace Officer

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

With over 15 years of experience working with at risk youth, I understand the importance of keeping our schools safe and our kids engaged.

If we have learned one thing over the last several years, it is how important it is to have good leaders elected to our school board. I stand with parents who want the best education for their children, in person rather than through a computer screen.

It's time for Eastvale to have a proven leader on the CNUSD School Board, someone who will truly represent EASTVALE students and Families. It is time we have a leader who will stand up and empower parents.

I am honored to be the only candidate to have the endorsement of Riverside County Sheriff Chad Bianco and a majority of the Eastvale City Council.

I would be even more honored if I could earn your vote.

-Chris Raahauge

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER,
CORONA-NORCO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 2**

THOMAS PATE

AGE: 67

OCCUPATION: Retired Engineer

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

America was founded as a Christian nation and God has blessed her. This is our true history and it is a good history.

I am running for the CNUSD board to be an influence for good in the schools. Many parents and teachers do not want the evil things taught that the educational bureaucracy is forcing upon our children. I can't change everything, but, if elected, I will vote as a school board member for what is good and right.

I am a retired aerospace engineer(math degree). I have taught children at church for 30 years as well as having taught a few years of junior and senior high home school classes and some unaccredited college classes. I also served on the site council on my sons' grammar school in the Ontario Montclair school district.

I am a conservative Christian who believes the Bible is 100% accurate in everything, including history, science, and morality.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER,
CORONA-NORCO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 2**

ELIZABETH "LISA" MARROQUIN

OCCUPATION: Incumbent

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I stand to serve and advocate for our students in Eastvale! Our students are our future. My husband and I have resided in Eastvale for 19 years. We have 2 sons and 5 grandchildren. For the past 4 years, I have represented Eastvale as the Corona Norco School Board Trustee for Area 2. My experience as a 40-year veteran teacher and leader at the local and state levels has given me the insight to work diligently with my colleagues on the Board and District as we move forward from the Pandemic.

Our mission for Eastvale and all the students in CNUSD is to ensure they are safe and they are provided the opportunity to excel academically and socially as they strive to be "College or Career Ready" upon graduation from our prestigious schools in Eastvale.

It is vital the relationships we have established within our community and labor unions continues to grow as we prepare our students for their future aspirations. I would be honored to serve another 4-year term as your representative for Eastvale Trustee Area 2 on the Corona Norco School Board as we work together to build trust and support for our students' success.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER,
DESERT SANDS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 2,
FULL TERM**

HUMBERTO "BETO" ALVAREZ

OCCUPATION: Parent / Educator

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

As a parent of a current La Quinta H.S. student, it is important parents have a voice at the table. My name is Humberto "Beto" Alvarez and I'm a 1990 graduate of Indio H.S. We must ensure all students are supported - Not only our college bound students, but also our students preparing for a trade and students of all abilities. My career spans 20+ years in education as a teacher and administrator. I have taught E.S.L. night classes to adults and served as a member of the University of Redlands, Education Administration Advisory Board. I've had the honor of serving on the School Site Council of the schools my children have attended; LBJ, Glenn Middle, and LQHS. Most recently, I was the Chairperson of LQHS School Site Council and Chairperson of the District Advisory Committee during the 2020-2021 school year. Collectively, my professional experience and involvement in our schools has allowed me to keep a finger on the pulse of the District and be prepared to provide a vital and relevant perspective to the decision making process.

As your neighbor, I ask for your vote to be a unifying voice for our students, parents, teachers, administrators, and community stakeholders.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER,
DESERT SANDS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 2,
FULL TERM**

JACOB ISAAC ALVAREZ

OCCUPATION: City Administrator

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

As a father of three current DSUSD students, an alumnus of Palm Desert High, and a holder of a Master of Business and Administration degree, I know firsthand the benefits of receiving a good education and the difference a good teacher can make in the life of a youth. As such, I'm committed to ensuring a safe school environment for teachers, students and parents where students' success and wellbeing is a priority.

With 18 years of work experience in local, regional and state government, I understand the importance of fiscal responsibility, communication, and transparency. Utilizing my experience in community outreach, public relations and finance will benefit teachers, students, parents and the community as a whole.

As the Appointed Board Member for Area 2, it was rewarding to work on promoting education pathways for students, guaranteeing teachers and students are provided with the strongest commitment, selecting the district's new Superintendent, and celebrating each students' success.

I am proudly SUPPORTED by the Desert Sands Teachers Association.

I sincerely ask for the honor of your vote to build upon what parents, teachers, administrations, and stakeholders have achieved together for DSUSD.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER,
DESERT SANDS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 2,
FULL TERM**

BETTY CALLAWAY

OCCUPATION: Business Owner

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

As mother and grandmother of 7 children and 13 grandchildren, I understand the importance of providing a high-quality education to every student in DSUSD. Our school must create an atmosphere that stimulates learning and we must make sure students are proficient in reading, writing, mathematics, history, art and all core curriculums. Students also need to learn how to relate to others, written and oral communication skills and problem solving. Having volunteered as an advocate in mental health for many years helping parents with children who suffer with mental illness, I am deeply concerned about the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. I would fight to ensure that our students and teachers are equipped to continue the transition with the support they need. I would also advocate for improved mental health services and increased pre-college and vocational training. Having the experience of being a parent and a business person for over 40 years, I am able to look at complex issues from a different vantage point and can help solve complex problems. I am a strong proponent for students, parents and teachers. I have a Bachelor of Science from California State Long Beach and an MBA from UC Irvine.

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GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER,
DESERT SANDS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 2,
FULL TERM**

MARYALICE ALBERG OWINGS

AGE: 61

**OCCUPATION: Retired Principal
EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:**

Equity driven education means that we all deserve to be treated with honesty, integrity, and respect. I served in public education for 35 years. After graduating college at California State University, Stanislaus in Turlock, I taught students in Atwater for nine years in grades kindergarten, third, fourth, and eighth. I began in school administration in 1996, after receiving my Masters in Public Administration from Stanislaus. I worked with students and families in the Turlock School District for 10 years, when I moved to Desert Sands Unified School District in 2006 as a principal. I retired in June, 2022. I have devoted my career to helping teachers and students. Serving as a member of the DSUSD school board is the next step in my education career.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER,
DESERT SANDS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 2,
FULL TERM**

KATHERINE SILVEIRA

AGE: 38

**OCCUPATION: Education Specialist / Parent
EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:**

I am honored to be your candidate for DSUSD Trustee. Coachella Valley's public education is an integral part of my family. My husband is a professor at COD and I have two children who attend DSUSD schools. I'm currently an Art Specialist at Ford Elementary, teaching art and self expression to every student. I am an strong and determined advocate for public education and will serve to protect our students and the future of our district,

I have seen our students thrive and grow into amazing community leaders. I have seen our teachers provide a quality education, mentorship, and social emotional development. As Trustee, I will bring my knowledge, passion, and experience to create student centered policy. I will give our students, teachers, and schools what they need to provide a safe, comprehensive, equitable education and social services our students and community deserve.

My platform:

- Increase Support Staff by working with the budget and seeking additional grant funding
- Improve Student Learning Environment
- Transparency for Parents and Staff
- Mental Health Care available for students
- A Curriculum that pushes our students to thrive
- Ensure safe school policies are up to date and followed.

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**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER
DESERT SANDS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 2,
FULL TERM**

KURT SCHOPPE

**OCCUPATION: General Manager
EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:**

The students of DSUSD are my #1 priority.

Desert Sands Unified School District has long been a leader in preparing our children to become successful adults. Navigating the complexities of our current times makes this even more important.

To continue the great work of our teachers, staff and administrators we must make student focused decisions while being fiscally accountable to all stakeholders.

As a father of four and over 40 years of business experience I am well prepared to approach policy discussions with an open mind and objectivity. Discussions and debate must be inclusive, collaborative and transparent.

While continuing to build on DSUSD's collegiate success, I would promote skilled trades for students who may be unsure about a college choice.

I believe I can bring sound, thoughtful decision making that recognizes all community members. I believe in crafting win-win solutions that focus on common ground rather than differences.

<p style="text-align: center;">CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER, DESERT SANDS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 2, SHORT TERM</p> <p>JACOB ISAAC ALVAREZ OCCUPATION: City Administrator EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:</p> <p>As a father of three current DSUSD students, an alumnus of Palm Desert High, and a holder of a Master of Business and Administration degree, I know firsthand the benefits of receiving a good education and the difference a good teacher can make in the life of a youth. As such, I'm committed to ensuring a safe school environment for teachers, students and parents where <u>students' success and wellbeing</u> is a priority.</p> <p>With 18 years of work experience in local, regional and state government, I understand the importance of fiscal responsibility, communication, and transparency. Utilizing my experience in <u>community outreach, public relations and finance</u> will benefit teachers, students, parents and the community as a whole.</p> <p>As the <u>Appointed Board Member</u> for Area 2, it was rewarding to work on promoting education pathways for students, guaranteeing teachers and students are provided with the strongest commitment, selecting the district's new Superintendent, and celebrating each students' success.</p> <p>I am proudly SUPPORTED by the <u>Desert Sands Teachers Association</u>.</p> <p>I sincerely ask for the honor of your vote to build upon what parents, teachers, administrations, and stakeholders have achieved together for DSUSD.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER, DESERT SANDS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 2, SHORT TERM</p> <p>KATHERINE SILVEIRA AGE: 38 OCCUPATION: Education Specialist / Parent EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:</p> <p>I am honored to be your candidate for DSUSD Trustee. Coachella Valley's public education is an integral part of my family. My husband is a professor at COD and I have two children who attend DSUSD schools. I'm currently an Art Specialist at Ford Elementary, teaching art and self expression to every student. I am an strong and determined advocate for public education and will serve to protect our students and the future of our district,</p> <p>I have seen our students thrive and grow into amazing community leaders. I have seen our teachers provide a quality education, mentorship, and social emotional development. As Trustee, I will bring my knowledge, passion, and experience to create student centered policy. I will give our students, teachers, and schools what they need to provide a safe, comprehensive, equitable education and social services our students and community deserve.</p> <p>My platform:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Increase Support Staff by working with the budget and seeking additional grant funding ● Improve Student Learning Environment ● Transparency for Parents and Staff ● Mental Health Care available for students ● A Curriculum that pushes our students to thrive ● Ensure safe school policies are up to date and followed. <p>www.KatherineDSUSD.com for information</p>

<p style="text-align: center;">CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER, DESERT SANDS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 5</p> <p>MICHAEL DURAN OCCUPATION: Counselor / Aquatic Coach EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:</p> <p>Dear Voter,</p> <p>My confidence in our community is the corner stone of my commitment to serve our children in the Desert Sands Unified School district. My name is Michael Duran and with a lifetime of commitment working in both the private sector and in public education as a teacher, counselor, and athletic coach, I believe I am the best choice for DSUSD trustee area 5.</p> <p>My priorities: To improve the academic course work to be more reflective of today's economic needs. From computer coding to engineering and construction, we need an educated populace that can meet the needs of our country.</p> <p>I also believe that a child should be well rounded in the disciplines of art, music, and choir. These programs should be emphasized and taught at all grade levels, thus giving our students a creative edge.</p> <p>Most importantly, we must create safe and effective "whole family health programs" that are receptive to the needs of our families and community. Programs would include more individual counseling, family outreach, mindfulness teaching and mentoring. Our mission is too great, the health and safety of our children too important to not make this a priority.</p> <p>Please vote for Michael Duran.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER, DESERT SANDS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 5</p> <p>SCOTT BAILY AGE: 48 OCCUPATION: Teacher EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:</p> <p>2013 Teacher of the Year, 25 years teaching, 25 years of excellent reviews, Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education, Master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction, 6 years Beginning Teacher Support Assistant, 2 year presenter at California League of Middle School Teachers, Annual Percentage Growth Award for student achievement, Award for Going Above and Beyond the call of duty running in and assisting with a bus accident, taught over one thousand teachers classroom management, hired to assist and train teachers on the Peer Assistance Review Program</p> <p>I am an expert in the field of education. I believe in supporting the teachers, students, district and the community. It is essential for the school board to have experts in the field of education who know how specific actions will properly impact the areas needed. We need people on the school board with educational backgrounds, just as you'd want the head of plumbing to have many years of experience in plumbing, not someone who's never used a wrench. I am that expert in education you can trust to lead the way.</p> <p>Please vote for Scott Baily for School Board, Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.</p> <p>You'll be glad you did!</p>

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER,
HEMET UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 5**

ROBERT ALLAN DAVIS, JR.

AGE: 60

OCCUPATION: Attorney / Business Owner

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Serving as a School Board member is a responsibility I take seriously. Education is the universal equalizer. No matter who we are or what our background, education opens doors and provides life-long opportunities. I am a product of HUSD. The District set me on course to what has become an amazing 30-year career as an attorney and business owner. My work experience and long-time residency in the community allow me to question the status quo. My unique skill set has supplemented the success of HUSD and has proven that good school boards require a mix of educators and members from the private sector. During my tenure graduation rates have improved. We opened a dual language academy, created an International Baccalaureate program, increased dual enrollment courses with MSJC and modernized multiple school sites including important safety enhancements. The pandemic highlighted the need for a Board member who respects safety concerns but will balance those concerns against Constitutional and Parental rights; a need that I fulfill as your currently elected trustee. I am optimistic about the future of our District. HUSD has a proud legacy of producing bright, enthusiastic students. Help me protect and grow that legacy by endorsing my re-election.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER,
HEMET UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 5**

KENNETH WILLIAM PRADO

AGE: 49

OCCUPATION: Substance Abuse Counselor / Office Manager

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Mr. Prado moved to Hemet in 2008, and has lived in the Valley for more than 15 years. He and his wife, Melissa, have two adolescent children, with one currently attending a school in Hemet Unified.

Kenneth graduated from Mt. San Jacinto College in 2012 and has used his education as an Alcohol/Drug Counselor for the past 10 plus years as a CADC-II Certified Counselor. While in college Kenneth was an active Senator with S.G.A.

Kenneth has been an active member of the Hemet community over the past 10 years, and has also had the opportunity to run for Hemet City Council in 2020. Kenneth has been an active parent at school board meetings and a voice for others for many years as an advocate.

Education

- Mt. San Jacinto College - Associates in Science: Alcohol/Drug Studies
- Mt. San Jacinto College - Associates in Arts: Social/Behavioral Science
- California Consortium of Addiction Programs and Professional - CADC-II

Community Involvement

- Former Parent of Dartmouth Middle Schools "School Site Counsel".
- LEXIT - V.P./Co-Chapter Leader of the Inland Empire
- Co-Founder of "Fathers of Fortitude"
- Founder/President of "a 2nd Chance" - Empowerment Program For At-Risk Students at M.S.J.C.

Hobbies

- Empowerment
- Advocate
- Beach

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER,
HEMET UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 7**

JEREMY PARSONS

AGE: 42

OCCUPATION: Law Enforcement Officer

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

My name is Jeremy Parsons. I am seeking the Hemet Unified Trustee Area 7 seat. Area 7 serves Pine Cove, Idyllwild, Mountain Center, Anza, Aguanga, Sage, and the local Cahuilla communities. I attended Idyllwild Elementary School, Acacia Middle School, and graduated from Hemet High School. I am a proud parent of two children attending HUSD. I have 14 years of law enforcement experience, currently a Sergeant. Serving as a School Resource Officer for Idyllwild, Hamilton, and Cottonwood schools was my most rewarding assignment. I saw the staff and the families working together to develop resourceful, intelligent, and confident children. I do not have a history in education or politics. However, as a longtime resident of the rural mountain communities, I understand their unique needs and challenges. I will listen to our community members. I will advocate for our children's education and safety. I will advocate for our rural schools and their unique needs. I will offer a fresh perspective as a parent and local community member. Thank you for your consideration.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER,
HEMET UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 7**

MEGAN HALEY

AGE: 43

OCCUPATION: Business Owner

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Hemet USD has set itself on the path to becoming the highest-performing school district in Southern California. I currently represent the Anza/Aguanga area as your local board member and am seeking reelection within area 7. As a business owner, community volunteer, resident of Aguanga, former educator in HUSD, and a parent of a current HUSD student I am the best candidate to serve this trustee area. These roles position me to have a deep understanding of the needs of our children, families, and of the various communities that trustee area 7 serves. During my tenure, our team has increased access to career technical courses, student completion of college entrance requirements, and graduation rates. While on the board, HUSD was invited to present our work on improving literacy to the US Department of Education and were selected as one of six districts in the nation as a grantee of the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation. During my tenure, our team took a stand against slanted policies issued by our government leaders during the pandemic by issuing board resolutions that countered these policies and protected the education of our students. As your elected representative I will continue this important work.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER,
HEMET UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 7**

ALBANO P. FERNANDES

OCCUPATION: Retired Educator

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I am running for Hemet Unified School District Board because I am dedicated to the education of our students, and I believe that with my experience and leadership I can make a difference. I taught in the Hemet Unified School District for 38 years as an Agricultural Teacher for 15 years, then as an Activity Director for 23 years. I am blessed that all 5 of my children graduated from Hemet schools. As an educator and a parent I have the experience to make the tough decisions that put our children and families first.

The students of Hemet are my top priority, just as they were when I was in the classroom. I believe that their safety is the number one job of the governing board. I will make every decision with the safety of our community and our children foremost in my mind. The board must also act as a watchdog over the taxpayer's money as it is spent by Hemet Unified School District.

I will make every tough decision with honesty and just one guiding principal: what is best for the kids? I would be honored to receive your vote to serve as your Hemet Unified School District Board Member.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER,
JURUPA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 5**

MELISSA GARCIA-RAGOLE

AGE: 50

OCCUPATION: Board President

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Dear Neighbor--

For the past four years, I've had the honor and privilege of representing you on the JUSD Board. As a long-time resident with children that attended JUSD schools, ensuring that parents and staff have a voice on the board has been my top priority.

During my first term, our community faced unprecedented challenges with the pandemic response. Fortunately, our board prioritized our students and had electronic devices available to all students for distance learning. And when it came to reopening schools, we listened to concerns and reopened with a complete safety plan.

As your school board member, I will continue to work with our board to face challenges, focus on the quality of our students' learning environment, and bridge the digital divide.

My efforts over the past four years have earned trust and endorsements from community leaders, including.

Riverside County Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Edwin Gomez

Congressman, Mark Takano

NEA-Jurupa

Jurupa Valley City Council

JUSD Board Colleagues

Many residents in Jurupa Valley

Together, I am confident that we can continue focusing on student success, improve educational equity, and keep our district fiscally solvent for years to come.

I would be honored to earn your vote,

Melissa Ragole

ragoleforschoolboard@gmail.com

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER,
JURUPA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 5**

JANET A. LONG

OCCUPATION: Community College Professor

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I'm proud to have lived in Jurupa Valley for over 32 years with my husband raising our family and grandchildren. I'm a professor at San Bernardino Valley College with a BA and MA in sociology, and a doctorate in education with emphasis on educational leadership.

My career as an educator started with serving college students who were former foster youth, which led me to the role of director overseeing educational programs that help low-income, first-generation, underserved students.

My track record is unmatched, with 100% of the students I engage with going on to postsecondary institutions to earn associate degrees to bachelor's degrees and beyond. As a school board member, I will work to create pathways for all students to succeed, including work-force and apprenticeship training.

I've been proactive in leading projects and programs at serving students that include Upward Bound Math and Science grants; preparing students for high school graduation and college attainment. I'm proud to be endorsed by Silas Abrego who served on the California State University Board of Trustees.

I'm running for Jurupa Unified School Board because I want my grandchildren, and all students in this district, to get the best education possible and create bright opportunities for their future.

I would be honored to earn your vote.

www.votedrjanet.com

<p style="text-align: center;">CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER, LAKE ELSINORE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 1</p> <p>APRIL PURKISS AGE: 45 OCCUPATION: Educator EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:</p> <p>I wear many hats: mother, wife, and teacher. I will contribute many experiences and perspectives to the board. I have been a teacher for over 15 years; I know the importance of developing positive partnerships with all community stakeholders. I will bring my classroom experiences to the decision-making process while prioritizing our children and their learning environments.</p> <p>I believe in education for all, and I will develop a plan that builds on, and strengthens, our vocational programs. This will include multiple pathways to success, and provide the skills needed for the 21st century.</p> <p>I will partner with local leaders to develop mentor programs, which will benefit not only our students but local businesses.</p> <p>Saying the "Covid Years" were difficult is an understatement. Our families became experts at pivoting with the demands of online learning. We cannot walk away from these experiences without valuing the opportunities that it provided. We are different. Our kids are different. It is time that we provide them with something different as well.</p> <p>Today's decisions have consequences. Our students and our community deserve a voice that represents their best interests.</p> <p>Vote April Purkiss, A Leader Who Listens.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER, LAKE ELSINORE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 1</p> <p>MARYBETH SLANE OCCUPATION: Appointed Incumbent EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:</p> <p>I am honored to have served as an appointed Lake Elsinore School Board Trustee for the past year and a half. During that time, the pandemic presented us with a multitude of challenges. However, working as a team, we kept to our priorities and provided quality education to our students in the safest way possible.</p> <p>I have had the distinct privilege to live and work in our community for over 30 years. In that time, I worked as an LEUSD teacher, site administrator, district administrator, school substitute and volunteer. Presently, two of my daughters work as teachers in our district, and ten of my grandchildren attend, or have attended our schools. So as you can imagine, education is my life's passion!</p> <p>As a seated board member, I bring a broad perspective that includes detailed knowledge of the district, an ability to be objective and fair, a deep commitment to the educational process, and an appreciation of the diverse needs of our students and community.</p> <p>In the future, I will continue to keep an open mind and the objectivity to make the best decisions. I will devote the time and energy that the district deserves to see in its board members.</p>

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER,
LAKE ELSINORE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 2,
SHORT TERM**

JENNETTE VANDERPOOL

AGE: 41

**OCCUPATION: Education Strategist
EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:**

I am Jennette Vanderpool EdD. A retired LEUSD special education administrator, Teacher and Professor who retired after 17 years in public and private education because I saw that the only real way to make a change is at the school board, state or federal level. I am an advocate for student and parents rights to obtain a FREE and APPROPRIATE education. As a mother of 3 young children who attend LEUSD schools and former LEUSD administrator I understand first hand what the problems are and therefore what the solutions are. I have a doctorate in Educational Leadership and Educational Psychology from USC, Masters in Education from APU and BS in Kinesiology along with 3 teaching and administrative credentials. Student physical and emotional safety, career path development, financial literacy and keeping schools free of mask mandates are just a few of my top priorities. I am honored to be chosen as the voice of those in Canyon Lake, Canyon Hills and Tuscany Hills and will always represent you if elected. Vote Vanderpool. Let's make a change together!

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER,
LAKE ELSINORE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 2,
SHORT TERM**

GENIE KELLEY

**OCCUPATION: Appointed Incumbent
EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:**

We stand at a critical time. Everyone has been affected over the past two years. After witnessing COVID caused learning gaps, personally in my family, and as a serving member of the LEUSD School Board, I experienced an intrinsic call to action. The need has never been greater to strengthen our system and advance our achievements by working harmoniously with all parties: parents, teachers, administrators, board members and our community all in one thriving symphony. In such a vital time, we have no room for risk. This is a time to bet on experience, commitment, leadership and knowledge. I bring 32 years of teaching experience in this district. I was named Elementary Teacher of the Year 2017. I served 13 years (two as Mayor) as a Lake Elsinore City Councilwoman. I hold a master's degree in Curriculum with an emphasis on diversity. I currently serve on the Board of Directors for The Boys and Girls Clubs of Southwest Riverside County. I have raised my family in Lake Elsinore since 1984. Serving the community is what I have known for years. It is my honor to serve you, your families and children while looking to a brighter future.

<p style="text-align: center;">CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER, LAKE ELSINORE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 5</p> <p>CHRISTOPHER “CHRIS” MCDONALD AGE: 61 OCCUPATION: School Board Member / Environmental Manager EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:</p> <p>I have proudly served the Lake Elsinore Unified School District Board Trustee Area 5 since 2018. I have lived since 1997 in Horsethief Canyon with my wife of 39 years and raised two kids who attended LEUSD schools. My wife has been a Teacher in LEUSD for over 20 years. I am not a “politician” and I have never approached this service with any agenda other than what is in the best interest of the Students, Teachers, and Staff of LEUSD.</p> <p>I am proud of the work I have helped to accomplish over the past 4 years. The Board has dealt with fires, floods, and a Pandemic. We also opened the first new school in the district in many years and breathed new life into the vacant and shuttered Jean Hayman Elementary. We have invested in Solar Power projects, a new practice gym at Elsinore High, affordable teacher housing for new teachers and numerous enhancements of our other campuses.</p> <p>All of this work has been performed with the best interests of students, teachers and staff in mind. There were hard decisions but we faced them head on and I am proud of the work we did.</p> <p>www.McDonald4LEUSD.com</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER, LAKE ELSINORE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 5</p> <p>JILL LEONARD AGE: 62 OCCUPATION: Parental Rights Advocate EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:</p> <p>I've lived in Lake Elsinore for 37 years. I am married, and all my children graduated from LEUSD schools. I'm fortunate that they were given an opportunity to attend award winning schools of excellence at a time when a quality education was the standard.</p> <p>After hearing about California's failing schools - that the basics in education had been replaced by political agendas - I began attending LEUSD school board meetings. We must do better.</p> <p>I watched as desperate and angry parents' calls for the removal of inappropriate sexuality education and divisive CRT from the classroom fell on deaf ears. Despite pleas from parents and teachers, feckless school board members hid behind illegal state mask mandates.</p> <p>I quickly realized LEUSD was working for government bureaucrats rather than students and parental rights.</p> <p>With my own children grown, I have time to give back. I'm running for school board to bring an era of accountability and transparency to LEUSD.</p> <p>I'll fight for parental rights, true educational needs of students through a back to basics education, and school safety.</p> <p>I'm endorsed by Sheriff Chad Bianco.</p> <p>I would appreciate your vote.</p> <p>If you have questions, don't hesitate to contact me:</p> <p>909.289.5344 jillleonard@gmail.com Facebook - Jill Leonard for LEUSD Instagram - jill4leusd</p>

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER,
MORENO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 1**

ALFREDO DIARTE

AGE: 39

OCCUPATION: Telecommunications Worker

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I am a High School Graduate and father of 5 children, 3 of which attend our school district. I know exactly the struggles we as parents face in our school district. I experience it first hand with my own children. Which makes me a perfect candidate for this office. I am one of you. I am concerned about the direction of our school education. If elected to office. I will only vote for and support policies that are in the best interest of parents and students. I will ensure parental rights over their school children. I will ensure mask and vaccine mandates stay out of our schools. I will ensure that Critical Race Theory stay out of our school curriculum. I will ensure safer schools for our children. This November vote for me.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER,
MORENO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 1**

JAIRO RUIZ

AGE: 45

OCCUPATION: Construction Superintendent

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I am running for the MVUSD School Board because I am invested in this community. I attended schools in MVUSD. I attended Moreno Elementary, Mountain View Middle School and graduated in 1996 from Valley View High School. I now have 2 children of my own who attend schools in the district. I feel that I can bring value to the board and its diverse needs.

In my field, I not only oversee and manage many employees, but also manage strict budgets and tight deadlines in a business environment. I owe part of my success to my father, Romelio Ruiz, who instilled in me the importance of education and service to my community.

Community members and teachers alike have a job to educate our children responsibly and it is essential to establish and work in cohesion towards a common goal. I look forward to serving all the families of this wonderful district

I would be honored and humbled by receiving your vote on election day

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER,
MORENO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 1**

JEFFREY J. GIBA

AGE: 69

OCCUPATION: Teacher

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I am Jeffrey Giba. Retired Science STEM Teacher, Retired Veteran, Past Planning Commissioner, Past City Councilmember, Current Secondary School Substitute Teacher.

As a Teacher, Navy Veteran and Councilmember, I am uniquely qualified to bring safer schools and put the Educational needs of every student as the highest priority.

My commitment is toward a MVUSD that provides Students and Teachers with the tools, skills and materials for future success!

There is much more work for the academic preparation of our students and the necessity to place the concerns of our Parents, Students and Teachers at the technological forefront.

I will:

- Work to develop a district wide safety program to help reduce criminal elements, protect our school sites and improve safety for students and staff
- Listen to the needs and concerns of ALL of our parents, student & teachers
- Develop processes of ethical oversight and accountability
- Work together to reprioritize needs and concerns of all our school sites
- Aid in updating our District Policies, ensuring MVUSD has clear objectives for the future
- Develop programs that greatly improve and provide students and staff with skills and tools for success

Please join me in placing MVUSD on the right track for everyone.

<p style="text-align: center;">CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER, MURRIETA VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 1, FULL TERM</p> <p>DR. TAKESHA COOPER AGE: 47 OCCUPATION: Teacher / Doctor / Parent EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:</p> <p>Dear Neighbor,</p> <p>As your incumbent Murrieta Valley Unified School District representative, it has been my honor to serve you. I have <u>two children who attend our schools</u>, and I train doctors at a public university to listen, learn and provide the best care for patients in our community. I have witnessed how education changes lives. For the last nine years, I have volunteered on district committees, and I have <u>unanimous support</u> from all board members.</p> <p>As a physician who works with children and parents, <u>I understand the challenges families face</u>, as well as the improvements we must make to ensure our schools are safe learning environments.</p> <p>I will work to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote <u>ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE</u> for all • <u>SUPPORT PARENT RIGHTS</u> and strengthen parent engagement • Invest in <u>SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL RESOURCES</u> for all students • Demand <u>TRANSPARENCY</u> and promote <u>FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY</u> <p>MVUSD has strong academic and performing arts programs, winning athletic teams, and Career Technical Education pathways where students learn skills and earn certification to get a job out of high school. Let's expand on the excellent work underway in our Exemplary School District, rated #1 in the region by <u>niche.com</u>. I appreciate your vote and support.</p> <p>Visit www.votedrcooper.com</p> <p>Sincerely, Dr. Takesha Cooper, MD</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER, MURRIETA VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 1, FULL TERM</p> <p>NICOLAS PARDUE AGE: 51 OCCUPATION: Economics Teacher / Parent EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:</p> <p>I have been blessed to raise my children here in Murrieta. My wife and I have dedicated our lives to education, and volunteering in numerous youth programs over the years.</p> <p>I am a proud US Army Veteran, and US History & Economics teacher with a Masters in Educational Administration.</p> <p>Safe schools are my priority and we need to make sure our School Board reflects the values and concerns of our community.</p> <p>I believe parents are critical partners in education. The School Board's job is to set policy that ensures our students receive a high quality education in a safe environment.</p> <p>Political agendas should not be pushed onto our children. They deserve to have a childhood without being pawns for activists.</p> <p>High academic standards and achievement needs to be celebrated. All students deserve choices in their academic studies. Education should not be a cookie cutter setting where "All Kids" pursue the exact same goal.</p> <p>I support Charter Schools and career paths that are not limited to College. I support diversity of thought and equality of opportunity, not equality in outcomes. Transparency and communication with ALL parents is my goal.</p> <p>I would appreciate your vote. www.pardueforschoolboard.com</p>

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER,
MURRIETA VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 2,
FULL TERM**

NANCY YOUNG

OCCUPATION: Public School Teacher

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I will champion all students, both academically and emotionally so that they achieve their highest potential. As a parent of two sons who attended public school, and as a public-school teacher for 34 years in the Valley, I understand the points of view of parents, teachers, and students alike. I support your rights as a parent in your child's education. I've been selected by the County to mentor new teachers to strengthen their partnership with parents, while improving teaching and classroom management skills. My Master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction enables me to focus on the continuation of exceptional academic opportunities for students in MVUSD. Murrieta has the highest test scores in Riverside County and is one of the best School Districts statewide, and as a Board Member I will further that success while maintaining fiscal responsibility with your tax dollars. I will protect our District's great variety of top-tier programs, including arts, music, technology, and athletics. The safety of students is vital, and I support the ongoing presence of Murrieta Police Department school resource officers on all MVUSD campuses. I have been involved in local community organizations including Animal Friends of the Valley and Santa Rosa Plateau.

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**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER,
MURRIETA VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 2,
FULL TERM**

COURTNEY COOPER

AGE: 36

OCCUPATION: Nurse Practitioner

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I am a NP and have been practicing medicine in our community since 2015. I am married with 2 children in MVUSD schools. I am a strong advocate for medical autonomy, mask choice, parental rights, campus safety, mental health resources, and healthy food on campuses.

I am against the political/ideological indoctrination of our youth through Critical Race Theory or inappropriate sexual education. I fully support curriculum transparency and a parent's right to opt their child out of courses and lesson plans that don't align with their family's cultural or religious beliefs.

I will fight to preserve your child's innocence by seeking swift and certain action against anyone caught physically, verbally, or sexually abusing a student.

I want to bring our curriculum back to the basics, ensuring our students receive the best education for a successful future.

I will make educated decisions regarding public health, current infection rates, and weigh the benefits versus risks of suggested school closures and curriculum mandates coming from Sacramento. No decision will be made from fear or for extra funding at your child's expense.

I look forward to serving our district with integrity. VOTE COURTNEY FOR THE KIDS.

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**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER,
MURRIETA VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 2,
FULL TERM**

JEFF HOGGARD

AGE: 67

OCCUPATION: Retired Youth Counselor

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I am a native Californian, Murrieta resident, Avaxat elementary school parent and PTA member. B.A. from U.C.S.B, retired peace officer with over 30 years experience counseling special needs children and youth in the juvenile justice system.

Like many of you, we moved to Murrieta in part due to the excellent schools. Since 2020 there has been a unprecedented assault on these schools from our misguided leaders in Sacramento, who against all evidence mandated school closures and masks. These policies have caused real academic, mental health, and economic damage to Murrieta families and children. I know people who had to quit jobs to watch their children learn "on-line". These same leaders have proposed vaccine mandates for children, teaching critical race theory disguised as "ethnic studies", and gender "flexability" for young children. Our present school board members say and do nothing about these radical policies.

Common sense and fact based policies should be education's priorities not politics. If elected I will pursue policies that enable children to achieve their educational and vocational goals, and not see themselves as "victims" or "oppressors" according to the color of their skin, or forced to home school due to extreme policy.

SAVE OUR SCHOOLS

<p style="text-align: center;">CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER, MURRIETA VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 3, SHORT TERM</p> <p>JULIE VANDEGRIFT AGE: 59 OCCUPATION: Retired Homeschool Mother EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:</p> <p>The fourth pandemic school year is under way and families worry: Will schools be open all year? Will students be required to mask and submit to Covid vaccines and tests? The open-ended State of Emergency drives a continuing exodus from public schools.</p> <p>Meanwhile, as medical, cultural and political skirmishes rage in school districts throughout the state, California's highest-in-the-nation adult illiteracy rate, 23.1% (www.worldpopulationreview.com), is ignored.</p> <p>As one of twelve children (including a disabled sister) raised on a small Midwestern farm and the mother of six adult children, I am dedicated to caring for people and working diligently to meet the challenges of the moment. I have been married for 37 years and have lived in Murrieta since 1990.</p> <p>I received a B.A. in Business Administration at Cardinal Newman College in Florissant, Missouri, completed studies for a Paralegal Certificate at University of San Diego, and worked for five years in the financial services sector before leaving the work force to raise my children.</p> <p>As your school board member, I will work to improve educational stability, maximize local control of our schools and be responsive to the concerns of our most important stakeholders--parents, students, and teachers.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER, MURRIETA VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 3, SHORT TERM</p> <p>ELLEN LARSON AGE: 66 OCCUPATION: Appointed Incumbent EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:</p> <p>Every child learning, whatever it takes. My thirty plus years of experience as a parent volunteer and leader in Murrieta uniquely position me to continue to serve as a Board Member for MVUSD. As a parent and grandparent of past and current MVUSD students, I believe parents are the most important voice for determining what is best for their child. This focus helped MVUSD consistently be ranked as the number one school district in the region. My perspective and knowledge of the district and public education provide me with the skills needed to be a competent, productive Board Member. I have been involved in the Murrieta community through PTA at school and district levels and through church service and leadership. Working as a Family Engagement Consultant, I train and support parents, teachers, and schools to create effective action-oriented family programs. Thriving partnerships between our committed parents and incredible teachers are vital to student success and I will continue to advocate to strengthen and improve these efforts. I will work collaboratively in the district and in the community to support and improve the learning, opportunities, and achievement of all students.</p> <p>Visit www.EllenLarson4MurrietaSchoolBoard.com or my Facebook page.</p>

<p style="text-align: center;">CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER, PALM SPRINGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 5</p> <p>KADEN CROSS AGE: 18 OCCUPATION: Student / Tour Guide EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:</p> <p>As a recent graduate of Desert Hot Springs High School, I am keenly aware of the struggles our local schools face, including low academic performance and standards, safety concerns, a lack of resources and funding for extracurriculars and special education programs, and district inaction. I have frequently attended and spoken at board meetings and have felt unheard. Vote for me and I will ensure that your voice is heard and that your tax dollars are used properly and efficiently to provide our youth with a quality education. If elected I will do no less then visiting all twenty-seven schools within my trustee area and the district and making myself continually available for contact and meetings with students, teachers, parents, community members and school administrators. I can be reached at crossfordhs@gmail.com or my personal number 760-902-8653.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER, PALM SPRINGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 5</p> <p>JOHN GERARDI OCCUPATION: Incumbent EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:</p> <p>It has genuinely been my honor and privilege to represent the greater Desert Hot Springs community over the last eight years on the PSUSD Governing Board. My work on the Board and my background as a Community College Professor and Certified Public Accountant give me the qualifications and experience to continue in this vital position.</p> <p>I will continue to work hard, focus on student achievement, and support ongoing professional development opportunities as we prepare our students with essential life, communication, and critical thinking skills they need for future success.</p> <p>I will continue to provide fiscal oversight to ensure that District funds are appropriately allocated, teachers and staff are fairly compensated, and our schools are funded equitably.</p> <p>I understand the unique diversity of our community. Therefore, I will continue to be a strong advocate for our schools, parents, and students, championing our successes and finding workable solutions to our educational needs.</p> <p>Communities are judged by the quality of their schools; therefore, my top priority is to provide a well-rounded education to every child in a safe, healthy, and stimulating learning environment. Students must be encouraged to achieve their goals and grow into thoughtful, competent adults.</p> <p>I ask for your vote.</p>

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER,
RIVERSIDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 1**

DUFFY ATKINSON

AGE: 56

OCCUPATION: Energy Sales

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Fellow Riversiders, our children deserve better. Extended COVID shutdowns set many students back academically at least a year. We need to return RUSD to a track of parent-district transparency and collaboration, fiscal responsibility, and student academic achievement across ALL grade levels. This can be accomplished in a safe environment for our kids and teachers, but only under the right leadership.

I possess the people skills and years of financial and business experience to make the decisions required to effectively guide policy. I will fight for parental input about curriculum that is appropriate to teach our kids, rather than allow our priorities and values be dictated to us through profit-driven and dangerous ideologies. I vow to stretch every budget dollar and create success pathways for ALL students.

I earned my Bachelor of Business Administration from the University of San Diego and have worked in Sales & Business Development for almost 15 years in renewable energy and power resiliency. My wife, Liz, a 32-year veteran bilingual teacher, site principal and district office administrator, and I live in Riverside with our two children, one attendee and one graduate of RUSD.

Vote for me on November 8th. I will be your voice!

<http://www.duffy4rusd.com/>

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**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER,
RIVERSIDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 1**

DR. NOEMI HERNANDEZ ALEXANDER

AGE: 47

OCCUPATION: Professor

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Dear Neighbor,

As the ONLY CANDIDATE that is both an educator with TEACHING EXPERIENCE and a MOM with kids currently in the district, I am personally invested in the success of our schools.

I am a professor at a local university, and I have devoted my life to teaching and mentoring young people. As Trustee, I am committed to SERVE STUDENTS, REPRESENT PARENTS, AND SUPPORT EDUCATORS.

As a PARENT, I empathize with parents who expect their schools to value, protect, and empower their children.

As an EDUCATOR, I understand the importance of supporting TEACHERS AND STAFF with the resources they need to teach effectively.

My family and I came to your door, and we listened. As a board member, you have my ear: I will be honest with you and exercise fiscal stewardship. I will work hard to:

- Support the Delivery of High-Quality Education
- Prioritize the Safety of Our Students
- Prepare Students for College and Career

I will do everything in my power to ensure that our students receive the highest quality education, are physically and emotionally safe, and are college and career ready.

Sincerely,

Noemi Hernandez Alexander, Ph.D.

Please visit www.votedrnoemi.com or follow me at @votedrnoemi to learn more.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER,
RIVERSIDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 1**

AZIN MOBASHER

AGE: 56

OCCUPATION: Parent, Volunteer

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

A residence of Riverside for 15 years, I have raised two children who studied through the Riverside Unified School District (RUSD) system. I have been an active member of the community with particular interest in education at all levels. I was a founding member of the Riverside STEM Academy, ranked the 4th (in 2020) and 10th (in 2021) among all high schools in California. I have served as a volunteer and a voice for parents on many educational committees over the last ten years. Because of the services to our schools, I received the RUSD Board of Education Presidential Award in 2020.

I graduated with two bachelor's degrees (BS) in Computer Science and Microbiology, and a Doctorate in Virology. My combined experience as mother, student, educator, and a long-time PTA volunteer has formed my vision about our schools to provide the best possible education for our children from kindergarten to high school. I understand that the needs, aspirations, and priorities of K-12 students vary depending on their grade. I will work on, and support specific programs tailored for each level (<https://azin4rusd.com>).

If elected, this will be my only job and I will serve in this capacity FULL-TIME with no distractions.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER,
RIVERSIDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 1**

ANDREW WOODARD

OCCUPATION: Riverside Businessman / Parent

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Born and raised in Riverside, I'm a proud graduate of the Riverside Unified School District (RUSD). I married my high school sweetheart, Chelsea, and we're raising our children in Riverside. They're both students in the Riverside Unified School District, just like we were. I'm running to ensure every student receives a high-quality education and the tools needed to compete in the modern workforce.

As a Riverside Unified School District Trustee, I will be a strong voice for parents and their children:

- Work collaboratively with parents
- Keep students and campuses safe
- Focus on mental health
- Enhance college readiness programs
- Expand career pathways and technical training
- Maintain our balanced budget and reserve fund

I'm dedicated to giving back to our community. Chelsea and I started our family business in Riverside, where we've helped many local groups, including Habitat for Humanity. I served as President of the PICK Group of Young Professionals, where I helped graduates prepare for the workforce. I serve on the Board of Directors for Meals on Wheels, as Chair of the Raincross Group Economic Development Committee, and as President of the Arlington Business Council.

I'm endorsed by parents, business owners, teachers, first responders, retiring RUSD Area 1 Trustee Kathy Allavie, RUSD Trustee Tom Hunt, Councilmember Chuck Condor, and many others. I would be honored to receive your vote.

Andrew Woodard

www.andrewwoodard.com

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER,
RIVERSIDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 5**

BRENT LEE

AGE: 41

OCCUPATION: Governing Board Member, TA 5, Riverside
Unified School District

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

As a native of Riverside and parent to 3 RUSD students, I am deeply committed to our community. It has been a privilege to serve you on the Riverside School Board since 2013.

Promises fulfilled:

- Graduation Rate: Increased to 94.4%.
- College Readiness: Increased UC/CS qualified graduates to 57.4%.
- Class Size: Decreased 8.1%.
- Career Technical Education: Increased pathway opportunities to include: Advanced Manufacturing, Transportation/Logistics, Healthcare, and Energy/Construction/Utilities.

Innovative Solutions:

- School Safety/Well-Being: increased resources to further secure schools and train staff; additional counselors to prioritize student well-being.
- Science, Technology, Engineering, Math (STEM): Creating a district-wide STEM plan; investing funds to provide 21st century equitable access for every student at every school.
- Arts Education: Allocated \$10M to provide every student access to arts and music.
- Facilities: Effectively investing \$392M+ to repair/upgrade Riverside schools, science labs, career-training facilities, new facilities.

As a parent and business owner, I have a vested interest in the success of all students. It would be an honor to earn your vote and expand the success we have been achieving together.

Humbly,

Brent Lee, M.B.A.

President, Board of Education

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<p style="text-align: center;">CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER, SAN JACINTO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 5, FULL TERM</p> <p>NALAISHA BURNETT AGE: 38 OCCUPATION: Parent / Business Owner EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:</p> <p>I am a mother of four and San Jacinto resident of 15 years. I was a TK teacher for 3 years and a homeschool mom for 10 years. I have volunteered in the community through various programs that mentor youth, serve and support young mothers, and care for the members of the community for 18 years.</p> <p>I have a passion for quality education and the development of the whole child. I believe learning can happen continuously through a multitude of engagements with the child by developing a strong bridge between home, school, and community.</p> <p>As school board member I will work to provide safe, high quality education for all children in multiple education structures and create successful thriving students. I will strive to develop and grow programs that give students opportunities to explore various occupations, higher learning, and serve their community. I will work to see growth in highschool students completing dual enrollment and vocational programs, finishing highschool with a greater ability to succeed in their chosen career. My aim is to create a transparent board with teachers and families experiencing successful communication and accountability.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER, SAN JACINTO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 5, FULL TERM</p> <p>DEBORAH REX AGE: 57 OCCUPATION: School Volunteer Incumbent EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:</p> <p>I am a long-term member of the San Jacinto community and familiar with our education system and its unique needs. My husband of 37 years is a middle school teacher and we raised our family here. Our four children graduated from San Jacinto High School and our grandchildren attended our Dual Immersion school. I am also an active member of my church participating in various community service projects, teaching the youth, and serving at Valley Restart.</p> <p>During my time on the school board, my priority has always been the safety and success of our students and staff. I am convinced we can offer quality education to all students within the district. To accomplish this, we have built multiple schools, enhanced SJHS programs with a pool, and increased our Career Technical pathways, to ensure each and every student has a pathway to become productive citizens.</p> <p>I commit to devote my time, talents and energy to the success of every SJUSD student. I commit to use my hard won experience as a board member, parent, and grandparent to support our teachers, staff, parents and families to the best of my ability. Finally, I commit to always lead with integrity, consistency, and a focus on students.</p>

<p style="text-align: center;">CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER, TEMECULA VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 1, SHORT TERM</p> <p>ALLISON BARCLAY OCCUPATION: Non-Profit CEO EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:</p> <p>As a mother of four, 10-year Temecula resident and CEO of Boys & Girls Clubs of North County, I am passionate about education for the youth of our community. I have been deeply involved in volunteer service throughout my life and consider it a privilege to use my time to serve others. I have been involved in PTA, Boy Scouts, Pop Warner, served as Rotary Club President, as well as volunteered countless hours in the schools. It has been an honor to serve as an appointed member of the Governing Board for the last year and am excited to continue in this service. As a Governing Board member I am committed to advocating for all students, ensuring our kids graduate from high school prepared for the future. I believe with my experience I can continue to champion the best interests of our students, parents, teachers, staff and community. I will fight for fiscal responsibility, open and honest communication, equitable access to a quality education for all and prioritize safety on our campuses. Working together we can create a path to success for all students in Temecula.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER, TEMECULA VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 1, SHORT TERM</p> <p>JASON CRAIG OCCUPATION: Mortgage Professional / Parent EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:</p> <p>I am running for school board to be an advocate for parental rights. Parents are the cornerstone of their kids' education; we are raising the future. I want to ensure teachers and administrators are held accountable, and our kids achieve above proficiency in reading, writing, and math.</p> <p>I am a husband and proud father of two future leaders here in Temecula Valley. As a college graduate, I understand the importance of strong educational leaders at an early age. We need strong leadership in this school district and it's time for a change. It's time to put our future first!</p> <p>I will fight to restore parental rights, and regain their trust.</p> <p>I will ensure age appropriate curriculum.</p> <p>I will prioritize safe schools and a welcoming classroom environment.</p> <p>In my profession, it is paramount to treat EVERYONE with the same consideration on their path toward home ownership. The same principle should be applied to students and education. Schools should provide a quality education that will prepare them, and give them hope for a successful and prosperous future.</p> <p>I'm proud to be endorsed by Sheriff Chad Bianco.</p> <p>I would appreciate your vote!</p> <p>Email: Jason4TVUSD@gmail.com</p> <p>I-@JCraig4TVUSD</p>

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER,
TEMECULA VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 2,
FULL TERM**

SANDY HINKSON

OCCUPATION: Retired Teacher

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

As a former district parent and a retired teacher with twenty-two years of classroom experience, I will continue to bring professional and personal experience to the TVUSD Governing Board. Over the eight years I served on the board, I helped expand career technical education programs and student access to the Arts, supported modernizing science and engineering programs, put smart technology in classrooms, and invested in 1:1 student devices.

My focus continues to be on excellence in education, and giving all of our students, every single one of them, the professional, academic, and emotional support they need to graduate career capable and college ready. As a retired teacher, I know that good teaching matters and that successful districts acquire and train high quality teachers. As a parent, I know the value of extracurricular activities on my child's wellbeing, the importance of parents as team members in their child's education, and how valuable a great public-school district is to a community.

I am vested in ensuring our schools are safe, and our students get what they need to be successful, move on to becoming productive citizens, and are equipped to shape a better future for us all.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER,
TEMECULA VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 2,
FULL TERM**

DANNY GONZALEZ

AGE: 39

OCCUPATION: Parent / Business Owner

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

The most important and rewarding job I have is being father to my two elementary school-aged kids, both enrolled in TVUSD schools. I believe our school district can be the example of excellence in California, so long as parents like myself have a voice in their children's education.

Parents are now treated like obstacles instead of partners with their teachers in their child's education. As a citizen candidate for school board I will boldly:

- Stand with parents, and advocate for parental rights as the cornerstone of their kid's education, not barriers.
- Fight for excellence through a back-to-basics, age-appropriate curriculum.
- Stand up against Comprehensive Sexuality Education and Critical Race Theory.

As a Hispanic man, I reject the philosophy that we live in a systemically racist society. Prioritizing educational needs based on race, gender, or anything other than the individual needs of each student only divides us as a community.

As a school board member, I will fight to bring TVUSD back to the era of excellence that represents our community, our families, and our future. I am proudly endorsed by Riverside County Sheriff Chad Bianco.

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**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER,
TEMECULA VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 3,
FULL TERM**

BARBARA BROSCH

AGE: 46

OCCUPATION: Incumbent

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I am a 30-year resident of Temecula, graduate of TVHS, and a Navy veteran wife of 23 years. As a parent of two TVUSD graduates, I believe in providing an environment where every student has access to quality teaching, in a safe, inclusive environment free from discrimination. Schools supporting the social and emotional wellbeing of every student and developing college or career ready graduates will create young adults with bright futures. While President of the Chaparral Education Foundation, I worked to ensure all students have the means to participate in activities such as art and sports programs.

Four years ago, you elected me to represent the voice of our students, parents, and educators to Governing Board meetings. Every parent has the right to advocate for their child. I listened. I established the need to hire social workers on every campus! I advocated the creation of a TVUSD Safety Director to continue the vigilance in providing safe schools with strict discipline policies against drugs, violence, and bullying on campuses. Career Technical Education programs should expand within our schools, providing students multiple pathways for post high school success.

Vote Brosch to continue creating safe spaces and expanded learning opportunities for students!

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER,
TEMECULA VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 3,
FULL TERM**

JENNIFER "JEN" WIERSMA

OCCUPATION: Educational Event Specialist

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Jen4TVUSD.com

School boards MUST respect parents and represent students, NOT special interests.

As a staunch candidate for Parental Rights, I'll defend your ability to choose what is best for your child. Ideological debates and crushing mandates have distracted communities from their highest priority: Providing an excellent education for the future of all students. Schools must stay open focusing on the basics of reading, writing and arithmetic with age-appropriate curriculum and common sense.

I'll oppose masking children, forced covid vaccinations and sexualized material in our elementary schools. Creating a culture of decency and respect without divisive activism should be the standard. School safety must be addressed and as a candidate endorsed by Sheriff Chad Bianco, I will explore measures across the district.

I support charter schools. As an educational event specialist, I'll bring fresh perspective and energy to the board. Married for twenty-five years with three children who have attended TVUSD district schools, I'm committed to serving with integrity and transparency defending you as a parent, NOT a politician.

"Raise Your Voice for Change and Choice!"

Vote Jen Wiersma for TVUSD School Board Trustee Area 3.

Endorsed by Sheriff Chad Bianco & State Senator Melissa Melendez.

<p style="text-align: center;">CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER, TEMECULA VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 4, FULL TERM</p> <p>ADAM SKUMAWITZ AGE: 43 OCCUPATION: Incumbent EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:</p> <p>With your support, I was elected to the TVUSD Governing Board in 2018. As the son of a school teacher, father of three students in the district, and a former coach at TVHS and GOHS, I believe all students deserve inspiration, academic rigor, and support from our public schools. My mother, Pam, was a beloved teacher in TVUSD for nearly 20 years. My wife, Jen, is a TVHS graduate, and counselor in Temecula. Through these deep roots in the district and my time on the board, I am energized to lead our district's award-winning staff, students, and schools.</p> <p>As a graduate of Cornell University and a local business owner, I believe in fiscal responsibility, district transparency, and engaging our community through honest communication. In navigating these challenging times, we need a healthy balance of innovative thinking and decisive problem solving. I will listen to all stakeholders, unite people around common objectives through consensus, and support efficient and effective collaboration.</p> <p>I am genuinely excited to earn your trust and vote to further the success of the Temecula Valley Unified School District as your board member.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vote For Adam Skumawitz</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER, TEMECULA VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 4, FULL TERM</p> <p>DR. JOSEPH KOMROSKY AGE: 49 OCCUPATION: Parent / College Professor EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:</p> <p>It's time to better our children's education and future! I am running for School Board in Temecula Valley School District Area 4.</p> <p>I am a husband and father to a nineteen-year-old daughter and a six-year-old son. As a Christian, I believe in God, family and country. I formerly served as an Army Ranger in the armed forces, am a disabled veteran, and have twenty previous years' experience working in nuclear medicine.</p> <p>I am currently a full-time college professor, specializing in logic, critical thinking, and ethics. I teach students not <i>what</i> to think, but <i>how</i> to think for themselves. This is needed more than ever in today's academia.</p> <p>When elected to School Board, I will work with parents, students and teachers to boost educational standards and conservatively manage resources in Temecula schools, and boldly:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Defend parental rights: No state mandates • Fight for safety, and excellence in education, proper curriculum: No Critical Race Theory. No Comprehensive Sexuality Education. • Educate and advocate for reducing harmful radiation to students and staff from high RF EMF levels. <p>I've earned endorsements from Riverside County Sheriff Chad Bianco, and Temecula City Councilwoman Jessica Alexander, and I would be honored to have your vote. www.drk4tvusd.com</p>

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER,
VAL VERDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 3**

MELINDA YOUNG

OCCUPATION: Deputy Sheriff / Parent

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Dear Voters:

You have a choice. In these difficult times, it is imperative that we elect a School Board Trustee with firsthand leadership to help provide our students and teachers with the resources they need to succeed. As a district resident for 20 years, a mom and a Deputy Sheriff, I want to make sure our children have a safe environment so they can focus on their education.

Experience, commonsense leadership, commitment, and hard work are the personal attributes I will bring to the position. We need to provide more transparency to our parents and the community. Our students and their families deserve no less.

My priorities are:

- Equity for all students
- Providing a safe environment for all students
- Protecting/reducing class sizes.
- Expansion of career/vocational options.
- Working with teachers to make student-centered decisions.

I am proud to be endorsed by:

- Moreno Valley Mayor Yxstian Gutierrez
- Moreno Valley Councilman Ed Delgado
- Riverside County Sheriff Chad Bianco
- Val Verde USD Police Officers Association
- Riverside County Sheriffs Association

I would be honored to serve as your representative on the Val Verde Unified School Board, and I respectfully ask for your vote.

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**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER,
VAL VERDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 3**

QUINTIN T. HUFF

OCCUPATION: Non-Profit Director

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Thank you for the honor of considering me for your vote. My name is Quintin Travon Huff, I am a parent with students currently enrolled in the district and have over 25 years' experience working with youth, parents, and community members as a Non-Profit Director with The Amateur Athletic Union (AAU). I am running because I value education and believe in the ideals of service. I understand the social, ethical, and economic impacts facing education in our community and will provide practical and logical resolution methodologies. I have served as School Site Council President for both Lasselle Elementary (2021-2022) and Bethune Elementary (2014-2015). These positions allowed me to work closely with Site Administration and collaboratively established budgets and create innovative projects to encourage continued development of our students and community. I believe the long-term vision of the Board of Education should be to provide leadership and map out ways, to help students of diverse backgrounds, and different abilities to reach their full potential. Additionally, it is important to work together with the Val Verde Unified School District Police Department to continue to provide a safe and secure atmosphere to inspire academic excellence. I would appreciate your vote in November.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER,
VAL VERDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 3**

TY LIDDELL

OCCUPATION: Governing Board Member, Val Verde Unified School District

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

As an educator and parent with three kids currently attending Val Verde schools, I know the importance of a well-rounded education and creating opportunities for college and successful careers. I have over a decade of classroom teaching experience and am passionate about serving our community through public education.

As your current trustee and Board President, I have put my experience to work by advocating for:

- Safe schools with more support for mental health
- Advanced STEAM career choices and diverse electives
- Expanding Dual Language Immersion and literacy programs
- Recruiting and retaining highly qualified teachers and staff
- Meaningful resources for parents which support their students' success

I am committed to student-centered decisions that support parent engagement, financial transparency, and keeping our community well informed. I would appreciate your vote, and together we will continue serving and promoting opportunities for ALL students to achieve great success.

Respectfully,

Ty Liddell

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER,
VAL VERDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 4**

DANIEL AQUINO

OCCUPATION: Educator

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Buen Día Votante

As a resident of Mead Valley, I attended Manual L. Real Elementary, Tomas Rivera Middle School, and Citrus Hill High School. I went on to obtain a B.A. and start my own business. My family has lived here for decades, this is my Home. This is the community I want to raise my children in, and I want to ensure they have the best education possible.

I have a passion for education and community empowerment and have worked with youth and toddlers. I help kids achieve their goals and thrive. Every child needs the tools to do better than those who came before them. Val Verde needs to prioritize the children and staff who empower them over all else. I will keep our schools safe, happy, fun, and growing in the right direction.

My academic, professional, and personal experiences reflect my desire to empower the community and youth. I am the best candidate for our district to ensure students and staff come first, and it is through education that we will build a better home.

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**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER,
VAL VERDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 4**

CYNTHIA LEMUS

AGE: 38

OCCUPATION: Community Services Supervisor

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I am running for the Val Verde Unified School District Board, Trustee Area 4. As a mother of a Val Verde student, military wife, and long time community member I will offer balance and perspective to this group. I am passionate about bettering my community and currently serve as a Community Services Supervisor for the City of Perris. Together we can put education and safety first for our students.

I am a firm believer that everything is possible through education. Quality education can only take place by addressing the whole needs of the student. This means focusing on safety, mental and physical health, equitable teaching practices, as well as a modern curriculum.

I am watching our community grow at an amazingly rapid rate. That kind of growth requires the major organizations that provide services, like the Val Verde Unified School District, to keep up with the demands of our area. I want the opportunity to work with Val Verde to ensure they are hiring the best people available to continue delivering the quality education that they are known for.

Thank you for your vote.

<p style="text-align: center;">CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER, VAL VERDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 5</p> <p>ERIKA L ZAMORA AGE: 40 OCCUPATION: School Counselor EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:</p> <p>I am Erika Zamora, candidate for the Board of Education of the Val Verde Unified School District. I am a graduate of Val Verde schools, a former VVUSD employee of 15 years, parent of VVUSD students, and currently a public school counselor in a neighboring school district. I have an extensive and broad understanding of our community, school district and of public education. As a school board member, I will foster student-centered decision making that is collaborative, inclusive, transparent, and fiscally sound. I will advocate and stand up for the diverse needs of our district and our community by establishing and maintaining trust with the community, district, and staff to ensure that all voices are heard. As a school counselor and parent of 4, I am aware of the challenges our schools face, however, I firmly believe it is up to the school board, district, staff, and community to work together as a team to ensure that our students are safe and supported with the resources they need to be mentally healthy and academically successful.</p> <p>Vote for me, Erika Zamora for VVUSD School Board, Trustee Area 5</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER, VAL VERDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 5</p> <p>JULIO C. GONZALEZ AGE: 46 OCCUPATION: Educator EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:</p> <p>As the father of three children attending schools within the Val Verde Unified School District and a citizen who pays property and Mello-Roos taxes, I have a vested interest in our district.</p> <p>As a high school and college student, I spent my summers working in agricultural fields and other labor jobs, which taught me the value of hard work and the importance of having a solid academic foundation. I went on to earn both a bachelor's degree and a master's degree. For 22 years, I have worked at local colleges and a university, serving our students and community.</p> <p>My priority as a Board member has been to provide more educational opportunities for students and the community. I have also worked to ensure that our students have well-built, clean, and safe schools. Over the last eight years as a Val Verde Unified Board Member, our district's graduation rate, career and technical education completion rate, and college-going rate have significantly increased. I believe that my work is not done and that there is more that we can do to continue making the Val Verde Unified School District the best district for my children, your children, and all children in our community.</p>

<p style="text-align: center;">CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER, PERRIS UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 1</p> <p>STEVE CAMPOS OCCUPATION: Educator EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:</p> <p>I am aware of the state of public education. Safety is always priority number one. I will work hard to ensure that school sites are safe and that Administrators have the resources they need to ensure everyone's safety.</p> <p>My goal is to partner with parents and community stakeholders. I want to listen to your concerns/needs, and then work to find a way to meet them. I want to listen to teacher and para-educators concerns to ensure that your needs are met. I understand what you need in order for you to do your job to the best of your ability. I will help you maintain a strong professional contract with appropriate professional working conditions.</p> <p>I support opportunities to create strong CTE programs for students who are ready to move into exciting careers or for those who choose to pursue higher education. By working with all stakeholders, this can be accomplished and will ensure that students are prepared for adulthood when they leave a PUHSD school.</p> <p>All of this needs to be done to ensure students will treasure their time and experience in PUHSD schools.</p> <p>I would be honored to have your vote of support. Vote Campos for Trustee Area 1.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER, PERRIS UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 1</p> <p>RANDALL FREEMAN AGE: 67 OCCUPATION: Retired Teacher EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:</p> <p>I am seeking re-election to the Perris Union High School District Governing Board. I have conscientiously served the students, staff, and families of the Perris Union High School District for the past four years. I previously served on the Menifee Union School District for ten years. My goal is, and has always been, to prioritize the students, staff, and my community above all else.</p>

<p style="text-align: center;">CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER, PERRIS UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 5</p> <p>JOSHUA D. NAGGAR AGE: 43 OCCUPATION: Attorney / Broker EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:</p> <p>Hey Perris! My name is Joshua D. Naggar and I am a former Marine Infantry Sergeant, attorney, real estate broker, and business owner; and I am running for P.U.H.S.D. Trustee for Area 5!</p> <p>I was born and raised in California, deployed with the 24th Marine Expedition Unit, was decorated for leadership, and was honorably discharged.</p> <p>I attended the University of Redlands on academic scholarship, received my legal education from the University of Illinois, and was recognized with the highest honor in the college's Trial Advocacy Program, "Excellence in Trial Advocacy."</p> <p>I am involved in the Perris community, and I am a Past-President of the Perris Valley Chamber of Commerce, current President of the Friends of the Southern California Fair Foundation, County of Riverside Workforce Development Board Member, and I'm on the Citizens Oversight Committee for the school district bond funds.</p> <p>My classroom experience includes time as a substitute teacher as well as years of volunteer experience with N.B.E.C.H.S. in Nuevo.</p> <p>I am running for an open trustee seat to inspire young people, provide good oversight, and continue to add value to our community!</p> <p>Please vote for Joshua D. Naggar for P.U.H.S.D. Area 5 Trustee!</p> <p>Vote4Joshua.com Info@Vote4Joshua.com</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER, PERRIS UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 5</p> <p>EDWARD GARCIA JR. AGE: 42 OCCUPATION: District Security EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:</p> <p>As a local stakeholder, I am asking for your vote for the Perris Union School Board in the upcoming election. I am an inspired Latino dedicated to helping the community and our future. As a father of 2, I know the importance of a great education system. We, as a community, need to ensure we are doing the best for our youth.</p> <p>I have proven leadership in my community and want to make sure we have a better district for our community and our future students, I want to make sure we strive for fiscal solvency and put students first.</p> <p>We need someone who understands the financials, the short-term and long-term effects of our decisions on our youth, and someone who will make sure the process is open and transparent.</p> <p>Please vote for me, Edward Garcia, for Perris Union School Board</p>

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER,
MENIFEE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 3**

J. KYLE ROOT

AGE: 50

OCCUPATION: Firefighter

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

As your representative for MUSD Trustee Area 3 for the past 4 years, I remain honored to represent you on the Board of Menifee Union School District and I'm proud to have earned your trust. When not serving on the school board, I'm also a firefighter that has served the residents of Southern California since 1994, an 18-year Menifee resident, and father of 2 boys that attended our Menifee schools. My wife has also been a teacher in the Menifee School District since 2006.

I promised you during my first campaign that I would fight to have honesty, integrity, and transparency brought into MUSD from our top leadership to our newest employee. I feel that we as your elected board have done just that and much more in the past 4 years. However, we still have a lot of work to be done for our students. School security needs to remain one of our top priorities, as well as student support and test scores. Lastly, we need to continue to support our incredible teachers and staff.

I would be honored to earn your vote and continue being your dedicated and passionate leader that our Students and Families deserve.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER,
MENIFEE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 3**

DENNIS A. REGUS

AGE: 46

OCCUPATION: Education Administrator / Teacher

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I believe in a world that values curiosity and discussion. As a board member I will continually work towards instilling these ideas in our classrooms. We learn best when we are curious and curiosity can infuse our students learning everyday. My family and I have lived in Menifee for 15 years and I grew up in the valley as well. As a school board member I will represent the needs of students, parents, and the community in an honest, compassionate, and ethical way. I was a classroom teacher for 12 years, a district level administrator for 6 years, and for the past 3 years I have worked for the Riverside County Office of Education as a mathematics teaching and learning specialist. I believe my experience at all levels of education, TK-12, make me uniquely qualified for the school board. All of our children deserve the best, most engaging, and relevant education possible so that they are prepared for the future they choose. I will diligently represent my constituents and help guide the decision making of the Menifee USD leadership team.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER,
NUVIEW UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT**

ABEL CHAVEZ

OCCUPATION: Teacher / Parent

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Our school system in Nuevo has seen a decline in ratings and test scores for too long. I am here to fix that issue. As a teacher and a parent I have seen success in my class, my school, and my home and I want to share my success with the town I grew up in.

Through my professional experience as a Chemistry Teacher, I've discovered a passion for servant-leadership and continuous improvement. I volunteered to take the lead for a curriculum-based planning committee for the Science Department. In this role, I facilitated group discussions to improve curriculum plans for the upcoming weeks. I utilized test scores as a metric to determine the curriculum that needed improved teaching strategies so our students could get the most value from their learning.

Our district needs to create a system to define the scope and sequence of standards taught, remove unnecessary lessons, and implement proven teaching strategies to ensure high value learning.

I come with experience to perform all of the functions of a school board member and I am eager to devote the time and energy that this community deserves to make our children the leaders of tomorrow.

I appreciate your vote.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER,
NUVIEW UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT**

JAIME SANCHEZ

AGE: 40

OCCUPATION: Small Business Owner

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Education is the gateway to future success for students from elementary level through the high school experience.

As a lifetime resident of Nuevo and parent of six children who attended, graduated or are presently enrolled at Nuvview Union School District, quality education has high priority in my family.

The pandemic and lockdowns affected a portion of our students who have lost valuable educational instruction. I will work hard to see that every student is evaluated and receives additional instruction to enhance individual achievement.

As a business owner, I am interested in efficient budgeting of funding allocated in the interest of students and taxpayers. Teachers are the backbone of our District's four schools and require adequate instructional dollars budgeted for salaries, classroom supplies and equipment. Administrative costs require strong board oversight keeping students the priority of the District.

Parents should have input into the education of their children. I will oppose politics in the classroom and sexual education without parental permission.

I will continue to focus on making Nuvview Union School District a safe and academically strong environment for positive student learning outcomes.

Thank you for your vote for my re-election.

Jaime Sanchez
sanchezjaime66@gmail.com

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER,
NUVIEW UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT**

SCOTT R. SEWELL

OCCUPATION: State Supervisor

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Scott Sewell is asking for your support for the NUSD school board. Scott was previously on the school board and was the Board President for 2 of the years and Board Clerk for one of them. Scott is committed to the public educational opportunities in our school district and is on the governing school board to help provide the best education and experiences available for our children. He believes we need to help the students fulfill their highest potential and prepare them for the workforce, further educations, a productive life, and becoming good stewards of our community.

Scott is a career California Department of Fish and Wildlife Supervisor since 1998 where he is still employed as a Senior Fish Wildlife and Habitat Supervisor of Wildlife Areas including management of employees, budgets, grants, procurement, easements, contracts, natural resources and land management to name a few.

Scott has lived in Nuevo since 2005 and is married with 4 children. The 2 older children attended Nuvview Elementary, Mountain Shadows Middle School and Nuvview Bridge Early College High School. His 2 younger children currently attend school within the district where Scott participates in many different activities including field trips, open houses, school site councils and other extracurricular school functions.

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**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER,
NUVIEW UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT**

DOUGLAS SCOTT FREY

OCCUPATION: Sheriff's Investigator, Retired

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

My name is Doug Frey and I have lived in Nuevo for almost 30 years. I retired from the Sheriff's Department as an investigator and continue to serve our communities as a reserve deputy riding mounted enforcement. My wife Tina was a school counselor at the high school for 15 years prior to her retirement. Our two children attended Nuvview schools and our son Matthew teaches math at the high school. I have served four years as an elected school board member as well as additional time as an appointed school board member. I am running for reelection because I want our community to have the best public education possible for their children. For each child to be challenged, supported and encouraged to reach their full potential, from their first day of kindergarten to their culminating moment when they graduate from high school. I will continue to respect, value and encourage the involvement of Nuevo's parents, students and community. I will use my experience to evaluate the present and plan for the future of our schools. I pledge my commitment and dedication and ask for your continued support. Thank you.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER,
NUVIEW UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT**

KEN FRENCH

AGE: 48

OCCUPATION: Management Technology

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I am running to continue my service on the Nuvview Union School District Governing Board. I want to continue to serve the community and students within this district. I am currently a Nuvview Lions Club Member, Nuvview Municipal Advisory Committee Member, baseball manager and coach for pony baseball, and a member of the Chamber of Commerce. I have 3 children attending the Nuvview Union School District in grades from elementary to high school. My wife is also a teacher in another local school district. I am an experienced board member certified with a Masters in Governance and knowledge of the Brown Act, school facilities, budgeting, school administration, and Human Resources. I have a bachelor's degree in Psychology and a master's degree in Management Information Systems Technology. My business partner and I have built a local small business that has become a great success. With this experience, I believe I can continue to improve the educational experience and safety of the students in this district. I sincerely appreciate your vote.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER,
PERRIS SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 3**

MICHELLE DRUSILLA MAISEL

AGE: 68

OCCUPATION: Educator

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

My Education is of 3 degrees–

–Bachelor of Arts in Sociology, B.A., Stanford University, 1993
conferred

–Masters in Counseling Psychology, M.S., California Baptist
University, 2010

–Masters of Educational Administration, M.Ed., Concordia University,
Irvine Conferred 2015 w/ valid Administrative Credential

I have about 27 years of tenured and substitute classroom teaching in
California public schools

I currently hold a continually renewed California teaching credential
(till 2023, June 30)

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER,
ROMOLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 1**

CYNTHIA NAVARRO

AGE: 38

OCCUPATION: Educator / Parent / Businesswoman

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

My name is Cynthia Navarro and I have resided in Romoland for the past 25 years. I have worked in various of the local school districts both in the classroom and on the clerical side for 16 years. I have enjoyed tremendously working with students in the K-12th grades, especially those with special needs. I have also served at my local church as a cantor of the choir for 19 years. As a mother of a 3-yr-old, who will eventually attend this district I want to come in and make a difference. I believe with my experience and knowledge I will achieve GREAT things. I want to tell you the community that I am willing to work alongside you and I come in ready to LISTEN.

I hope to count on your vote on November 8, 2022.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER,
ROMOLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 1**

MARY C. WIEGMANN

OCCUPATION: Former Educator / Corporate 500 Employee / Businesswoman

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I have been an active community member for 28 years while dedicating 20 years as an educator in the RSD at both elementary and middle schools. Along with my service to our students I held various leadership positions within the District and at school sites, such as:

- RTA President and Vice-president for over 8 years
- Teacher leadership committee for over 5 years
- School site council member and represented students, parents, staff on the LCAP and budget committees.
- PTSA President and Vice-president for over 6 years
- ASB Advisor for student clubs and activities

I have proven my commitment to my community, students, and their parents. As a board member, my priorities will include the following. Continue to collaborate and engage with all stakeholders within the area to confirm all students achieve their goals. I will ensure that this will be accomplished in a safe learning environment. I will continue to stay informed, so I can implement fiscally sound educational decisions for the best interest of student achievement. I hope you allow me to continue my service to our children of this community by voting for me.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
RIVERSIDE COUNTY SUPERVISOR,
DISTRICT 5**

JEFFREY HEWITT

OCCUPATION: County Supervisor 5th District

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

With the economic turmoil facing our country, my goals continue to focus on providing a steady hand to guide our county through these challenging times. I gained a unique perspective to help our fiscal woes while leading my business through periods of economic uncertainty. I know what it is like to tighten my belt, and then give generously to my employees, as times get tough and eventually rebound.

During my tenure as County Supervisor, I have worked hard to improve District 5, expanding the SR-60 corridor, building sidewalks for safe routes to schools, and making safety improvements to Ramona Expressway. Some of my proudest achievements as Chairman of the Board are the economic successes we've seen, including reduced pension debt and the first balanced budget in 14 years.

I will continue to build much needed infrastructure, solidify public safety, and support the fiscal health of our community. In this way, we can promise a pristine county for our children and grandchildren for years to come.

I look forward to your vote and continuing to serve the community that been my home and source of pride for so many years.

Find out more at www.VoteHewitt.com

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
RIVERSIDE COUNTY SUPERVISOR,
DISTRICT 5**

YXSTIAN GUTIERREZ

OCCUPATION: Mayor / Teacher

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Yxstian Gutierrez is a teacher, community leader, and former small business owner who has served as a local Mayor since 2016. He's also a First Lieutenant in the California State Guard at the March Air Reserve Base.

As a Mayor, Yxstian has created innovative programs to reduce homelessness, beautify parks and neighborhoods, and give priority access to local residents for new jobs.

As our County Supervisor, Mayor Yxstian Gutierrez will work to:

- Reduce homelessness by tackling the root causes.
- Help local businesses create good-paying jobs.
- Keep neighborhoods safe and improve 911 response times.
- Mitigate traffic by securing new state and federal funding.
- Combat climate change and ensure clean air and water.
- Expand youth programs to put our kids on the right path.

Yxstian's campaign is strongly supported by groups representing Riverside County firefighters, paramedics, sheriff deputies, nurses, and grocery workers. He's also earned the support of more than 100 elected and community leaders from both major political parties.

"I'm running for Supervisor to serve as the honest, ethical, and effective leader Riverside County needs. I'll listen to residents and work every day to improve and protect our quality of life. I hope to earn your vote."

-Mayor Yxstian Gutierrez

Questions? Call (951) 422-3112 or visit www.MayorGutierrez.com

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
RIVERSIDE COUNTY
AUDITOR / CONTROLLER**

PAUL A. ANGULO

OCCUPATION: County Auditor / CPA

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I am uniquely qualified to be your County Auditor. This is an independent office, which is audited by the Federal government, State, IRS, independent auditors, and peer-reviewed continuously.

I'M THE ONLY CANDIDATE WHO:

- ✓ Meets State law qualifications for County Auditors (Government Code §26945), met by 100% of California counties.
- ✓ Reduces risk of mission failure through rigorous training and 20 years county finance experience.
- ✓ Has provided oversight of \$38 Billion annually.
- ✓ Has written over 300 county audits exposing waste and abuse.
- ✓ Has written county financial reports receiving 8 National and State awards.
- ✓ Has led the office through the COVID-19 crisis, dispersing \$18 Billion to cities and K-12 school districts for payrolls and debt payments, timely.
- ✓ Does NOT accept special interest money to avoid conflicts of interest.
- ✓ ONLY seeks the endorsement of the people to remain independent.

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS:

- Certified Public Accountant (CPA)
- University of California, Berkeley (BA)
- University of Redlands (MA, Management)
- Harvard University (Advanced Government Operations Certification)
- US ARMY VETERAN

I have fought all my adult life to bring equity to working families. Now I need your help. I humbly request your vote because qualifications and experience in this technical position matters. www.paulangulo.com

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
RIVERSIDE COUNTY
AUDITOR / CONTROLLER**

BEN J. BENOIT

OCCUPATION: Auditor / Mayor / Businessman

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

It's time we audit the Auditor-Controller's office. On May 26, 2022, Riverside County's Grand Jury identified several ongoing failures by the Auditor-Controller's office, putting Riverside County in "unnecessary financial risk." I'm the auditor for a non-profit organization, and I serve on auditing committees for several government agencies – I'm well equipped to serve as Riverside County's Auditor-Controller. I will restore trust, accountability, and ethical leadership when it's most needed.

As a local auditor, mayor, and businessman, I've delivered results. I've fought fraud, waste, and abuse and I always act with the highest integrity. I'm a taxpayer watchdog - I've balanced budgets, improved government efficiency, and increased transparency and accountability in local government.

As your Auditor-Controller, I will:

- Restore accountability and ethical leadership
- Stop wasteful spending
- Be a taxpayer advocate
- Return money due to the people

We need change in the Auditor-Controller's office, that's why I've earned endorsements from local leaders and organizations across Riverside County including:

- All 28 mayors in Riverside County
- All five members of the Riverside County Board of Supervisors

Please join the broad coalition of taxpayers, elected officials, businesspeople, labor, veterans, educators, public safety, healthcare workers, and seniors in voting Ben J. Benoit for Auditor-Controller.

I respectfully ask for your vote.

www.BenoitforAuditor.com

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF BANNING, DISTRICT 4**

ANTONIO DUPRE

OCCUPATION: Contractor, Water Operator

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

As a child, my siblings and I helped campaign for my dad when he ran for the San Bernardino School Board. My dad felt it was his duty to leave his corner of the world in better shape than he found it. I share his sentiments. I am an entrepreneur and a homeowner, and my family means the world to me. I care about our property value, safer streets, and a sense of community. My goal is to help Banning to flourish while maintaining small town values. My name is Antonio F. Dupre Jr and I'm looking forward to serving you as your next City Councilman.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF BANNING, DISTRICT 4**

DAVID HAPPE

OCCUPATION: Incumbent / Retired Firefighter

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

As your representative on the City Council, I have worked to reduce the city's budget deficit from \$26 million to zero, while increasing our police force by 5 officers and providing 3 new school resource officers to ensure school safety.

I've also helped secure funding for the Sunset Boulevard/Sun Lakes extensions and the Lions Park ballpark improvements, and secured new fencing and bleachers for Dysart Park arena for Stagecoach Days.

To improve our community, I approved demolition of an abandoned, derelict and dangerous industrial building on Lincoln, approved transitional housing for 40 homeless people along with rehabilitation and social services, advocated for diverging diamond/traffic circles to reduce controlled left-hand turns and improve traffic flow, and aggressively recruited more and diversified businesses to expand retail opportunities for residents and increase sales tax revenue to support better city services for residents.

Looking forward, I will continue to promote financially stable city government and knowledgeable, professional city staff to serve the needs of residents.

I would be honored to receive your support.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF BANNING, DISTRICT 4**

REUBEN GONZALES

AGE: 32

OCCUPATION: Executive Director - Banning Chamber

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

My name is Reuben Gonzales and I am proudly born and raised in the city of Banning. I graduated from Banning High in 2008, then proceeded to graduate with my Bachelors in Marketing in 2017. I started my first local business in 2017 called "Crayvingz" which supported local restaurants by delivering food into the community and I was able to expand the business into 5 cities. My passion became clear that I had a heart for local businesses, so I started my 2nd business, called "Alogrow Communications". We have been able to help hundreds of businesses & organizations with their marketing strategy to ultimately help them be successful. Due to my growing love for the business community, I was asked to become the Executive Director for the Banning Chamber. I love serving my community and I'm able to provide the city with family fun events, resources for businesses and bring our community together. My heart truly cares about the people in Banning & I want our city to have the best education, job opportunities, parks, and family fun businesses to keep our children out of trouble. I want change, so I choose to be the change. Great things to come.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF BANNING, DISTRICT 5**

NATHANIEL PIMENTEL

AGE: 21

OCCUPATION: Operating Engineer

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

My name is Nathaniel Pimentel, and I am running for the position of Banning City Council District 5. I have lived in Banning my entire life, and so have my parents, grandparents, and great grandparents. Throughout their lifetimes and mine, Banning has changed and evolved, and it will continue to do so. As a councilmember I hope to be at the forefront of that change, making it a change for the better, by answering and catering to the needs and wants of our community. I want Banning to be a place, current and future generations, are proud to call home.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF BANNING, DISTRICT 5**

COLLEEN WALLACE

AGE: 60

OCCUPATION: Retired Child Care

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I have lived in District 5 my whole life and know the needs of this district. I am re-running for City Council to bring City Hall and our community together, to put us on the same page, if we stay positive, plan ahead, and work together, we can accomplish so much. I graduated from Banning High School in Banning, Ca. in 1979, and went on to college to pursue a career working with emotionally disturbed children. I will make myself available to the citizens of Banning and I will answers questions honestly and candidly. I will strive for a cooperative government that remembers it's primary role is to serve the citizens of Banning. I promise to listen with an open mind and analyze the facts, before reaching a decision. As the representative on the City Council, I will focus on perserving our quality of life and reducing the blight in District 5.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF BEAUMONT**

RONALD MERRILL ROY
EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

As a resident of Beaumont for 13 years I've watched the city change dramatically, and I'm willing to fight for our quality of life and the right type of future with safe neighborhoods and community. I believe I can bring a fresh outlook to the City Council and provide a more resident-oriented solution.

I am well qualified for this position. My education includes a minor in Accounting from Cal State San Bernardino, a BA in Psychology from Cal State Fullerton, and an MA in Government from Claremont Graduate School. Professionally, after a career as a Real Estate and Property Appraiser, I've taught Government classes at Southland community colleges. Since moving to Beaumont, I've become involved in the community and local and regional issues as a member of the Pass Action Group, Transportation Now, and the Sierra Club.

The most pressing issues that need to be addressed include: traffic, warehouses, appropriate land use, support local business, type of growth, education support, natural and open space protection, added recreation and family oriented community facilities, transit. Citizens need to have confidence that their needs, for housing, safe neighborhoods, jobs and education will be met.

Thank you for your vote.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF BEAUMONT**

JESSICA VOIGT
OCCUPATION: Registered Nurse
EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

AGE: 40

I'm concerned about development and the future of Beaumont for my family and community. Born and raised in the Yucaipa Area. Moved to Beaumont in 2003 when I married Tim Voigt. Tim was raised in Cherry Valley, started as a Beaumont Volunteer Firefighter in 1993 and now serves as the Pass Area Battalion Chief. We have been married for 19 years, my parents currently reside with us, we are raising our 6 year old daughter and have 2 adult daughters.

I obtained a Degree as a Registered Nurse in 2008, and graduated with my Masters in Nursing in 2012. I began my career as a Trauma Nurse at Desert Regional Medical Center. I have dedicated over 12 years in nursing leadership and currently am the Director of Nursing for Desert Oasis Healthcare.

My In-Laws Joe and Barbara Voigt were active in the community. Joe served as Board Member for Beaumont Cherry Valley Water district. Barbara served 25 years as Board Member of the Pass Water Agency. Now it's my turn to serve my community.

My priorities are:

- Public safety
- Traffic Resolution
- Local business growth

As a woman, mom and public servant, I bring a different perspective.

Please vote for me, so I can serve you.

Our future is Bright.

Jessica Voigt

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF BEAUMONT**

DAVID CASTALDO
OCCUPATION: Beaumont Business Owner
EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

AGE: 61

I greatly need your vote to help me make some major changes in Beaumont. Our traffic is deplorable and it needs to be improved and controlled. I am not talking about a new traffic signal. Our traffic problems are caused from people outside of Beaumont. We need major construction of new roads to divert non-local drivers away from Beaumont. We need to apply strong pressure on the County of Riverside and CalTrans to construct better roads.

Our community swimming pool was old and in disrepair, thus removed. There are no plans to rebuild it. Our children need a community pool. My goal is to construct a new, bigger, and better swimming pool.

Also, it is about time "Concerts In The Park" returns. Our community needs family events. These were good events that brought kids, parents, and grandparents together for wholesome fun and great memories.

Together, with my only wife of 33 years, we have raised our two children who also work and live here. As a longtime resident and a local Business owner, I have seen Beaumont's good times and bad times. Together we need to experience again more of Beaumont's good times. Check out Vote4davidcastaldo.com

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**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF BEAUMONT**

LLOYD WHITE

AGE: 61

OCCUPATION: Mayor / Businessman / Parent
EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

My first month in office, I worked with the District Attorney and FBI, eventually winning felony convictions of five corrupt City executives. I helped lead Beaumont out of economic collapse.

We established a strong fiscal resiliency, turning \$11 million deficit into a \$17 million surplus. Bringing retail and E-commerce businesses and jobs to Beaumont, doubling sales tax revenues. Restructured the CFD program, reducing taxes \$4 million for 12,000 homeowners.

Getting finances in order enabled council to focus on infrastructure and public safety.

We created Beaumont's first streets maintenance department; paving or rehabilitating 152 lane miles. We constructed the Potrero interchange and upgraded the sewer plant to deliver recycled water. We added 3 motor officers to a fully staffed Police Department to improve traffic enforcement.

Our work is not done.

- Construction is underway on the Westside Fire Station #106.
- The Westside Police Headquarters is in the design stage.
- Construction on widening Pennsylvania begins this year.
- Working with Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) on a Highland Springs interchange upgrade.

As RCTC's 2nd Vice Chair, becoming Chair in 2024, I will bring County resources to focus on our traffic issues.

I ask for your trust and vote to complete what we started.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF BEAUMONT**

MICHAEL LARA

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I've had the honor of serving the citizens of Beaumont as a Council Member over the last 8 years. Additionally, my 35 years of experience in the County of Riverside Building Department has provided me an in-depth understanding of the development process, budgeting, city operations and the importance of teamwork.

My highlighted achievements:

- Helped to eliminate corruption in the city.
- Saved the city taxpayer millions of dollars by negotiating a settlement to avoid litigation.
- Transformed an 11 million dollar deficit into a budget surplus.
- Improved over 150 miles of city streets
- Added additional police officers, K9 units and modern equipment to enhance public safety
- Approved construction of a new modern fire station.

There is more work to be done, I will:

- Work to step up design guidelines so our new homes and industrial buildings are more compatible with their surroundings.
- Fairly consider the impact of new construction on our community's health, traffic flow and environment.
- Prioritize street improvements
- Work toward funding the railroad overpass at Pennsylvania
- Prioritize public safety in our community
- Improve and enhance our public parks

Invest in your community, vote for Mike Lara

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF BLYTHE**

ROBERT A DUMMER
OCCUPATION: Retired
EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

AGE: 75

Robert (Bob) Dummer

1970 Aviation Bachelor of Science

1970-72 U.S. Army CH-47 Helicopter Crew Chief

1972-1998 Cummins NW Diesel Mechanic
Shop Foreman Service Manager

1998-2018 Owner Bob's Generator

Currently Retired

Husband, Father, Grandfather and Great Grandfather

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF BLYTHE**

JOSEPH DECONINCK
OCCUPATION: Farmer
EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

AGE: 68

My name is Joseph (Joey) Deconinck I am seeking your support for a term on Blythe City Council

Blythe has been my home since 1972 My wife and I farm 3000 acres and employ 15 people, we are extremely active in all areas of our community, and we take great pride in the people and events that make up our wonderful city.

Blythe's weathered many storms while being on City Council, I feel I've displayed the utmost integrity, experience, and common sense that has helped us get through those times.

I value partnerships and am grateful for those we have forged including those with PVID, Riverside County, Air Quality Management District, and Coachella Valley Association of Government To name a few.

I have served as a member of countless regional Organizations and committees throughout my City Council Career, I believe I have represented Blythe and Its interest well.

There are more uncertain times directly ahead for Blythe and I feel the best approach is to keep on the course that has allowed the city to prosper to that end I would be honored to serve on City Council.

I would appreciate your vote, Thank you

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF BLYTHE**

JOSEPH HALBY III
OCCUPATION: Incumbent
EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

AGE: 39

It has been an honor & a privilege serving as a councilman on the Blythe City Council for the past 5 years. The work is truly never done but I am proud of the progress that has been made during this time. Numerous road work projects have been completed. Police & Fire Vehicles purchased. Major safety equipment upgrades at the City Fire Department that is manned by volunteers, not professionals, although they do a heck of a job. Raises have been awarded in every department within the city multiple times. This keeps us competitive in the job market and able to retain our talent. Revenues have increased in several different areas as well. All the while, City Management has been able to keep a balanced budget that has operated in the positive for the past 7 years. Going forward, I would like to see major developments in the residential & commercial sectors. I also desire a plan of action regarding the aging infrastructure of the city. I have no regrets about the work that has been done and I stay engaged & excited about what the future brings. There is a bright future here and I do believe in Blythe!

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF CATHEDRAL CITY, DISTRICT 3**

MARK CARNEVALE

AGE: 71

OCCUPATION: Restaurateur

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

As a two-term member of Cathedral City Council, District 3, I am proud of the changes and improvements Cathedral City is experiencing. We have smart growth through smart leadership. We need to continue and take advantage of the opportunities for Cathedral City. We have built up our professions staff creating a team our city can be proud of and count on for the history and documentation to help make decisive decisions.

I have gained immense knowledge of housing, public safety, budget and more. The institutional knowledge I have learned from fellow council members of Cathedral City, other local cities, and valley commissions I have served on has proven invaluable in benefiting Cathedral City's direction.

As a businessman in Cathedral City for 35 years. I pride myself on listening to the residents and businesses. We lead the valley in stopping STVR's and adding new business to Cathedral City. I would like to continue serving the city. "I have more to give and there is more to be done continuing on smart growth."

Family is the core of my life. I count my blessings for my wife Rhonda, my two children Karrie and Nico, five grandchildren and one great granddaughter -pure joy!

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF CATHEDRAL CITY, DISTRICT 4**

RICK SALDIVAR

OCCUPATION: Pastor / Business Owner

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I love people and have established strong relationships within the community. During the COVID-19 pandemic, these connections served as a source of hope for the residents of Cathedral City. Under my leadership and the help of local businesses and individual partnerships, we fed hundreds of people and took food to migrant workers, the elderly, and those who had no means of transportation. I worked in partnership with others to bring solutions to the challenges our community faced. We went into neighborhoods to clean and beautify areas of need. We also assisted with financial relief for families, gas cards, and provided support to fill out unemployment forms and rental assistance applications. My community involvement has earned me the Community Service Hero award from the Cathedral City Rotary Club and Essential Worker of the Week from Honda/Toyota of the Desert in Cathedral City. I am truly a man of the people and for the people and looking forward to leading Cathedral City from a local government space.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF CATHEDRAL CITY, DISTRICT 4**

ERNESTO GUTIERREZ

AGE: 54

OCCUPATION: Broker, Developer, Business Owner

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

It has been my highest honor to serve you as Mayor. I work hard every day to be a strong and effective leader for our residents.

The last four years have proven that my business knowledge and leadership have helped our city's continued success. However, there is a lot more work to be accomplished. Making the best decisions for our residents is my ultimate goal.

I'm a self-created visionary leader with a diverse business background. My strong work ethic, honesty and integrity are principles I abide by. I'm an immigrant from Mexico, residing in Cathedral City for over forty years.

I'm a successful licensed California Real Estate Broker and a mortgage lender. In 2002, I received my General Contractors license and I'm currently working as a builder, investor and broker. I've owned and operated Tortillas Restaurant a family business, since 1996.

My priorities are:

- Protecting the safety of our residents and community.
- Improving infrastructure in underdeveloped neighborhoods by installing curbs, gutters, sidewalks and sewer system.
- Cultivating a sense of neighborhood pride by cleaning and beautifying our communities.
- Focusing on growth by bringing back local shopping and retail stores to our city.

It would be an honor to receive your vote.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF CATHEDRAL CITY, DISTRICT 5**

RAYMOND GREGORY

AGE: 58

OCCUPATION: Cathedral City Councilmember

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Cathedral City has experienced remarkable growth and progress over the past few years. We need to keep this momentum going and do more to address deteriorating roads and infrastructure, build quality recreational facilities for our youth and seniors, fight blight, and tackle homelessness. I will continue to use my training, education and experience gained from my current term as councilmember and as a retired law enforcement officer to help lead Cathedral City as we identify and implement the right solutions.

Community needs come first! I have been unwavering in my support of enhanced public safety, an advocate for healthy neighborhoods, a driving force behind improvements to our streets and parks, and a promoter of smart growth while scrutinizing public expenditures to maximize their benefit. I will continue to challenge where needed while working to build consensus where possible, celebrate our diversity, and advocate for your interests at city hall.

There are so many great things underway and many great opportunities just over the horizon. I am a proven leader and problem solver, the kind we need to continue to guide Cathedral City as we face the challenges and prospects ahead. I respectfully request your vote.

Learn more at www.RaymondGregory.net

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
MAYOR,
CITY OF COACHELLA**

DENISE DELGADO

OCCUPATION: Educator

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Two years ago, you granted me the opportunity to serve as a councilwoman for the City of Coachella. I have worked tirelessly on your behalf by making balanced, transparent, and studied decisions that increased the quality of life. I'm proud to report that we have had a successful time in office. Ways I have helped build our city:

- Park Expansion and improvements
- Fire Station renovation
- Financial relief for Coachella families
- Ave 52 resurfacing and pavement
- Increased affordable housing
- Commercial site improvements
- Increased access to transportation
- Prioritization of library programs and education
- Development of residential communities
- New basketball, tennis, and pickleball courts
- Additional bike lanes, ADA ramps, and urban greening forests
- Equitable and transparent updated policies

However, our work isn't done. As your Mayor, I will prioritize:

- Public safety and safer neighborhoods
- Health and wellbeing
- Economic inequality
- Housing and homelessness

As a proud resident and my family's nearly 50-year history in the City of Coachella; I not only know our community, but also serve on various boards, commissions, and committees that helped me understand our community to a larger capacity. However, most of my city education has come from listening to all of you.

Time for new leadership.

www.DeniseforMayor.com

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
MAYOR,
CITY OF COACHELLA**

STEVEN A. HERNANDEZ

AGE: 39

OCCUPATION: Coachella Mayor

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Dear Coachella,

It has been the honor of my life to have served as your Mayor for the past eight years. Together we have transformed this city by prioritizing public safety, affordable housing, recreation, education, and the economy. I am grateful that you have trusted me as your Mayor.

Today, new businesses are coming to town; new affordable housing is sprouting before our eyes and a new park is on the horizon. The City of Coachella is more beautiful now than ever. This would not be possible without the incredible collaboration that has been cultivated throughout the years between citizens, city hall, and our state and county officials. It is vital that we continue this collaboration and progress.

As the city expands, many new challenges will confront us. That is why public safety, the economy, solutions to homelessness, and the expansion of our infrastructure will continue to be prioritized as your mayor.

We need your help! Let's keep Coachella moving in the right direction. Let's keep Coachella looking beautiful. Let's keep moving forward! I respectfully ask for your vote, November 8th, 2022.

Very Truly Yours,

Steven A. Hernandez
Mayor
City of Coachella

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF COACHELLA**

YUREMA ARVÍZU

OCCUPATION: Educator / Communication Consultant
EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

As the eldest daughter of Mexican-American parents, I've had to break multiple barriers and it's because of this that I understand the hardships of being raised in a single-parent home, being a first-generation student (and college graduate), and a woman of color. My lived experiences provide me with a distinct perspective to fully comprehend complex issues from all angles. This, along with my years of advocacy, communication and policy work form the groundwork needed to accurately represent the residents of Coachella.

Misrepresentation leads to unheard voices; proper representation is key especially in a fast growing city like ours. As someone who has lived and attended public schooling in Coachella for the majority of their life and as an advocate for change, I commit to listen and advocate for every community member. I currently serve on the City of Coachella Cultural and Arts Committee, work as a reproductive health educator, and help bring accurate representation to communities across the nation as a campaign communications manager. I offer you my honesty, commitment, and passion for public service. I aim to bring transparency to the decision making process.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF COACHELLA**

STEPHANIE VIRGEN

AGE: 29

OCCUPATION: Coachella Planning Commissioner
EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

As a resident of the City of Coachella, I am passionate about my community and ensuring our residents are fairly represented. In 2019, I completed my master's degree in Public Administration from California State University San Bernardino. Presently, I work for the Riverside County Board of Supervisors, as a liaison to several Human Services Departments, where I focus on providing resources for children and families. In addition, I have served as Chair of the Planning Commission for the City of Coachella for two years.

I am running for Coachella City Council for several reasons. First and foremost, I believe now more than ever our community needs a council member that will be committed to supporting the needs of our residents. For that to happen, we need representatives that will be committed to showing up and bringing solutions to the dais.

Secondly, we need leadership that will foster working relationships with local leaders and city staff. It is crucial to have representatives that are willing to listen to the community but also know how to build relationships with others for the benefit of our residents.

I would be incredibly humbled to have your vote this November 8th.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF COACHELLA**

FRANK FIGUEROA

AGE: 29

OCCUPATION: Coachella Planning Commissioner
EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Coachella is our home. We deserve leadership at city hall that will always put our community first.

As a proud son and grandson of farmworkers, I've devoted my life to giving back and helping others. After graduating from CVHS and College of the Desert, I went on to earn my degree at UCR and built my career in higher education. Today, I serve our community as a Planning Commissioner and 7 years as Vice President/Board Member of the Southern Coachella Valley Communities Services District.

My passion for service began at a young age, waking up at the break of dawn as my parents prepared to work in fields. I know firsthand what it's like to see families struggle, and it's why I will work tirelessly to improve the quality of life for all Coachella families.

As your City Councilmember, I will work to:

- Increase access to quality, affordable housing.
- Prioritize public health and ensure safe, livable neighborhoods.
- Empower residents and promote the diversity of our communities by creating a Human Rights Commission.
- Support more community-based programs.

I would be honored to earn your vote. Together, we can make Coachella a brighter, stronger city.

DrFigueroa4Coachella.com

Frank Figueroa, Ed.D.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF COACHELLA**

JOSIE GONZALEZ

OCCUPATION: Council Member / Social Worker
EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

My name is Josie Gonzalez and I was born and raised in Coachella. I humbly ask for your vote to continue to represent you on the Coachella City Council.

The devastating pandemic, need for housing, homelessness, drug dependency, and violence remain a sad reality. In the past four years, I have focused on being fair, balanced, and open to all possibilities to improve the quality of life for each resident. Every decision as your elected servant was made with one objective, "Is my vote going to promote positive and healthy outcomes for my people?"

As our beautiful city continues to grow, the safety, health, and wellbeing of the entire community remains my priority. I will continue to draw from my 35 years of public service, 10 years in legal services, and 23 years as a supervisor with Child Protective Services, working to strengthen families and protecting our vulnerable children.

It's been a privilege to represent you. I'll continue to stand for the hardworking families of Coachella and always defend those that can least defend themselves, our children and seniors. Thank you for your consideration. It would be an honor to earn your vote.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF CORONA, DISTRICT 1**

JACQUE CASILLAS

AGE: 36

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

It's been a privilege to serve my hometown as Mayor and Councilmember. I was born and raised in the Grand Circle to a working-class immigrant family. My husband Zach and I live in District 1 with our newborn daughter Eleanor and dog Xiao Mei.

I am running for reelection because I believe in our future.

Since elected in 2018 we have:

- Reinvested in our open space – reopened Griffin Park after 13 years; preserved community access to 292 acres near Skyline Trail that was previously slated for development; replaced five park playgrounds including Tehachapi and Cresta Verde.
- Ensured our financial future – refinanced pension liability saving taxpayers \$166 million and strengthened debt repayment policies.
- Addressed homelessness head on – reduced homelessness by 33% through compassion and enforcement; invested in mental health and housing services; incorporated social workers with police outreach; increased police department by 15 Sworn Officers and 9 Community Service Officers; launched Park Ranger program; on track to open low-barrier shelter with onsite medical, dental, and behavioral health services.

But there is still more to get done and I am ready to continue delivering results for our community.

I would be honored to earn your support once again.

In service,

Jacque

www.jacquecasillas.com

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF CORONA, DISTRICT 1**

GARY GREENWOOD

AGE: 57

OCCUPATION: Retired

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I have dedicated my adult life to public service and my family. I spent over 25 years as a Sheriff's Deputy. I am also a grandfather of 5 and father of two. All my children and grandchildren reside in the great city of Corona. If elected I will work with the community to solve quality of life issues that are important to the residents of Corona.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF CORONA, DISTRICT 4**

JIM STEINER

AGE: 57

OCCUPATION: Councilmember / Fire Captain, Retired

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I proudly served as your Mayor and Councilmember and delivered on promises I made when I was elected four years ago.

I spearheaded the city's acquisition of 292 acres of open space at Skyline to assure it would remain undeveloped. I remain committed to further preservation opportunities.

Homelessness has been reduced by one-third as I voted to reserve bed space at a nearby shelter, establish a motel voucher program and permanent supportive housing options. Also, our homeless shelter will be opening in the near future. We have teamed up with City Net and expanded our Police Department resources. These efforts help those in need but also allow us to enforce anti-camping and vagrancy laws to protect our parks and neighborhoods from blight.

As a retired Fire Captain, I know the importance of having a safe community and a balanced budget. Vacant positions in our Police Department have been filled and equipment has been purchased to support our Fire Department, resulting in improved response times.

I have communicated openly in town halls and other forums with the residents of District 4 and have secured hundreds of endorsements from them. I now humbly ask for your vote.

Jim Steiner

www.JimSteinerforCorona.com

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF CORONA, DISTRICT 5**

SERGE TOLSTIKOV

AGE: 39

OCCUPATION: Business Owner

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

TRAFFIC TRAFFIC TRAFFIC! After RCTC Spent 2 Billion on the 91, traffic is worse than ever except for those paying \$50 daily tolls. Now the 15 freeway has us paralyzed as our quality of life continues to diminish. I moved my family to South Corona and relocated my business here from O.C. I'm disappointed in the lack of restaurants, entertainment and recreation. Why do we have to drive to Riverside or OC to find a good steak? CORONA ONLY BELIEVES IN FAST FOOD, COIN-OP CAR WASHES AND DENSITY HOUSING! Unless we start thinking outside the box and embrace innovation and new ideas, we will remain a transit community with nothing to offer. I'm not a politician and don't have a desire to be one. I just want to breathe new energy and ideas in to the Council and fight for our community. After the city passed a recent sales tax increase, nothing has improved and we deserve more. If we don't change and say no to the same old political excuses, nothing will ever change. I will fight to change the mindset at City Hall. Lets accept nothing less for our families and be proud of our home hometown.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF CORONA, DISTRICT 5**

WES SPEAKE

AGE: 54

OCCUPATION: Mayor / Councilmember / Businessman

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

As a 42-year resident, it's been an honor serving the 5th District of Corona since 2018 and as the Mayor this year. 4 years ago, I asked Corona residents and businesses to allow me to SPEAKE for CHANGE and Change we have! The city has seen tremendous top down and bottom-up change. We have overhauled our city management with an emphasis on fiscal health, rebuilding our Public Safety #'s, Parks and Economic Development! We have completed audits of all departments, a class and compensation study, reevaluated our culture and made improvements that have retained and drawn top talent from the around the country.

We are TRANSPARENT, OPEN and ENGAGED and Getting things done!

- Reduced Homelessness by 33%
- Brought redundant power to the Dos Lagos Area
- Permanently preserved 292-acres of open space
- Refinanced Pension Debt saving Corona Taxpayers \$160M
- Added 15 new Police Officers
- 4 Additional Firefighters
- Added 9 Community Service Officers
- Replaced 5 Park playgrounds
- Commitment to plant 15,000 trees in the next 5 years

I have a lot more to do to complete the mission to Change Corona. I'm looking forward to continuing to serve as your Councilmember for Corona's 5th District!

Vote Wes Speake for Corona City Council District 5.

www.speake4corona.com

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF DESERT HOT SPRINGS, DISTRICT 1**

GARY GARDNER

AGE: 60

OCCUPATION: City Council Member

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

It's been my honor to serve you since 2018. The city faced some challenges, and we are in a much better place than we were -- city finances are in good shape with a healthy reserve fund. However, we must broaden our tax base. That's why I developed programs encouraging revitalization of our spas and growing our tourism employment and tax base. I supported new industries like the Amazon distribution warehouse. Serving as the chair of the Mountains Conservancy, and vice-chair of Visit Greater Palm Springs, I've brought expanded tourism, outdoor recreation and parks to our city.

Public safety is also a priority -- we brought the police dispatch center home, raised police pay, are expanding our police station, improving our fire stations, and building a new fire station on the east side. Crime is down and we are delivering improvements to road safety.

In the fastest growing city in the valley, the challenge will be balancing that growth while maintaining the things that we love about Desert Hot Springs. I will work hard to make sure that happens.

Delivering jobs, public safety, and financial stability.

I would appreciate your vote so I can continue to deliver for DHS.

<http://www.gardnerfordhs.com>

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF DESERT HOT SPRINGS, DISTRICT 3**

JAN PYE

AGE: 70

OCCUPATION: Retired

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

In Desert Hot Springs, I met a village. As a single parent, the people of this city helped me raise my daughter. Other parents invited my daughter to participate in their daughter's Quinceañera and took her on a vacation that I could not afford.

Besides helping me with my daughter, DHS allows me to feel the words of Martin Luther King – where my child and I were able to walk as equals to others.

Thus, I give back to Desert Hot Springs.

I work with the DHS Historical Society, and I am a founding member of the Cabot's Museum Foundation, Friends of the Library, and DHS Diversity, LiLac.

I continually serve on the Palm Springs Cemetery District, Regional Access Project Foundation, DHS Women's Club, and independently on the DHS Homeless Committee and served on the Planning Commission, the DHS Citizens Finance Committee, and others.

I want to continue as your public servant as a City Council member for District 3 - and for the entire city. I will continue to do my homework, stay focused on the facts, and weigh the fairness to all. I modestly ask for your vote this November.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF DESERT HOT SPRINGS, DISTRICT 3**

ADAM SANCHEZ

OCCUPATION: Art Foundation Director

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Dear Neighbor,

I've spent 25 years working in the community, believing that every resident has the right to live, work, and be engaged in building a great city.

After graduating from California State University Fresno, I came to Desert Hot Springs in 1997 as a city grant writer to create our current police department and our \$20 million Health & Wellness Center.

All residents have a right to live harmoniously to become productive in addressing public policy issues.

Today we're experiencing high inflation, housing shortages, crushing taxes, higher rents, and safety concerns at our children's schools.

As your Council Member, I pledge to:

1. Create a Health & Wellness committee to support Desert Hot Springs's mission statement to become a Health & Wellness destination.
2. A Recreation committee to build a new City Police Activities League, Boys & Girls Club, and swimming pool at Wardman Park.
3. A Neighborhood Watch committee to provide home safety, empty lot development, and new sidewalks.
4. An Education committee to address the school safety of our students.
5. A Pick-Up Crew committee to clean empty lots, homes, and businesses.

My goal is to deliver quality services, transparency, and accountability to our residents.

www.VoteforAdam.org

AdamSanchezbusiness21@gmail.com

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF EASTVALE, DISTRICT 1, FULL TERM**

TODD RIGBY

AGE: 41

OCCUPATION: Real Estate Broker

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

As the current Mayor Pro Tem for the city of Eastvale, I have helped to accomplish many triumphs such as increase public safety, add to our economic development, and improve infrastructure. These are goals I have successfully worked on, and continue to improve upon. Through accomplishing these goals, we have seen the city successfully develop over the last 6 years, operated within a balanced budget every year, significantly increased our reserves, increased our law enforcement, negotiated for our downtown to be built and much more.

My professional, religious, community, and volunteer experiences have aided in my qualifications to continue to be a successful City Council member, and to affectively represent our constituents.

As a small business owner I am judicious with decisions that are placed in front of me. It is important to take all aspects into consideration when making those decisions, and I have done so as a Council member.

When elected again, I promise to continue my hard work ethic in doing my best to provide services that our residents deserve in this great city. With living in Eastvale for approximately 14 years, and working in the city, I am dedicated to the success of our GREAT city.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF EASTVALE, DISTRICT 3, FULL TERM**

CLINT LORIMORE

OCCUPATION: Mayor / Business Owner

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

As a Mayor and small business owner in Riverside County, I know how to run government more like a business. I don't have the luxury of making speeches at City Hall – I have to get things done: we've repaved roads, reduced homelessness, improved public safety, and ensured fiscal responsibility.

As your Councilmember, I'll continue to fight for you and get things done:

- Safer Community - More Officers on the Streets
- Cutting Commute Times - New and improved roads
- Attract Quality Businesses - More jobs and shopping / dining options
- Fiscal Responsibility - Grow city reserves without raising taxes

I'll oppose any and all efforts to increase taxes. I have a proven track record: while other cities raised sales taxes, our city did not raise taxes – we have Riverside County's lowest sales tax rate.

Instead of defunding the police, I ensured our city increased the number of Sheriff's deputies by 30% to protect our citizens.

Raised in Riverside County, I graduated from our public schools and Cal Poly Pomona. I'll represent you, the residents of Eastvale.

I respectfully ask for your vote.

Learn more at www.clintlорimore.com

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF EASTVALE, DISTRICT 4, FULL TERM**

JOCELYN YOW

OCCUPATION: Eastvale City Councilmember

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Dear Neighbor,

I am honored to have had the opportunity to represent you on Eastvale City Council. We have achieved a lot in the past four years, and I could not have done it without your support.

During my first term on the City Council:

- Our city revenues have increased over 100%, while still maintaining the lowest sales tax rate in Riverside County;
- We invested in public safety by increasing the number of Sheriff's deputies, in addition to allocating funding for our own police station and a third fire station;
- We allocated funding to build a library and city hall, which are scheduled to be built on Limonite and Hamner within the next four years;
- We listened to the residents and opposed the Sumner Place development;
- We Launched the Eastvale Youth Council to mentor the next generation of leaders; and
- I initiated and led the Eastvale Little Library project, where over 20 little libraries were built and installed throughout the city.

I am running for re-election to continue protecting and improving our city's quality of life for generations to come.

I hope to earn your vote once again.

Jocelyn Yow
951-878-0876
Jocelynyow.com
jocelyn4eastvale@gmail.com

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF EASTVALE, DISTRICT 4, FULL TERM**

ANU SAINI

OCCUPATION: Public Service Employee

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

My name is Anu and, I am running for Eastvale City Council. I have lived in Eastvale since 2004. I enjoy volunteering for local organizations and am proud to have received the community Champion Award. I am the only candidate from district four with the experience needed to navigate through these difficult economic times. I have over 25 years of experience working in the public and private sectors. I have a BS degree in Business Management with an emphasis in Accounting from Cal State, Los Angeles.

If elected, my top priorities are to advocate for enhancing public safety in our City, especially around our schools, and increase deputies on night patrol. I would like to partner with other local agencies to develop Youth & Senior Citizens programs, and find ways to reduce local traffic congestion. I am a fresh face with new ideas and I plan to focus on further growth of our diverse community by exploring new ways to increase revenue for the City.

I humbly ask for your vote on election day. I will be your voice at the City Hall.

I am an Eastvalian not a Politician!

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF EASTVALE, DISTRICT 4, FULL TERM**

RAUL GUTIERREZ

AGE: 54

OCCUPATION: School Counselor

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

My family has called Eastvale home for the last 19 years. I've been married for 29 years and we have two boys.

I come from a family of three boys, all in law enforcement, and one sister.

I hold a B.A. / M.A. degree along with a teaching, counseling, and school administration credential.

I've been in education for 27 years, with the last 11 as a school counselor at Ramirez Intermediate School.

As an active community member, I was involved in our Citizen Advisory Board for JCSD for 5 years and a Kiwanis Board member. Currently, I am a Community Emergency Response Team member. I truly cherish the opportunity to give back to our community.

I want our city to thrive and if elected, my priorities will be to fund our first responders to keep our residents safe, strengthen our city services, and maintain financial stability.

Working alongside our various agencies to improve our quality of life is a must. To do this, I believe raising taxes is not a solution, it's about budgeting our priorities and being transparent in the process.

Together, we have much more to accomplish and I humbly ask for your vote.

Contact Information: raulgutierrez1967@gmail.com

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF EASTVALE, DISTRICT 5, SHORT TERM**

MICHELLE SHEEN

OCCUPATION: County Employee

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I am running for Eastvale City Council District 5 to bridge the gap between the people and the local government. I have maintained residency in Eastvale since 2012 and want to bring a new perspective to our city council. As a graduate of the University of California Riverside, with a Master's in Public Policy, I am well qualified to lead our city into an era that represents our diverse culture and population. I hope to improve the city's public transportation infrastructure, alleviate traffic conditions, connect more local events with the schools, and more. I have learned that many residents want to be more proactive within the city and I will encourage more participation deciding the fate of Eastvale. I now work as a contract and policy analyst for the County of Riverside and understand the importance of Eastvale in the county. I will ensure district 5 remains a wonderful place to live, work, and grow families for generations to come. Thank you for your vote.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF EASTVALE, DISTRICT 5, SHORT TERM**

MIKE MCMINN

AGE: 54

OCCUPATION: Business Owner

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I have always had a passion for supporting our local community. Whether it was coaching youth sports, serving on All Sports Booster Clubs or participating in various events, my goal was to help others. After moving to Eastvale, I started Eastvale Carpet and Tile Cleaning, where we made many connections in the community. Currently I serve on the Eastvale Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, where I have been fortunate enough to continue building relationships within our community.

Owning a business and being a member of the chamber has taught me how to be fiscally responsible and the importance of bringing communities together. My objective is to increase safety and keep our city fiscally sound.

Please vote Mike McMinn to help our city continue to grow.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF HEMET, DISTRICT 2**

JACULIN PETERSON

OCCUPATION: Retired Navy Chief

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

When my husband and I discovered this beautiful valley in 2010, we knew that we had found the perfect place to retire. Sadly, my husband passed away shortly after we moved to our new home. I thought about moving elsewhere, but I had such a good feeling about Hemet that I decided to stay. What a difference twelve years has made in our community.

What does it say about a place when you're embarrassed to invite your guests out to dinner, or when the City Council rolls out the welcome mat for homeless with severe mental disorders? What it says to me is that we better act quickly to clean up our city before we lose it altogether. I'm committed to taking back Hemet for the good and decent people who love this community and want to see it realize its incredible potential.

I bring to the City Council my 20-year career in the United States Navy, and the organization, discipline and resolve that a Chief Petty Officer must possess. I specialize in solving problems, and I don't waste time in the process. Please join me in my fight to recapture our community.

Thank you for your vote.

Jaculin "Jackie" Peterson

ElectJackiePeterson.com

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF HEMET, DISTRICT 2**

GENE HIKEL

OCCUPATION: Retired Math Teacher

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

As a resident of Hemet for 16 years I have been involved in our community for many years. For example, I was on the Committee that developed Hemet's Master Plan. In addition, I was involved in a citizen's effort to keep the Hemet Fire Department. I have also served on my community's Homeowners Association Board for six years. I led a successful effort to protect Reinhardt Canyon from a dense housing development that would have been dangerous for both Reinhardt Canyon and the Four Seasons Community.

I want to bring common sense to the Hemet City Council. I believe the priorities for local government are public safety (police and fire), roads, parks, and quality city planning. I realize the City of Hemet has financial issues. I will work hard to secure grants from state and federal agencies to meet the needs of Hemet.

I would appreciate your support

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF HEMET, DISTRICT 5**

JOHN PETTY

OCCUPATION: Businessman

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Things have got to change in the City of Hemet!

While many of my closest friends have chosen to leave our beautiful valley, I have made the firm decision to stay and fight. For those law-abiding families that make up the vast majority of our community – you deserve better for your hard-earned tax dollars. The time for committees and consultants is over. The time for action is now. Within 30 days of my election, at a minimum, I will initiate the following:

1. An immediate increase of patrol officers on the street. We have the resources from Measure U – we need the resolve to make it work.
2. A reduction of social service magnets. Top priority is to immediately repeal the City Council's recent approval of a 280 bed Riverside County facility for homeless with severe psychiatric problems.
3. Passing and/or enforcing tough "quality of life" ordinances including truancy, trespassing, graffiti, and loitering measures. We need to do whatever it takes to make vagrants, vandals, and criminals not want to be here.

"All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is that good people do nothing."

A vote for John Petty is a vote for action.

ElectJohnPetty.com

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF HEMET, DISTRICT 5**

WRAYMOND SAWYERR

OCCUPATION: Business Owner

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

AGE: 60

My name is Wraymond Sawyerr. As a Hemet resident, I am concerned about the decline in the quality of life in our city.

Homelessness has reached critical levels. Transients publicly use drugs and alcohol. Residents do not feel safe. Our streets are filthy and falling apart.

To help get Hemet back on track, I am seeking election to the City Council. My priorities are 1) greater investment in law enforcement, 2) street improvements 3) measures that will hold City Hall accountable.

I believe I am uniquely qualified for the City Council. I'm a legal immigrant to America who came here pursuing the American Dream. I have worked as a detention officer with the Los Angeles Police Department. In 2005, I opened a local business that remains highly successful.

For eight years, I was an elected School Board member. Since 2017, I have served as a member of the Riverside County Civil Grand Jury. I am President of the McSweeny Farms Homeowners Association and Vice Chair of Hemet's Infrastructure Commission.

If you have questions, learn more at WraymondSawyerr.com, or call (951)488-2507 or wraymond2@verizon.net

I would be honored to have your vote to restore Hemet to a great place to live.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF HEMET, DISTRICT 5**

LINDA KRUPA

OCCUPATION: Retired Business Owner

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

This election is about Public Safety, Quality of Life, Common Sense and Experience. I have always been in the majority vote to maintain strong, locally controlled Public Safety Services. Measure U has allowed us to keep that commitment to Public Safety.

We must continue to build on what we have achieved: a reduction in violent crime, improved technology and equipment to assist law enforcement and fire, paramedic staffing at all fire stations and improved safety services demanded by the public.

I am a retired business owner and Financial Manager who understands the importance of a vibrant economic development plan to provide jobs and shopping opportunities for the many people who call Hemet their home.

Bringing the community together to clean up neighborhoods and streets is a great beginning with the Adopt A Block program. Hemet needs the buy in of everyone to restore our Quality of Life and how we feel about our homes, our faith based communities, our schools, and our rich heritage.

Remember: It is harder to restore a masterpiece than to create a new painting. Hemet is a masterpiece worth restoring.

Vote Linda Krupa to restore our city, our community, and preserve our heritage.

Krupaforhemetcouncil@gmail.com

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF INDIAN WELLS, FULL TERM**

DANA REED

OCCUPATION: Indian Wells Mayor / Businessman

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Representing our community on the Indian Wells City Council and serving two terms as Mayor has been a tremendous privilege. We have accomplished much together, and I am excited to continue the important work of keeping our city such a wonderful place to live.

Throughout my time in office, my commitment has always been to maintain our incredible quality of life, keep our city safe, and keep your government accountable.

We recently passed a balanced biannual budget which will allow our city to accomplish critical capital improvements and maintain economic vibrancy for the next two years. I am proud of the fiscal responsibility the City Council has imposed which will benefit our residents for years to come.

I am enormously pleased of how quickly our community has rebounded from the COVID-19 pandemic, and I am confident that the future of our city is truly bright.

Since joining the City Council in 2014, I have successfully worked with my colleagues to balance budgets, streamline our city's processes for growing the economy, increase transparency at City Hall, and maintain Indian Wells' world-class golf resort.

Public safety, including Fire, Police, and Paramedics, is my number one priority, and we all work tirelessly to maintain our place as one of the safest cities in California.

On the regional level, I serve as Indian Wells' representative on the Riverside County Transportation Commission where, in partnership with CALTRANS and the Federal Railroad Administration, we are working towards providing twice daily AMTRAK service between the Coachella Valley and Los Angeles/Orange County.

I am committed to prioritizing the interests and opinions of ALL our residents and hotel partners as we work together to protect the Indian Wells Golf Resort's special place in our community and region.

I would be honored to receive your vote so I can continue working for you on the Indian Wells City Council.

Thank you.

DANA REED

Indian Wells Mayor/Businessman

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**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF INDIAN WELLS, FULL TERM**

TOPER TAYLOR

OCCUPATION: Committeeman / Businessman

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Toper Taylor currently serves the City of Indian Wells on the Golf Resort Advisory Committee and is a doctoral candidate in public policy at the University of Southern California.

Indian Wells needs Toper Taylor's accomplished leadership skills to tackle critical issues facing our city: addressing California's mandate for all cities to build low-income housing; negotiating a new master operating agreement for the Indian Wells Golf Resort; navigating increased traffic on Highway 111; managing rampant inflation which impacts our city's budget; planning for a potential recession including the possibility of lower tax revenue; strategizing the impact of the Coachella Valley's projected growth and ever-changing demographics.

Toper Taylor is a successful, passionate, energetic leader with public and private, commercial and non-profit organization experience.

Toper Taylor is experienced in scaling organizations, turning around companies, negotiating high-stake complex agreements, empowering personnel from diverse cultures and backgrounds, raising capital, and excels in long-and short-term strategic planning.

Toper Taylor built two global, billion-dollar family entertainment companies from humble beginnings and won several Emmy Awards for educational children's television programs, including Arthur on PBS. Toper is an active member of the board of councilors for the USC Roski School of Fine Arts and Design and the board of alumni for the USC School of Cinematic Arts. Toper earned a bachelor's degree from the USC Annenberg School of Communication and Journalism as well as master's degree from the USC Sol Price School of Public Policy in healthcare management and administration.

Toper Taylor is a fifth-generation Californian who grew up in the San Francisco Bay Area, raised three accomplished children in Los Angeles and is now thrilled to be living in Indian Wells with his wife Jennifer, a native of Riverside County, as active members of The Vintage Club.

Vote Toper Taylor for Indian Wells city council.

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**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF INDIAN WELLS, FULL TERM**

IVAN MOAD

OCCUPATION: Businessman

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I am running for City Council in order to make Indian Wells the best it possibly can be by electing new people with fresh ideas for our community.

The Vue restaurant should be a proud meeting place for all residents with great food, service, and events. Currently, it falls short as a place residents are proud to take their families and friends. A new council will have the opportunity to change the management team and make it a place of pride.

Public safety is my number one priority. We need to work with residents to form strategies to combat and prevent residential crime. We have the opportunity to make the public safety of Indian Wells the gold standard for others to follow.

I have served on the Planning Commission for the last four years and as Chairman for the last two years. I also served on the City's Design Review Committee for the past two years and have been on my Home Owner's Association board for five of the last eight years.

I am endorsed by the current Chairman of the Planning Commission Jim Snellenberger.

Please vote Ivan Moad for City Council.

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**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF INDIAN WELLS, FULL TERM**

DOUGLAS "DOUG" HANSON

AGE: 76

OCCUPATION: Entrepreneur, Businessman, Investor
EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

This year I will be seeking a seat on the Indian Wells City Council for the Four-Year Term.

I have been a successful Entrepreneur/Businessman with over 40 years of experience in Real Estate, Tele-Communications and Broadcasting. I think my business experience qualifies me to represent the residents of Indian Wells on the City Council.

This year especially, it is critical that we elect a person with the knowledge and experience I have with the city, no one knows it better.

Our Golf Resort Campus is the epicenter of Indian Wells. It's what makes our city unique from other cities in the valley. It is the reason we can provide the services to our residents that we do. The Golf Resort hotels provide over 70% of our General Fund revenue. Admission Tax from the Tennis Gardens covers most of the additional revenue needed for the city to function profitably. It is essential that we protect these revenue streams while at the same time protecting our "Quality of Life" amenities for our residents.

Unlike our neighboring cities, we have no playgrounds, baseball, soccer, or football fields. It is therefore extremely important that we protect the resident's right to use the Golf Resort as it was originally intended.

My primary goal for the next four years will be, adding revenues and achieving Economic Sustainability. At the same time remembering that "Residents Always Come First."

I will focus on the following: 1. Solve the police shortage problem. 2. Expedite the resurfacing of our interior streets in the ungated areas. 3. Improving the quality of food and service at the VUE. 4. Find Developers for the vacant property East and West of Miles Ave. 5. Start work on affordable housing as required by the state. 6. Find a better location for the proposed park at Eldorado and Fairway.

We need to question every action that we take. We must constantly monitor the financial condition of our city and protect our revenue streams and monitor our expenses. Something that is not currently being done.

As a business-owner, I know how to balance a budget, meet a payroll, understand a Profit and Loss Statement, and Balance Sheet.

Remember, Public Safety, and protecting our residents is every councilmember's first priority.

As a veteran, I respectfully ask for your vote on November 8, 2022

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF INDIAN WELLS, FULL TERM**

BRUCE B. WHITMAN

AGE: 70

OCCUPATION: Attorney
EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Key issues:

- Operations of the Golf Resort. The Golf Resort must remain, as intended, a draw for the resorts and primary resident amenity, including reduced resident fees for golf and dining. And open the weak Troon contract for bid or renegotiation on better terms.
- Vacant Land Development. A fresh perspective is needed.
- Honoring the will of the voters. In 2010, Indian Wells overwhelmingly passed term limits by 80%. In 2020, Indian Wells voters overwhelmingly (62%) passed Measure J, a stronger two-term lifetime limit for Council. Code Section 2.08.045 states:

"... no person shall be eligible...for election for more than two (2) four (4) year terms during his or her lifetime."

I pledge that I will always honor the will of the voters. I certainly would not violate the letter and the spirit of the law by seeking nomination to serve more than two four-year terms.

- My qualifications:

I have been an attorney for over forty years, collaboratively resolving complex and difficult issues and efficiently drafting, reviewing, and negotiating contracts and documents. I am trained and trained others in law, ethics and civility, sorely needed skills for Council.

I have experience in City affairs. I served two terms on the Golf Resort Committee, where I learned golf course and Vue finances. I assisted the City privately resolve a dispute between Councilmembers without litigation. I have met with the City Manager and staff often to educate myself about issues facing Indian Wells, and extensively research Indian Wells history as a member of the Advisory Board of the IW Historic Preservation Foundation.

Ginny and I raised our two sons in Cincinnati. When we made the Coachella Valley our full-time home seven years ago, we chose to live in Indian Wells. There are many qualities that make Indian Wells an extraordinary place to live. Indian Wells' greatest quality? The residents, our neighbors.

In Indian Wells, the Council sets policy. The staff executes. Council's role is then oversight, but not micromanaging, to make sure the policies are properly fulfilled. Council should encourage the City Manager to keep the residents informed, and as your Councilmember I will always be available and accessible to our community.

Indian Wells is fiscally sound, but its management needs improvement. If you give me your vote, I will work professionally and collaboratively to preserve the good but always be open to the better.

Please contact me with questions: bbwhitmanlaw@gmail.com or (513) 703-7244.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF INDIAN WELLS, SHORT TERM**

EDWARD TY PEABODY

OCCUPATION: Consultant

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Ty Peabody was elected to the Indian Wells City Council in 2012 and 2016 and served as mayor pro tem in 2014 and 2019 and mayor in 2015 and 2020.

Ty Peabody has over 55 years of extensive retail and hospitality experience as a senior executive and also as an entrepreneur. Ty Peabody was COO of Swensen's Ice Cream, La Salsa, Fast Food Division Host International and Paradise Bakery and was a divisional manager at Federated Department Stores. Ty Peabody also has extensive experience in the franchise industry as a franchisor and franchisee including Kentucky Fried Chicken and Howard Johnson's. Ty Peabody was also appointed by the U.S. Trustee's Office to take Pioneer Chicken through Chapter 11 procedures (300 restaurants) and has consulted to over 26 food companies in his career.

No one has put more effort and time into serving as a Council member with successful results than Ty Peabody. During eight years on the Council, Ty Peabody served on 12 regional or City committees or boards.

The Council accomplished the following over the eight years Ty Peabody was on the Council:

- Increased revenues, cash flow and reserves each and every year (except during COVID).
- Contributed over \$14 million to capital reserves over the eight years of service.
- Developed Capital Reserve policy.
- City incurred no debt during the eight years.
- City ranked 4th of 450 cities in California for financial stability (solvency).
- The City of Indian Wells paid off all of its unfunded pension liability, which only a few cities in California have accomplished.
- The Indian Wells City Council was the first City Council in the Coachella Valley to address the financial issues brought about by the effects of COVID on the local economy. We made the necessary adjustments to the City's budget without cutting our public services, city staff or decreasing our cash reserves.
- The City has consistently delivered on its promise during the years to maintain "Quality of Life" like no other city.

My main goals for the next two years will be:

- Continue to find ways to increase the city's revenue.
- Work to solve long-term potential financial shortfalls including cost of police services, which are not sustainable in the long-term.
- Develop first affordable housing project as required by State.
- Complete development of two properties at Miles and Highway 111 with the goal of providing the City with more revenue.
- Assist in developing a "realistic" strategic plan for the Indian Wells Golf Resort with the goal being to be cash flow positive after capital expenses, but before resident amenity charges.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF INDIAN WELLS, SHORT TERM**

TED J. MERTENS

OCCUPATION: Retired Police Chief

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

From 2012 to 2020, for 8 years, Ted Mertens served the residents of Indian Wells – who deserve the best representation. It was his honor and privilege to represent and fulfill residents' desire to thrive in Indian Wells, as Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem, and Councilmember.

Term Limits: Residents overwhelmingly voted twice in favor of establishing term limits for councilmembers to serve 2 terms or 8 years.

Ted Mertens strongly supported term limits and believes they are important and appropriate today.

A city council candidate in 2020 sued our city. A court invalidated the retroactive aspect of Measure J (term limits). Now, in 2022, a candidate having previously served two terms or 8 years can again be a candidate for City Council.

Election 2022 is unique for Indian Wells. A vacant 2-year term seat is available.

Just prior to the filing deadline for the vacant 2-year term, only one candidate, who had previously served 8 years and "termed out," declared his candidacy.

Ted Mertens believes residents should have a choice and declared his candidacy.

Neither of the two candidates should be eligible to run, but the court has ruled otherwise. You have a choice.

Ted Mertens is experienced and up to date on our city's challenging issues: public safety; continue fiscal stability; finalize plans of former "Ralph's"; develop vacant land at Miles/Hwy 111; Indian Wells Golf Resort; The Vue Bar & Grill; affordable housing; city landscaping, etc.

Public safety continues to be the #1 priority. As a retired Police Chief of 20 years, and over 40 years of government service, Ted Mertens has the knowledge and experience to ensure public safety needs of residents are continually re-evaluated and addressed - a challenge given the increases in contract costs and continuing inflation.

Ted Mertens knows what an elected council position requires. A solid, respected leader, and an experienced candidate, Ted will continue to work well with fellow council members, the City Manager, all staff, and most importantly, represent the residents of the City of Indian Wells for 2 more years with the highest integrity and dedication to all.

Vote for Ted Mertens and elect him to represent you for the 2-year term.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF INDIO, DISTRICT 3**

JONATHAN BECERRA

OCCUPATION: Small Business Owner

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

My name is Jonathan Becerra, I am running for Indio City Council because I love my home, the City of Indio. My family and I have lived here for over 6 decades. I formed part of the team that founded the Indio Teen Center. I started my small business in Indio. I have been investing in Indio's progress for a long time.

I've worked in different sectors of the Coachella Valley. Through it all, my mission was always clear - to make the place I love better for the people that live here. As a community member, I've attended city council meetings and advocated for services and policies for an improved quality of life, and I've fought when I knew there was more the City could do to help its residents and businesses.

If elected, I will continue to create positive, long-lasting change to the City of Indio. I've done that while serving as an elected Board Director at the Desert Recreation District. It's what I'll continue to do as your city councilmember.

I want to live in a city that works for its people. If you do too, I'd be honored to have your vote.

Jonathan Matthew Becerra

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF INDIO, DISTRICT 3**

ELAINE HOLMES

OCCUPATION: Councilmember / Businesswoman

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

As an Indio business owner, Councilmember and past Mayor, I have advocated for Indio for over 12 years. I'm eager to continue helping Indio thrive! Indio is the safest it's been in a decade – crime is down over 50% since 2010. We've added police officers and a new dispatch system to keep Indio safe.

Our city is the fastest growing city in the Coachella Valley, and I've worked hard to bring quality housing and businesses to our community.

We've streamlined the permitting process to make it easier for businesses to expand. Encouraging new companies to open in Indio is a key to our success.

We addressed the critical housing shortage with several new affordable housing projects and successfully obtained a \$1M grant for transitional housing to support our homeless programs and transition people off the street.

We've secured funding to upgrade roads, improve infrastructure, build new public safety facilities and provide new parks and sports fields.

Let's keep Indio doing great things. If reelected, I will continue to work tirelessly to improve our community and keep it prosperous, safe and affordable for everyone.

I'm excited to continue to serve you and I would be grateful for your vote!

www.elaineholmes.com

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF JURUPA VALLEY, DISTRICT 1**

LORENA BARAJAS

OCCUPATION: Project Engineer

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Dear Neighbor,

It has been my honor to serve as your councilmember and as Mayor of Jurupa Valley in 2021. I am running for re-election because my family and I love serving our community.

When I was elected, I heard your concerns about public safety, roads, and development.

Together, we have accomplished:

- Addressing development impacts through sensible common-sense approaches to job creation, environmental protection, and sustaining the supply chain;
- One of the FIRST Riverside County cities to receive housing element certification and adopt an inclusionary housing policy, while protecting equestrian overlays;
- Securing the Inland Empire Technical Trade Center, which will focus on training and building our workforce.
- Infrastructure improvements to Mira Loma, Bain, Limonite, and Van Buren Avenues; and
- Prioritized retail investments such as ALDI, Sprouts, Harbor Freight, and Burlington Coat Factory.

If re-elected, I will support issues most critical to preserving our quality of life:

- Smart, responsible growth and development, while being mindful of our unique equestrian and rural lifestyle;
- Provide high-quality and enriching programs and services to our youngest, oldest, and most vulnerable populations;
- Maintaining a balanced budget but investing in supporting our healthy and safe community.

I hope to earn your vote.

lorena4jurupa.com

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF JURUPA VALLEY, DISTRICT 1**

ARMANDO CARMONA

OCCUPATION: Business Owner / Community Scholar

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Armando was raised in Mira Loma to immigrants from Mexico. He envisions Jurupa Valley as a thriving city that balances the beauty and richness of our equestrian and ranch lifestyle with thoughtful and sustainable economic growth. He stands for placing the interests of our residents first over the pockets of developers. As we face the homelessness crisis, environmental justice issues, high density development projects and traffic, we need leadership that is unafraid and willing to stand up for the wellbeing of our community.

Armando Carmona graduated from UC Santa Barbara and he not only lives in our community but he grew up here. He is a graduate of Jurupa Valley High School, Mira Loma Middle School and Troth Elementary school and will partner with local teachers and parents to ensure our programs and events create opportunities for the next generation.

Armando is a consensus builder who is ready and willing to serve our community. He is accessible and wants a more responsive City that addresses the concerns of our residents. From safe and clean streets to improving traffic flows and providing necessary services to historically neglected areas, Armando will make sure your concerns and voices are heard.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF JURUPA VALLEY, DISTRICT 1**

JESSE SILVA

AGE: 25

OCCUPATION: Notary Public / Senior Recreations Leader

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I, Jesse Silva, am campaigning for District 1 City Council to address your concerns about the Equestrian lifestyle, Infrastructure road maintenance and improvements, addressing the influx of homelessness, and establishing safety and positive community outreach. I as a Recognized Community Leader, Commissioned California Notary, and 25-year Jurupa Valley resident; vow this.

As my campaign motto states, I am "FOR THE PEOPLE."

No matter race, occupation, religion, or sex, I'm here to understand and serve you. I comprehend and embody it, as the eldest of three from a single immigrant mother, I've strived to demonstrate the tenacity of one's own will. Attending all JURUPA schools, earning my diploma from Jurupa Valley High School, receiving my certification from Riverside College, and continually furthering my endeavors towards community-centric philanthropy.

SILVA, a man of action, has already constructed a 1-year road map for the betterment of our city; entailing active pursuit of refinement that implements policies which are significant, sound and transparent. By making steady, judicious, incremental improvements, SILVA can replace broken policies, fix deteriorating programs, hold leadership accountable and create measurable results, thus ensuring the Safety, Health, and Welfare of our community.

"Together let's make history towards the right direction."

Yes we can!

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
MAYOR,
CITY OF LA QUINTA**

LINDA EVANS

AGE: 58

OCCUPATION: La Quinta Mayor / Businesswoman

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

THANK YOU for the privilege of serving as your Mayor for the past eight years. As a city, we are proud of our accomplishments and the progress made – especially overcoming the impacts caused by the pandemic and supporting our residents and local businesses through the worst of it. We have added new businesses, increased affordable housing units and acquired land for more units, funded programs for the homeless and food insecure, added new events for our community to enjoy, beautified North La Quinta landscaping, increased funding for road repairs and maintenance, and enhanced our flood control systems. This was all accomplished while effectively managing expenses and securing financial reserves.

Your continued engagement to provide feedback, input, and participation is important to me. Together, we create our quality of life. We will continue to ensure our city is safe as we value our law enforcement and fire services. Ongoing/future projects include Vision Highway 111, Montage and Pendry Hotels at Talus, enhancement of the Village/Old Town area, reliability of utilities, and more affordable housing.

We have taken this journey together, and I appreciate the support and teamwork we share. Respectfully, I ask for your vote for Mayor. Thank you. #LoveLQ

www.LindaForMayor.org

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
MAYOR,
CITY OF LA QUINTA**

ROBERT F. SYLK

OCCUPATION: Businessman

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Promise

La Quinta celebrated its 40th Anniversary but we are not moving forward and stuck from a lack of vision and lack of leadership. My observations over the past eight years is literally every decision made by the Council is a reactive position. Rarely do we find them leading or out in front of any issue. They won't make a decision without consensus. La Quinta has lost its vitality and energy and should be one of the leading cities in the Coachella Valley. Let's raise our visibility and restore the "can do" attitude La Quinta once enjoyed.

I have not lost my faith in our great City. Like you, I believe in La Quinta.

This is more than a campaign slogan -- it is a deep seated belief that comes from being surrounded by the best we have to offer. Strong families - strong communities - strong faith - and strong work ethics born of a sense of personal responsibility.

I have met with people who have lost their jobs, their savings, homes, businesses, and way of life. But they have not lost their hope!

They truly believe that by restoring La Quinta's promise things will get better. I promise to do just that for you.

Robert F. Sylk, Veteran

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**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF LA QUINTA**

JOHN J. PEÑA

AGE: 67

OCCUPATION: La Quinta Council Member
EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

My name is John Peña.

It has been my honor to serve you the past eight years as your City Councilman and previously as your Mayor. I pledged four years ago to use my experience, education, and my ability to listen and communicate to ensure our city was responsible regarding your tax dollars, and I delivered. Our city has a low crime rate and public safety continues to be a top priority. La Quinta has an award-winning finance department known for its transparency and the entire council and city management welcomes citizen participation. Our residents are more connected to the city because of our commitment to consistent communication, social media, and meaningful civic engagement. The city council encourages citizen participation in our planning, finances and community services making La Quinta one of the finest cities in the Coachella Valley. During the pandemic I endeavored to help small businesses and all our citizens navigate the challenges of these unprecedented times. I am a life-long desert resident committed to the future of our great city and have a passion for maintaining our environment and the quality of life we enjoy. I ask for your support in electing me, John Peña, to the La Quinta City Council.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF LA QUINTA**

DEBORAH MCGARREY

AGE: 57

OCCUPATION: Public Affairs Manager
EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

The City of La Quinta continues to be a fiscally strong city, focused on providing a quality of life for it's residents and supporting a strong business community. I support this as my vision.

I am proud to be a resident of the City of La Quinta for 22 years and an active leader in the Coachella Valley, serving on various leadership committees and boards to better the quality of life within the city the region.

As a public affairs manager for SoCalGas, I'm experienced with working with local governments, public safety professionals, and customers resolutions. I hold leadership roles that focus on addressing food insecurity, housing needs, land conservation and promoting economic development.

I support:

Fiscally Conservative and Responsible Budget: A balanced budget and maintaining strong reserves is essential for the city's future.

Quality of Life: The quality is there! I will work to continue securing public safety through thoughtful policies and by balancing the the equities.

The Regional Perspective: I will continue to work with our neighboring cities to fortify our regional role. I will support these efforts intentionally, thoughtfully, and respectfully for our progress to continue.

I ask for your vote!

Deborah McGarrey

www.McGarreyForLQ.com

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF LA QUINTA**

JOSEPH JOHNSON

OCCUPATION: LA County Investigator, Retired
EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Thank you for considering me for La Quinta City Council.

I am not a career politician, but a citizen politician, a concerned full-time resident since 2011 with issues as to some of the projects being proposed that can be detrimental to our quality of life.

After graduating law school with a juris doctor degree, I went into public service as an investigator with the County of Los Angeles Department of Consumer Affairs. I ran many of the departments there, including Consumer Protection, Mediation, Identity Theft and Real Estate Fraud.

I am against non-hosted full-time STRVs in residential neighborhoods. I am against the Wave Pool project because of the detrimental effect on its neighbors and the amount of precious water that will be used. I am against high density housing at 50th and Washington. I believe our roads need critical attention. I am for fully reviewing every project as to how it affects residents first and not cater to special interests. I want accountability for the SilverRock debacle.

Joseph (Joe) Johnson, JD

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF LA QUINTA**

RICHARD NELSON GRAY

AGE: 77

OCCUPATION: Retired
EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Now it's up to you. Your vote and all our votes will decide La Quinta's future. Do you want the same plodding and stagnant city?

Are roundabouts the best use of discretionary capital projects? Is SilverRock the example of poor decision-making and supervision? Are our residential neighborhoods better for having Short-Term Vacation Rentals spread around like mini motels? Was there a waste of staff time and costs by stretching out the permit process for the huge water waste at Coral Mountain? Did the new lane changes practice road-diet or road-kill at Adams?

I am a retired State Dept Foreign Service Officer - diplomat. Oversea federal service for 15 years. I have a BA from the University of San Diego, 2 years in banking, 2 years as a middle school teacher, and 25 years with my family's construction firm. My greatest experience is life-time citizenship and willingness to serve as a La Quinta council member.

If you're satisfied with La Quinta's sluggish progress, vote for the status quo.

If you want democracy with citizen oversight and leadership, vote for me and for other new candidates.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF MENIFEE, DISTRICT 2**

BENJAMIN DIEDERICH
OCCUPATION: Attorney
EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

AGE: 44

Menifee is a great place to live, work, and raise a family, but I'm running for City Council to make it even better for both my family and yours. I was raised locally and attended MSJC. After receiving my law degree from USC I started my own law firm that helps parents protect their families, creators and inventors protect their intellectual property, and sponsors youth and innovation activities. I'm proud to have been awarded "Small Business of the Year" in 2020 by the Chamber of Commerce.

I've served for the past 3 years as a member of Menifee's Planning Commission, helping new small businesses start in our city. I've also served our community as a volunteer and board member to many various organizations. I chose to raise my family in Menifee, and as your councilman I'll work every day to keep our city and streets safe and clean and keep our police, fire, and first responders fully funded.

Proudly endorsed by:

Menifee Police Officers' Association
Mayor Bill Zimmerman
Councilman Matt Liesemeyer

I'm a small businessman and city commissioner, but more importantly, I'm your neighbor first, and always will be, so please reach out with any questions: Ben@BenForMenifee.com

Learn more: www.BenForMenifee.com

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF MENIFEE, DISTRICT 2**

RICKY ESTRADA
OCCUPATION: Military Airman / Educator
EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

AGE: 33

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WE MUST IMPROVE TRAFFIC!

We can do this by:

1. Cutting the debt: Menifee has \$21.9 million in debt and we are scheduled to pay \$11.6 million in interest. We need to preserve our tax dollars to complete infrastructure.
2. Cutting wasteful spending: We cannot let projects like the "Park Amphitheater" balloon from \$100,000 in 2016 to \$3.9 million in 2022.
3. I am a leader which CANNOT be bought or influenced. I would be the ONLY Menifee Council member to sign the oath stating, "I will not accept campaign contributions from developers or contractors within our city."
4. We must revisit our general plan and set aside zoning for more parks and land conservation.

We should always keep in mind that our families appreciate our small town feel. We must be financially responsible to support strong police & fire safety. Our city has the potential for greatness if we have smart leaders, responsible spending, and put family values first.

As a member of the United States Air Force, and an Educator in Menifee, I will always show love for the future of our country.

Love for thy neighbor,
Ricky Estrada

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF MENIFEE, DISTRICT 2**

ALTIE HOLCOMB
OCCUPATION: Senior District Representative
EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

AGE: 51

I have lived in Menifee for almost 13 years and it has grown significantly. We need bold and courageous leaders as we enter the next phase of our city's growth. I am running for Menifee City Council because I want to help make our city the best in the state. We need to attract quality dining and entertainment options for our residents and keep taxes low. We also need to provide the best opportunities for families to raise their children in a safe environment.

My top priorities are:

- Supporting police officers and firefighters
- Helping local businesses prosper
- Relieving traffic congestion

About me:

- Former chair and member of the Menifee Parks, Recreation, and Trails commission
- Board Member, Boys and Girls Clubs of Inland Valley
- Retired Marine Corps officer and served in the Gulf War and Iraq War
- Member of VFW and Military Officers Association of America
- Graduate of San Diego State University and Wayland Baptist University

My pledge is to honor our veterans, families, first responders, seniors, and residents. I will be accessible, responsive, and transparent.

I humbly ask for your vote for the November 8th election.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
MAYOR,
CITY OF MORENO VALLEY**

DR. PATSY D. BROWN

OCCUPATION: Pastor / Professor / Administrator

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Dr. Patsy Brown is a longtime Moreno Valley resident, active, and well-known in the community. As a local Pastor in Moreno Valley, Dr. Brown is aware of the issues the residents face. As an Educator she is well aware of the need of our families for safe extracurricular activities. As an agency director, she knows how to navigate systematic and effective change systems. She will ask the hard questions, get answers, and get results. "It's time for a change" She will ensure Diversity, Integrity, and "Real" Transparency. A vote for Dr. Patsy Brown is a "Vote" for the community of Moreno Valley, CA.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
MAYOR,
CITY OF MORENO VALLEY**

LINDSAY ROBINSON

OCCUPATION: Retired UCR Researcher

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Upon moving to Moreno Valley in 1997, I began my legacy of service by volunteering with the Moreno Valley Community Band/Wind Symphony and the Trailseekers. I am a retired UCR Staff Research Associate, former University and Technical Employees Union e-board officer, served on the City of Moreno Valley's Arts Commission, MVUSD's ArtsNow Campaign, and completed CERT training. My city-wide participation has included a variety of resident-organized activities, street/trail/park and property clean ups; city's Adopt-a-Trail, and event fundraisers/giveaways on behalf of organizations such as the Friends of the Senior Center, Edgemont Women's Club, Soroptimists, Community Now, and Salvation Army and continue to perform with the Wind Symphony. Additionally, my civic involvement at city hall and planning commission meetings has brought me in contact with residents from throughout the city whose voices deserve to be heard! My goal as mayor is to put residents first, and protect your health, quality of life and improve the safety within your neighborhoods. My allegiance is to the people and my campaign promise is to treat everyone fairly and equally so that your voice will be heard and respected!

IT'S TIME TO CHANGE DIRECTION AT CITY HALL AND I'M THE ONE TO PAVE THE WAY!

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
MAYOR,
CITY OF MORENO VALLEY**

ULISES CABRERA

OCCUPATION: City Councilmember

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Councilmember Cabrera is a proud father, husband, community leader, and small business owner. He was first elected in 2017, and re-elected in 2018, making him the youngest elected official in Moreno Valley history. He is the only candidate with extensive knowledge of city hall operations, strong partnerships across the state and country, and will work hard to secure important funding and resources for our community. Moreno Valley has been his home for 10 years, it's where he and his wife purchased their first home, and it's where their son was born. Ulises graduated Cum Laude from UC Riverside, earning a degree in Political Science: Law and Society. He also attended Moreno Valley College, and Valley View High School. During his two terms, Councilmember Cabrera voted to open two new libraries, invest over \$60 million to repave our roads, approve the 1 million square foot Kaiser hospital expansion, establish the Homeless to Work program, open the city's first teen center, fund millions in new public safety resources, and so much more. As Mayor, he will work tirelessly to create quality jobs, reduce homelessness, make our city safer, and invest in our children's future. For more information, please visit UlisesforMayor.com.

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**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
MAYOR,
CITY OF MORENO VALLEY**

DEBRA DENISE CRAIG

OCCUPATION: Teacher / Social Media

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

For the last nine years, I have been actively engaged with Moreno Valley residents and small businesses on a daily basis, and not because I am running for office. My social media platform, and volunteer gig, Moreno Valley Matters, provides daily news and information about our city. It is the place where 100,000+ followers get help for problems like finding lost dogs, rentals, sharing good news, venting frustrations, business recommendations, reporting public safety, and being informed. While there are critics of social media, no one can deny its role in connecting the community and giving people a forum to be heard.

Teachers love to talk but MVM has taught me to listen. I want what other residents want.

My priorities are:

- acceleration of road repairs
- beautification of business areas
- swimming lessons available to our youth
- reduce/eliminate street sweeping fines
- enhance pet services
- helping donkeys
- improving public safety
- financial assistance for improving residential areas
- transparency and creating unity on the council

If you're tired of the status quo, please vote for Debra Craig. Regardless of the outcome, I am dedicated to improving the quality of life in Moreno Valley.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
MAYOR,
CITY OF MORENO VALLEY**

JAMES EARLY SR

AGE: 57

OCCUPATION: Maintenance Man

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Hi my name is James Early Sr. I have been a resident of Moreno Valley for thirty one years. I am a hard worker and have been all my life. I started Early's Reptile and Small Critter Rescue about eight years ago. I went to United College of Business and Security Officer's Training Academy. I also raised four children and would like to try to work to help find a solution to the homeless situation for people and animals. Also would like to bring back the Mom and pop's stores and make Moreno Valley prosperous again for the families and hard working people.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
MAYOR,
CITY OF MORENO VALLEY**

JAIME C HURTADO

AGE: 56

OCCUPATION: Manager, International Business Office

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Jaime Hurtado is a dedicated public servant and community leader with the right experience, maturity and background to be our next Mayor.

Currently the Manager of the International Business Office for Riverside County's Office of Economic Development, he is running for Mayor to keep Moreno Valley moving in the right direction.

Hurtado is supported by local deputies, firefighters and will work tirelessly for good paying, high-quality local jobs, better roads, and excellent schools.

Hurtado is committed to improving the quality of life for all Moreno Valley residents. A son of immigrants, Jaime Hurtado understands the values of hard work and community. He has volunteered for many organizations and served on boards and commissions and in 2009 he was appointed to the Southern California Fair Board, by the governor and then re-appointed in 2014 and 2018.

Hurtado has 30 years of experience in local and state government and was previously Chief of Staff to a County Board of Supervisor.

Jaime is endorsed by public safety organizations, elected officials, community and business leaders. As Moreno Valley's Mayor, Jaime Hurtado is committed to making our city a better place to live and work for everyone that is lucky enough to call this home.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF MORENO VALLEY, DISTRICT 2**

ED DELGADO

OCCUPATION: Assistant Sheriff

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Moreno Valley has been my home for 25 years, but I'm very concerned about our community's future. That's why I respectfully ask for your vote.

I am dedicated to protecting our families and our neighborhoods. My public safety service includes:

MILITARY VETERAN who served in the United States Coast Guard.

LAW ENFORCEMENT professional with the Riverside County Sheriff's Department for 23 years. Now serving as the Assistant Sheriff for Riverside County.

Moreno Valley needs strong leadership to prevent crime, clean up our community and secure our future success. As your Councilman, my priorities will include:

Public Safety: Expand law enforcement patrols in our neighborhoods and parks. Strengthen code enforcement to reduce panhandling, homelessness and blight.

Economy: Help our local businesses to thrive. Attract quality employers who will provide higher paying jobs and benefits for our families.

Supporting Youth: Laurie and I moved here in 1996 because of Moreno Valley's family-friendly quality of life. All three of our children attended local schools. I coached local softball and baseball teams. Today, I work with young adults as an Adjunct College Instructor.

I would be honored to serve you on the City Council. Please contact me personally at 951-906-2830 if you have questions or concerns.

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**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF MORENO VALLEY, DISTRICT 4**

CHEYLYNDA BARNARD

OCCUPATION: Commissioner / Social Worker

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

My name is Cheylynda Barnard, known as "Chey" to my family and friends. I am a lifelong Inland Empire resident; I grew up in the neighboring city of Riverside and have lived in Moreno Valley since 2005. I have had the opportunity to serve this community as a Social Worker, which has provided me with a unique experience. You have allowed me to come into your homes during your times of need; to extend a helping hand or simply an ear to listen to you. I have learned so much from you, from your greatest joys to your concerns about your day to day lives. I will continue to advocate to make public safety a priority through community policing with residents and the police department working together. I will advocate for continued investment in our community through youth and senior programs. We need to continue to address the homeless issue in our community and provide better economic opportunities that will invest in our community and create jobs. Every citizen deserves to have a voice and be heard. Let me be that voice by voting for Cheylynda Barnard for city council.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF MORENO VALLEY, DISTRICT 4**

GREG KUSTER

AGE: 55

OCCUPATION: Director of Operations

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Hello, my name is Greg Kuster and I've lived in Moreno Valley for over nineteen years now. I've been married to my wife Linda for over 31 years and we have three adult children and 2 grandchildren.

I've worked in private industry for over 35 years with a background in customer service and business management. My family and I moved to Moreno Valley in 2002 when the company that I worked for offered me the opportunity to manage one of their distribution locations. For the last 12 years I've worked with a great team of people at our local aviation museum.

Moreno Valley is a relatively young city, but it is the second largest city in Riverside County. With the leadership of our Mayor, past and current city councils and a great city staff, Moreno Valley is becoming a safer and financially sound city. There's still work to be done to make our city safe and financially stable, but great things are ahead us. I want to be able to help Moreno Valley continue to stay on course and to be that shining city on a hill in Riverside County.

Please vote for Greg Kuster on November 8, 2022

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF MURRIETA, DISTRICT 2**

RON HOLLIDAY

OCCUPATION: Investment Executive / Businessman

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I am uniquely QUALIFIED to serve you on Murrieta's city council.

As a VETERAN I have learned to both rely on myself and work with others to accomplish any worthwhile goal.

With over 25 years of FINANCIAL EXPERIENCE as a successful investment advisor and business owner, I have a vast understanding of budgets and accounting that gives me the ability to "follow the money" so Murrieta gets the most out of your tax dollars.

As a LONGTIME RESIDENT living in this area since 1964, I have institutional knowledge of how Murrieta became a city and how it has grown over the years.

Through my DECADES OF VOLUNTEERING for the city and local organizations I have shown my dedication to making Murrieta an outstanding city.

TOP PRIORITIES for me are public safety, both police and fire/EMTs, financial transparency and accountability, and maintaining and improving the quality of life we all enjoy in Murrieta.

Honored to be ENDORSED BY:

Kelly Seyarto, State Assembly Member
Mike Hestrin, Riverside County District Attorney
Jonathan Ingram, Mayor, City of Murrieta
Dr. Lisa Deforest, Mayor Pro Tem, City Of Murrieta
Cindy Warren, Council Member, City of Murrieta
Jeff Stone, State Senator (RET)
Alan Long, former, Mayor/Council Member, City of Murrieta
Randon Lane, former, Mayor/Council Member, City of Murrieta
Doug McAllister, former, Mayor/Council Member, City of Murrieta
Joan Sparkman, former, Mt. San Jacinto College Trustee

I humbly ask for your vote on Tuesday, November 8th, 2022.

Please visit www.hollidayformurrieta.com

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF MURRIETA, DISTRICT 2**

CHRISTI WHITE

OCCUPATION: Incumbent

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

As your City Council member, I'll continue to advocate to IMPROVE YOUR QUALITY OF LIFE. As I listen to feedback, there is a consistent message about what the CITY OF MURRIETA CITIZENS want and deserve. This feedback shapes my goals and commitments to you, including:

A safe City with excellent response times from Police and Fire
High quality water and wastewater services for all residents
Improved Code Enforcement processes to keep our City looking beautiful
Improved flow of local traffic to reduce choke points
A dynamic economic development plan that brings new jobs
Workforce development as a key factor in sustainable local jobs
A focus on challenging the status quo and reducing bureaucratic waste
Strong transparency and accountability from elected officials

EXPERIENCE COUNTS! With my degree in Business Management from the University of Redlands, plus 25+ years of corporate/nonprofit business and 7 direct years of hands-on City experience, you benefit as I bring a much-needed seniority and continuity to the Murrieta City Council. With pride, I volunteered for 3 years as a City Commissioner and served as the Chairperson for our Community Services Department. With over 150 City Council meetings under my belt, it is clear that I know how to effectively problem solve, think outside the box, and collaborate for the City's benefit.

You may be confident that I have what it takes to represent our district with professionalism, common sense, and integrity. Each day I work to make Murrieta a better place to call home, because I love our great City.

HOMELESSNESS & MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES: Compassion is key in dealing with these pressing issues. I support regional collaborations that champion solutions and accountability from our regional, state, and federal governments.

During the last four-years, I helped steer the City of Murrieta through the pandemic, while ensuring that our local businesses received every possible form of assistance. I supported our BALANCED BUDGET with reserves set aside for a rainy day, so that we never need to cut the City services you receive and enjoy.

Join me in working towards building a bright future and ensuring our that our solid foundation thrives.

Today's political climate is not for the faint of heart. You deserve a Council Member who is not afraid to face challenges and create solutions. I AM YOUR ADVOCATE.

I would be honored to earn your vote and humbly ask for your support.

www.Christi4Murrieta.com

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF MURRIETA, DISTRICT 5**

CINDY WARREN

AGE: 65

OCCUPATION: Appointed Incumbent / Businesswoman

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

As your District 5 Councilwoman, I am, and always will be, accessible and responsive to both residents and businesses alike.

I am dedicated to keeping our public safety my top priority by supporting training programs, procuring needed equipment, and ensuring that we have enough public safety personnel so Murrieta remains one of the safest cities in the nation.

My husband John served our country in Vietnam as a River Boat Commander. He was exposed to Agent Orange during this time, and ultimately lost his life because of his service. I am committed to continuing the involvement John and I had with programs and nonprofit organizations that support our active military and veterans.

As a successful small business owner for over 41 years, I know how to successfully maneuver through economic peaks and valleys. My goal is to be a part of the vision, success, and growth of this thriving community by pursuing quality development, maintaining fiscal sustainability with full transparency, and providing programs to repair and improve our infrastructure, while developing a realistic long-term plan to address our traffic issues, both locally and at the regional level.

I am proud to be endorsed by State Senator Melissa Melendez, Assembly Member Kelly Seyarto, Riverside County District Attorney Mike Hestrin, Murrieta Mayor Jonathan Ingram, and Murrieta Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Lisa DeForest, to name a few.

It has been my greatest honor to serve as your Murrieta City Councilwoman for the past year, and I humbly ask for your vote on November 8, 2022.
-Cindy Warren, Murrieta Councilwoman

Please visit: www.cindywarrenformurrieta.com for more information.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF MURRIETA, DISTRICT 5**

JIMMIE JACKSON

OCCUPATION: Retired

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I am honored to announce my candidacy for the City of Murrieta District 5 City Council. I have resided in Murrieta for over eighteen years. I am a champion for integrity, accountability, innovation and unity. I proudly served my country for six years in the U.S. Navy. I am a decorated Vietnam Era veteran. I also earned a Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.) Degree with emphasis in Telecommunications Management, and a Bachelor of Business Administration (B.B.A.) Degree with emphasis in Management Information Systems.

Today, I am a retired business professional, civil servant, entrepreneur, and active community member with a distinguished career in business administration, information technology, telecommunications, and leadership. I am currently serving my community as a member of the Riverside County Civil Grand Jury. I am excited about the opportunity to serve as a City Councilman for Murrieta District 5.

Being the father of two adult children has reinforced many of the virtues I learned while in service to my country and in my civilian career. Fatherhood has taught me patience and how to solve complex challenges using creativity and situational awareness while remaining conscientious of maintaining goodwill within the community.

As a candidate, I also intend to build upon the following goals:

1. I will work to support the citizens of Murrieta's District 5 with improved housing, employment and local access to healthcare services.
2. I will work with city planners to improve the flow of local traffic and reduce traffic "choke points" through technological advancements, strategic road design, city mapping, code enforcements, and increased freeway entrance and exit ramps.
3. Plus I will work to increase the availability and affordability of single family housing in Murrieta District 5.

These are just some of the issues that need to be addressed and the list will evolve as time progresses.

I have dedicated my life to providing quality service to all and today I am eager to take the next step. Your votes and support are needed and greatly appreciated. I look forward to increasing the reciprocity of my relationship with my home, neighbors, and community.

"Elect JIMMIE JACKSON, for Murrieta District 5 City Council" on Election Day, Tuesday, November 8, 2022.

JIMMIE JACKSON, M.B.A.
29307 Gandolf Court
Murrieta, CA 92563-5888

JimmieJackson4CityCouncil@gmail.com

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF NORCO**

KEVIN BASH

OCCUPATION: Business Owner / Councilman

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

BA: UC Riverside/MFA: UC San Diego

Norco has been home to my family over fifty years! As a past Parks and Recreation, Historic Commissioner, youth sports coach, husband, father, councilman and Mayor, I have dedicated myself to "Keeping Norco, 'Norco'". My passion, stamina, experience, and team building skills have contributed significantly to building fiscal solvency and protecting our large lots, open space, equestrian lifestyle, youth activities and seniors.

Proudest Team accomplishments:

- Attracting Significant New Business Benefitting Norco's Lifestyle
- Improving Fire Services and Emergency Preparedness
- Diversified Sales Tax Revenues and Increased General Fund Reserves
- Uncovering Norco's Incredible History
- George Ingalls Veteran's Memorial Plaza and Gold Star Family Memorial
- Improved Communication Technology to Keep Resident's Informed
- Creation of Citywide Historic District
- League of Cities Legislator of the Year

Future goals:

- More Deputies
- Infrastructure Improvement: Fix More Roads
- Secure Local Control
- Continue to Bring Commerce to Norco
- Continue to Enrich Youth and Senior Programs
- Solve Homelessness

I have the PROVEN LEADERSHIP, KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE to govern city issues while maintaining our lifestyle. It has been an honor to serve the people of Norco and I respectfully ask for your vote. More about my campaign at www.kevinbash.org.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF NORCO**

GREG NEWTON

OCCUPATION: Construction Manager / Councilmember

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Serving on City Council is a responsibility that requires significant time, effort and commitment to properly represent Norco residents. I have lived in Norco for 28 years. Throughout my two terms as your City Council Member, nine years as a Planning Commissioner and over 20 years as a volunteer, I have demonstrated my dedication to the community and to the residents.

During my tenure, I have embraced challenges and pursued opportunities to better our community and protect our large-lot, rural lifestyle. I have the necessary experience and knowledge to effectively navigate bureaucratic processes to make positive change and serve the residents.

As a construction manager, I successfully managed multi-million-dollar projects/budgets. I will continue to utilize my professional leadership experience as your Council Member, and I will continue to diligently audit expenses, ask important questions and seek proper answers.

Goals:

- Prioritize Public Safety
- Advocate for Local Control
- Ensure Financial Responsibility
- Improve City Processes/Services
- Restore/Maintain Streets and Trails
- Attract Businesses that Support Norco's Lifestyle

I will continue to be a champion for the community by working to protect the City of Norco's animal-keeping lifestyle for future generations.

Vote Newton for Norco!

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF NORCO**

BRENT SAKAMOTO

OCCUPATION: Operations Manager

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

ARE YOU CONCERNED LIKE ME WITH THE FUTURE OF NORCO? OUR UNIQUE LIFESTYLE IS AT RISK WITH MORE DEVELOPMENTS THAT DO NOT COMPLIMENT OUR TOWN. WE NEED TO CHALLENGE SACRAMENTO ON LAWS THAT INFRINGE ON OUR TOWN. I WILL WORK TO :

- PROTECT OUR LIFESTYLE
- FIGHT CRIME
- FINANCIAL SOLVENCY – FIGHT TAXES, REDUCE FEES
- FIX INFRASTRUCTURE
- FAIR PERMITTING & ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT

ADDRESSING QUALITY OF LIFE CONCERNS MUST BE A PRIORITY TO KEEP RESIDENTS, BUSINESSES, & VISITORS SAFE AND TO PROTECT PROPERTY VALUES.

WE NEED MORE LARGE SPECIAL EVENTS TO BRING IN TOURISM. HAVING ATTENDED MANY I.C.S.C. – INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF SHOPPING CENTER CONFERENCES & CONVENTIONS , I KNOW THERE ARE MANY NEW RESTAURANT, RETAIL, & ENTERTAINMENT CONCEPTS THAT WILL DRAW PEOPLE INTO TOWN.

I AM A STRONG 2A SUPPORTER AND SUPPORT A PERSONS RIGHT OF MAKING PERSONAL AND BUSINESS DECISIONS.

WITH YOUR SUPPORT WE CAN MAINTAIN AND PROTECT NORCO'S UNIQUE LIFESTYLE FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT. TAKEBACKNORCO.COM

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF PALM DESERT, DISTRICT 2**

GREGG AKKERMAN

OCCUPATION: Retired University Professor

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I'm Gregg Akkerman and having grown up in the Palm Desert area I know its wonderful history, but I want to better prepare for the future with stronger senior care, support for our schools, alternative public transportation, increased community internet access, five voting districts, and responsibly funded projects that serve our residents. Much of my career has been spent as a tenured university professor, self-employed business owner, musician, and author, where I honed communication and negotiation skills to navigate both professional and civic landscapes. More recently, as the vice-chair of our city's Parks and Recreation Commission, I have contributed to the development of projects such as the new regional park and Lupine Plaza. Additionally, my wife (a public-school teacher) and I have guided our two children through the completion of both public high school and college programs here in Palm Desert. I also have the honor to be the primary care-giver to my mother, a retired DSUSD teacher. As your representative on the council, I look forward to applying my experience and vision to act progressively towards improving our beautiful city; but always with an eye for balanced budgets and common-sense tradition. Visit greggakkerman.com for more information.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF PALM DESERT, DISTRICT 2**

EVAN TRUBEE

AGE: 51

OCCUPATION: Business Owner / Coach

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

As our city approaches its Golden Jubilee, I would like to acknowledge the history of wise leadership that has made Palm Desert the best place to live, do business, and raise a family. As a Palm Desert business owner, resident, and father, I have benefited from the solid foundation built by our city's leaders.

I am running for council to build on the legacy established by our leaders to ensure our city thrives for another 50 years. With the support of retiring Councilman Sabby Jonathan, I plan to continue the council's stellar work by preserving our city's:

- Fiscal Stability
- Safe Communities
- Natural Beauty
- Quality of Life

As a member of the Public Safety Commission and Resource Preservation and Enhancement Committee, I am committed to Palm Desert's success. Residents of Palm Desert are integral participants in the city's success. Together, we can continue to mold Palm Desert into a community that affords everyone the opportunity to thrive—a community that is safe, family-friendly, and business-friendly. To continue our city's history of wise leadership and build on the foundation for our city's prosperity for the next 50 years, Vote Evan Trubee for Palm Desert City Council.

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**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF PALM DESERT, DISTRICT 2**

GREGORY P. MEINHARDT

AGE: 61

OCCUPATION: Retired Special Agent

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

A veteran of the U.S. Army, and civil service, retiring as a Homeland Security Investigations Special Agent and National Program Manager for Human Rights Violators and Public Safety in Washington, D.C. After graduating from the University of Southern California with a degree in Economics, I called on large corporations with the Eastman Kodak Company, and small businesses with Automatic Data Processing, followed by several years in real estate lending before federal law enforcement. I managed complex multi-agency criminal investigations into alien smuggling, human trafficking, real estate and bank fraud, transnational gangs, identity theft, and wrote policy, directives, and handbooks for the Office of Investigations. I am a lifelong study of quality community growth and responsible government oversight, working at the municipal, county, state, federal, and international levels for the good of public safety. I taught financial investigations overseas to Afghan police, prosecutors, and customs officials, worked with the California Attorney General's Office on real estate fraud, and assisted local law enforcement in the arrest and prosecution of violent criminals.

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**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF PALM DESERT, DISTRICT 2**

JAN C HARNIK

AGE: 66

**OCCUPATION: Businesswoman
EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:**

Serving Palm Desert as your Mayor and Councilmember since 2010 is an honor.

We have succeeded in tough economic times. During my service on City Council, we have balanced every budget and increased City reserves while prioritizing public safety, community programs, and improving streets, schools, and neighborhoods.

Throughout my tenure, we have increased transparency and efficiency, and eliminated waste. We are positioned to maintain services and public safety for our community through unexpected and unprecedented challenges.

As we navigate the impact of the pandemic, our city is strong - a result of long-term vision and quick, creative responses. We must continue to work closely with our community. We cannot take for granted the assets of Palm Desert or its leadership.

I promise to support:

- Fiscal Responsibility - balanced budgets, strong reserves, and a vibrant economy
- Public Safety - safety and security for residents, businesses, and visitors
- Quality Education – foundational to the success of our community

Your neighbor since 1977, my husband and I raised five children in Palm Desert. I understand our community.

Working together, we can protect our community and our future.

I ask for your vote.

Jan C. Harnik

www.janharnik.org

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF PALM DESERT, DISTRICT 2**

CARLOS E. GARCIA

AGE: 71

**OCCUPATION: Business Owner / Educator
EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:**

Life has taught me some lessons – including that you have to work hard to do better and then show gratitude for what you achieve. These are the key drivers of my candidacy.

After 32 years of experience owning a business and many years of contributing to nonprofit boards in healthcare, education and the arts, today I'm proud to serve on the Palm Desert City Finance Committee.

My business career has been focused on conducting surveys and focus groups, a field I now teach at Cal Poly Pomona. I have celebrated diversity and endeavored to convey accurate insights to guide decisive action. Listening to people is my life's work. I want to listen to you and prioritize your voice.

I will work tirelessly to deliver for you on the Palm Desert City Council. I want to stand up for our neighbors in all parts of town, support our local businesses, cherish our families, respect women and elders, and fight for our environment.

Now more than ever, we deserve a city councilmember that leads with the right values and puts the needs of residents first. I humbly ask for your vote to move our city forward.

For more information, please visit www.CarlosG4PD.com

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, DISTRICT 1**

SCOTT NEVINS

AGE: 41

OCCUPATION: HealthCare / LGBTQ+ Advocate

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I'm a proud Palm Springs resident and a healthcare, civil rights and LGBTQ+ advocate with a long history of fighting for underrepresented groups. I'm not a politician, I'm a problem solver.

For years I've served the diverse communities that make up Palm Springs through my work on the Board of DAP Health, as a community leader, and through fundraising for programs directly affecting our residents.

As your representative, I will:

- Prioritize the food desert in North Palm Springs, giving the community access to fresh, healthy food without having to walk or drive miles.
- Protect women's reproductive health, and fight to expand access so that Palm Springs becomes an oasis for women's healthcare!
- Get unhoused people safely off the streets, provide close oversight of the Navigation Center, and protect the surrounding neighborhoods.
- Combat rising crime alongside community groups and law enforcement, so residents, business owners, and tourists feel safe.
- Address stalled development projects, affordable housing, the COD campus, and more.

I will always show up and put people over politics, bringing my passion for our communities and the people of our city to the Council, where we can work together as one.

I would be honored to represent and serve our District.

Visit scottnevins.com

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, DISTRICT 1**

GRACE GARNER

AGE: 36

OCCUPATION: Councilmember, City of Palm Springs

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

As your Councilmember over the past three years, and the only second-generation Palm Springs resident on the City Council, I am proud of the work we have accomplished. In District 1, we have championed the creation and funding of affordable housing developments, funded our new Downtown Park, invested in Spanish language interpretation, and created new youth programs and internship opportunities. Additionally, during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, I worked with local and regional leaders to provide on-going protections for essential workers, small businesses, and nonprofits.

I would be honored to earn your vote on Tuesday, November 8th, 2022, to ensure that we continue the work we started. Over the next four years, we will continue to build sustainable economic growth, invest in housing that is affordable, tackle our growing challenges with homelessness, reduce crime, and expand our diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts.

I am honored to be supported by Palm Springs Firefighters, Congressman Raul Ruiz, Palm Springs Mayor Lisa Middleton & Councilmember Christy Holstege, and over 100 community leaders from Palm Springs and throughout the region. You can learn more about our re-election campaign, priorities, and accomplishments at www.wewinwithgrace.com

Thank you,

Mayor Pro Tem and Councilmember Grace Garner
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**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, DISTRICT 2**

RENÉE BROWN

AGE: 68

OCCUPATION: Director of Education / Associate Curator
EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

My name is Renee Brown, Director of Education/Associate Curator at the Palm Springs Historical Society. I am a life-long resident of Palm Springs and a former educator, columnist, and service worker. Since 1987 I have helped women recover from alcoholism and drug addiction through the Hacienda Valdez and the House of Hope. I'm running for city council because I believe our city government has gotten off track and needs to focus on everyday issues that are impacting our community, like the growing homeless population, a rising crime rate, and the crisis in affordable housing. I will be accessible to you, responsive to your needs, and responsible with the city's budget. I'll prioritize transparency, accountability, and proactive, effective local governance. I will work diligently to represent our children, seniors, our LGBTQ+ community, and underserved minorities and marginalized communities. I will seek solutions, not headlines. As a council member, I will be committed to achieving results and will answer only to you - my constituents. My vote will not be swayed by the wealthy, developers, or special interests. It would be an honor to serve you.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, DISTRICT 2**

JEFFREY BERNSTEIN

AGE: 57

OCCUPATION: Businessperson
EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

As a full-time resident, I believe in ensuring the quality of our neighborhoods and the safety of our residents.

As a small business owner, I understand first-hand the importance of balancing economic development, while maintaining our city's unique character.

As someone who loves Palm Springs and has been embraced by our community, I recognize the role I can play in giving back.

The most important drivers of our local economy are its unique retail & restaurants and world-class hospitality & events – I have extensive experience in these areas.

- As the founder of a small local business, I will add the perspective of a successful business owner and employer to the Palm Springs City Council.
- As an elected member of the Board of Directors of Visit Greater Palm Springs, the Palm Springs Hospitality Association, and a member of the Bureau of Tourism Strategic Advisory Committee, I know how to grow our economy and create jobs.

I bring deep community ties and involvement.

- I Chair the City of Palm Springs Measure J Oversight Commission and am the founding member of the Palm Springs Sister City Committee
- I have worked extensively with many local nonprofit organizations including the Boys and Girls Club of Palm Springs, DAP Health, Desert Arc, Palm Springs Animal Shelter, and Modernism Week. My strong personal belief is that individuals and businesses should support the community and pay it forward.

I would be honored to receive your vote.

Jeffrey Bernstein

www.JeffreyForPS.com

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, DISTRICT 3**

RON DEHARTE

AGE: 57

OCCUPATION: Human Rights Commissioner

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I'm focused on safe streets, homelessness, accessible housing, and a diverse economic future. I bring proven leadership to take on today's challenges. I'm a consensus builder. I believe in inclusion, opportunity, and progress.

A Hispanic small business owner, father of two, and recognized community leader, I care about the vitality and livability of Palm Springs. I want to keep our city a great place to live, work, and visit.

My civic service includes being elected five times as Chair of the Palm Springs Human Rights Commission and an active member of the City of Palm Springs Police Department LGBTQ Advisory Committee. I've seen the struggles of homelessness, the need for mental health services, and the commitment needed to ensure our streets are safe.

I grew up with volunteerism and a strong work ethic being part of daily life. I first volunteered in Palm Springs in 2005. I've seen the contributions and concerns of the business community through service on the City of Palm Springs Business Transition & Re-entry Task Force and as a Main Street Palm Springs member. Civic involvement includes the City of Palm Springs 2020 Census Outreach Committee and Community Development Block Grant Citizens Advisory Committee. I'm founding Co-Chair of the Community Leadership Council and serve as Director of community-based initiatives, including Safe Schools Desert Cities and Greater Palm Springs Pride.

I'm the strong voice needed at city hall to fight for issues important to us.

Vote for inclusion, opportunity, and progress.

www.rondeharte.com

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, DISTRICT 3**

JOY MEREDITH

AGE: 63

OCCUPATION: Local Business Owner

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I moved to Palm Springs in 1978 and it was love at first sight.

We raised our family and owned businesses here.

I'm not a politician, but I have been part of or founded many organizations: Main Street Palm Springs, Palm Springs Police Advisory, Palm Springs Hospitality Assoc, PS General Plan, Parks Commissioner, Villagefest Commissioner, Movie Colony East Neighborhood, ONE-PS Picnic, Homeless Task Force.

I am a problem solver and bridge builder and am passionate about Palm Springs.

As your representative I will:

Seek realistic and practical solutions for the unhoused

Seek solutions for housing affordability for our workers

Support and diversify our economic growth

Support public safety needs

Provide transparency in government

Be a voice for those currently unheard.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF RANCHO MIRAGE**

LOUISA DAVIS

AGE: 68

OCCUPATION: Business Owner

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I've called the desert my 2nd home for the past 38 years and have lived in Rancho Mirage since 2014 after selling my manufacturing company in Seattle. Over the past few years, many community members have voiced concerns about how the city council makes them feel unheard. We need new approaches to local leadership that resonate with residents. I want to create a city council that will honor diversity, have transparency, tolerance and be open to new ideas.

I will not support agendas that haven't had adequate time for community involvement, or proper analysis of data. Changes to the fabric of our community like CV-Link, In-N-Out, STR's, and Porcupine Creek should be decided by the residents. Increased transparency and term limits will create integrity and instill trust in the city council. I will remove the one-way dialogue and create ways for our community to participate and be heard. The future cannot be decided without input from its residents on major issues. I will work to protect the future and honor the traditions and history of Rancho Mirage. I will uphold the values residents hold dear, and respect everyone's positions. I would be honored to have your vote. Louisa Davis

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF RANCHO MIRAGE**

STEVE DOWNS

AGE: 76

OCCUPATION: Rancho Mirage City Council Member

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

As the only sitting City Council Member on the November ballot, I ask for your vote. In Rancho Mirage, we enjoy a remarkable tradition for good governance, strong city management and a rock-solid fiscal condition. All the City Council Members and City Staff Members who have come before me have set a firm foundation for our future.

Today we're a city of about 19,000 people and we'll grow to about 25,000 at full build out. We'll always be a small city and it's important to retain our small city character as we grow. I intend to be mindful of our firm foundations as we continue to build a strong and bright future for the city of Rancho Mirage.

I'm endorsed by all the other four sitting City Council Members, Charlie Townsend, Richard Kite, Ted Weill, and Iris Smotrich. I'm also endorsed by retired Council Member, Dana Hobart. They believe that I'm the right choice to help lead our city into the future. Please join them in supporting me and please cast your vote for me and for a strong future for our city.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF RANCHO MIRAGE**

KENNETH J. AMMANN

AGE: 50

OCCUPATION: Technology Executive

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Education:

- University of Southern California, Graduate School of Economics
- University of Southern California, Bachelor of Arts in East Asian Studies (Japanese Language)
- University of Southern California, Bachelor of Arts in Economics
- Tokyo International University, Japan

Professional Experience:

- Over 25 years of experience in management and technology consulting for federal, State, and local government agencies and multiple Fortune 500 companies
- Managed complex multi-year projects with budgets exceeding \$5 million
- Directed global project teams of over 100 individuals across multiple regions and countries
- Three years in government affairs and public policy advocacy with the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce

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**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF RANCHO MIRAGE**

KIM MARTOS

OCCUPATION: Bookkeeper

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I have lived in California most of my life and have vacationed in the desert every year. I chose Rancho Mirage because its reputation as a low crime, pro-business, and resident centric city. My accounting work in large corporations has taught me how to squeeze the most out of a budget and streamline when necessary. My vision for the City is for more transparency with residents, financial accountability, decisions made with real research, and input on topics of concern for and from the people of Rancho Mirage.

I believe in Local control because residents are more in touch with local issues. Decisions need to be made, "of the people, for the people and by the people". I believe that major changes to the foundation and plans for the future of our city should be decided by and with involvement from it's residents, I will create avenues for our residents to have their voices heard. my problem-solving style is through a respectful, collaborative effort with a commonsense approach, and I will in corporate this into city operations. We need leaders who will listen to everyone, shelve personal adjendas, and represent ALL the residents.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF RANCHO MIRAGE**

MEG MARKER

OCCUPATION: Broadcasting Owner

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

AGE: 58

Rancho Mirage needs a new voice with deep roots in the desert, and I can be that voice. I studied broadcast journalism at TCU and the University of Colorado before moving here. As a 30-year full-time resident of Rancho Mirage, I've raised a family here, helped build a business here, and participated in countless community projects. For 26 years my husband and I have owned Marker Broadcasting, the largest independent chain of radio stations in the Coachella Valley. We've been broadcasting, and producing events and concerts throughout the desert since 1996. As a result, I know the media business and have many relationships with local firms and influencers. Our KPLM Radiothon has raised some \$2M for Variety Children's Charities of the Desert, and, we've donated millions in radio air-time promoting a multitude of local charities and their events. Past and present board memberships include the Bighorn Institute, the American Red Cross, Founding Member Eisenhower Circle of Stars (among others), and I've been honored to receive a variety of awards and recognitions. In short, I care deeply about Rancho Mirage and my experience and expertise will allow me to be a uniquely effective advocate for the city and its interests.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF RANCHO MIRAGE**

LYNN T MALLOTTO

OCCUPATION: Realtor

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I'm Lynn Mallotto and I would be honored to serve as your next Rancho Mirage City Council Member. I have called Rancho Mirage home for the past 30 years and lived in the Coachella Valley for 42 years. I believe in:

- Maintaining our quality of life
- Measured growth and progress
- Quality affordable housing
- Honoring the rich legacy of Rancho Mirage through preservation
- Continued fiscal responsibility

I spent 12 years as an X-ray technician at Eisenhower Medical Center and Desert Regional Medical Center. In 1994 I entered public service in Cathedral City, serving across Public Safety, the Redevelopment Agency, Public Relations, and Deputy City Clerk, retiring in 2012. I attained a Bachelor of Science Degree in Workforce Education Development and a Municipal Clerk's Certification. I am currently a realtor specializing in finding buyers their perfect home in 92270.

It's been my honor to serve as the Commissioner and Chair of the Rancho Mirage Speaker Series and as a Trustee-Treasurer of the Palm Springs Cemetery District.

I vow to earn your trust, make informed decisions, and lead with transparency. I'd be honored to have your vote!

Lynn T. Mallotto

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF SAN JACINTO**

VALERIE VANDEVER

OCCUPATION: Retired

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I am a local resident. I have lived in the Valley since 1970. I graduated From San Jacinto High School. I worked For Riverside County in Building & Safety, Social Services, & Health Dept. For 15 Years. Started my own home business of Daycare and ran that for 25 years. I am retired and am involved in Volunteering For many service Clubs here in our Valley. I also want to Fix the homeless Problem that has gotten out of control.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF SAN JACINTO**

KEVIN SAUNDERS

OCCUPATION: Bussinessowner / Realtor

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I am running for City Council to continue the forward progress of excellent master planning and positive government to the City of San Jacinto. My wife and our four children have lived in the valley for over 15 years, and we understand the issues that residents of this city face.

In the community I have worked or volunteered in various ways, from planning committees, event coordination, resources fairs to charity golf tournaments. At the chamber of commerce, I became an advocate for businesses, entrepreneurs and nonprofits. As coordinator at Habitat for Humanity I helped families maintain homes and keep family structures together.

As your city councilmember I will push for:

Making families a priority.

Supporting small businesses and entrepreneurs.

Helping find a solution for homelessness.

Building a strong, safe and healthy community.

Supporting our servicemen and Veterans.

Helping our senior population.

Vote Kevin Saunders to help serve the public's interest, maintain transparency and work together.

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**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF SAN JACINTO**

PATRICIA SCOTT

OCCUPATION: Planning Commissioner

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

After moving to the valley 10 years ago, I have immersed myself into the community getting to know and understand businesses and business owners as well as the citizens of the valley. Currently I am a business owner, serving as the chairperson for the San Jacinto Planning Commission as well as on the Executive Board for the Hemet San Jacinto Chamber of Commerce as the Treasurer and MBA Candidate. Over the past ten years I have watched the community developed with an increased number of roof tops and some retails. Listening and working with the "YOU" the citizens will allow us to continue to make positive changes in our community. I'm looking forward in working together to come up with reasonable solutions to continue the growth of our community where we could be a desired spot for families and business to come and settle and call San Jacinto Home!

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF SAN JACINTO**

ALONSO L LEDEZMA

AGE: 56

OCCUPATION: Real Estate Broker

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

As a Councilmember since 2010, I have worked to build up San Jacinto and create community for our residents. I have been Mayor two times and Mayor pro-team two times during my 12 years on the City Council. I have worked hard to stabilize the City during our down economic times and the pandemic. I have been Director of the Riverside Transit Agency and have brought additional bus routes and stops into our community. I have been part of the economic development team that is working to bring in new businesses to provide places to shop. Aldi, Starbucks, Sonic, and some small business they are all new businesses that I worked on approve. The City needs more places like this to shop and things to do and I am working to do that. I have recommended and appro to fix more side walks and pave more streets and fix infrastructure. I voted to increase our police and our code enforcement team to help clean up our community and keep us safe. Please vote for me in November to keep improving San Jacinto and keep it safe for all of our residents, I always approve for a better San Jacinto.

Alonso L Ledezma

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF TEMECULA, DISTRICT 1**

CURTIS BROWN

OCCUPATION: Fire Chief

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

As a long-time Temecula resident, husband, and father, I seek to serve you on the City Council.

I offer my leadership, experience and commitment to continue the great work of previous council members. The City's government should be transparent and represent the people. I'm a 26-year veteran of the fire service and previously served as the Fire Chief for the City of Temecula. My top priorities were to plan and implement programs for the Riverside County Fire Department and the City of Temecula in order to carry out better policies and goals.

Instead of pushing our own agendas, we need leaders who understand and are willing to reach out and form partnerships with residents, businesses and our faith community. My experience has given me exceptional leadership skills to ensure open and respectful communication, so that everyone impacted by important decisions can have a place at the table.

I am endorsed by both Police and Fire. I will ensure that Public Safety, Quality of Life, and traffic concerns are prioritized. I would be honored to have your support and your vote on November 8, 2022. My door is always open - mrcurtisbrown@msn.com

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF TEMECULA, DISTRICT 1**

JEFF CHRAPCZYNSKI

AGE: 43

OCCUPATION: Business Sales Manager

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

My name is Jeff Chrapczynski and Temecula is the best city I've ever lived in. As your District 1 Temecula City Council representative, I will work hard to keep Temecula the beautiful, family value, family friendly community it is today.

My promise to you is that I will put my effort and time into keeping this city beautiful by fully funding and supporting:

First responders that keep our community and schools safe

Important social organizations that strive to keep our community free from homelessness

Infrastructure that allows our city to grow with less traffic congestion

Parks and recreation that fosters healthy family and community activity

Strictly enforce local adult entertainment zoning laws that ensure our city remains committed to family and community

Together with my wife of 17 years, we have raised our two daughters in Temecula and our family is better because of it. My character is a derivative of my Christian faith and I have 10 years of successful sales management experience with proven ability to use common sense solutions to solve issues. My character, professional experience, and love for the city is what will fuel me to help keep this city beautiful.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF TEMECULA, DISTRICT 1**

LANAE TURLEY-TREJO

OCCUPATION: Planning Commissioner

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

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I love Temecula! As a city council member I promise to be a conservative voice for families.

Our family has lived and worked in Temecula for 35 years. My husband and I raised our four sons in this extraordinary city.

I am currently your Planning Commissioner and have served for eight years. My experience has given me insight into how our dynamic city works and operates. I have volunteered for the city, schools, churches, and non-profit organizations in many leadership capacities over the last 30 years.

I will always make Family First decisions and fiercely support police and fire to keep our city one of the safest cities in the nation.

I believe in traditional education, smooth traffic flow, continuing support for our special needs families, and expanding higher education and job skills.

A safe community is a Family First community and is the bedrock of Temecula. If I'm elected, that will never change!

Temecula feels like home because it is home.

I humbly ask for your vote.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF TEMECULA, DISTRICT 3**

MARYANN EDWARDS

OCCUPATION: City Council Member

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Temecula is a wonderful place to live, work, and play. That was true when our family moved here in 1988. It is true today and we must ensure it is true tomorrow. As your Council Member and past Mayor, I'm proud of our safe, beautiful, and vibrant community and our hard-working residents.

City government must evolve to ensure programs and services meet the changing needs of our growing community. Public safety remains my highest priority. I supported additional officers for community-oriented policing. Award-winning schools, great public amenities and our exceptional quality of life continue to attract new employers and high paying jobs. Partnering with the City, local colleges are expanding their programs to equip our next generation. I strongly support Temecula Valley Hospital's second expansion and French Valley Interchange's I-15 traffic relief. We must maintain Temecula's balanced budget and healthy emergency reserve. I will continue to plan wisely and spend responsibly with full transparency.

Temecula is a special place because of our caring residents. I share your pride in our beautiful city built on personal responsibility and entrepreneurship. I would be honored to represent you for another term on the City Council.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF TEMECULA, DISTRICT 3**

KATHY SIZEMORE

OCCUPATION: Business Owner

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Dear Neighbors,

I am running to represent you for Temecula City Council District 3. I am passionate about Temecula and want to see our city thrive.

It's my honor to serve the City of Temecula as a Community Services Commissioner and current Committee Chairperson, building community through people, parks, and programs. I regularly participate in Temecula City Council meetings. Pursuing the highest quality of life for our residents has been my priority.

I have a 23-year history of volunteering and community engagement:

- Boy Scouts of America
- FIRST Robotics
- Community Bible Study
- Professional Women Toastmasters
- Temecula Rotary Club

I am a local business owner awarded 2021 Bronze Business of the Year and 2021 Ambassador of the Year by the Temecula Valley Chamber of Commerce. I will bring to city hall the same work ethic and dedication I have given to my business for 25 years.

My experience as a life safety and security professional will assist me in keeping Public Safety as our city's top priority.

Other Priorities:

- Preserve our "small-town" feel
- Protect our family-friendly community
- Advocate for local businesses
- Mitigate traffic and congestion
- Attract new businesses and jobs
- Transparent/ Accessible leadership

I am a proven leader dedicated to building upon our city's past to create a vision for our future. I will always put our residents first. I kindly ask for your vote.

Kathy Sizemore

www.KathySizemore.com

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF TEMECULA, DISTRICT 3**

BRENDEN KALFUS

OCCUPATION: Firefighter / Paramedic

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Husband. Father of five. 25-year Temecula resident. Firefighter. American. Patriot. Former police officer. Former professional baseball player.

I am running for city council to ensure your freedoms are upheld. Freedom to make your own medical decisions. Freedom to choose to keep your business open. Freedom to wear a mask or not. Freedom to choose what is best for your children. Freedoms protected in our Constitution.

I am here to represent Temecula's unique needs and values. I will push back against California politics and mandates.

I stand for equality. I believe in a fair system where you earn your way, and hard work is rewarded. I believe law enforcement should be appreciated and respected. Public safety is essential. Streets must be safe and maintained. Homes and businesses must be protected.

I am asking you to let me fight for you. To conservatively and responsibly manage your tax dollars; not raise your taxes. To fight for local issues; not Sacramento issues, or those of unelected bureaucrats.

Proudly supported by firefighters and police officers.
Proudly encouraged to run by America-loving citizens of Temecula.

I would be honored to earn your vote.

"Temecula's Candidate for Freedom"

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**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF TEMECULA, DISTRICT 5**

ZAK SCHWANK

OCCUPATION: Mayor Pro Tem

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

It has been a privilege to serve the residents of District 5 on the Temecula City Council for the past four years. As your Mayor Pro Tem this year, I have worked to improve our quality of life through:

Equipping police and fire personnel with the resources needed to support public safety

Balancing our budget and building deep reserves

Supporting local businesses and nonprofits

Creating new parks and enhancing existing ones

Maintaining streets and roads

Improving traffic flow

Allocating resources to Homeless Outreach

Providing consistent and stable leadership focused on Temecula families

My wife, Jennifer, and I have proudly called Temecula home for the last 21 years. Jennifer is a TVUSD teacher; our three children have attended TVUSD schools. I was honored to be presented with the Family First Award in 2017 for my dedication and commitment to Temecula families. We realize Temecula is a great place to live. Its small-town feel and focus on family values keep us grounded in Temecula.

If re-elected, I will continue to prioritize public safety and improving traffic. I will work to address homelessness and continue investing in our parks, trails, and facilities.

I hope to earn your vote once again on November 8th.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF TEMECULA, DISTRICT 5**

BILL WESTON

OCCUPATION: Retired Insurance Adjuster

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I have lived in Temecula since 2003. My wife and I met while serving in the US Navy. We have been married for 37 years and we have two grown children. I worked my way through college while working nights at Consolidated Freightways in Mira Loma. I received an associate degree from Mt. San Jacinto college in Menifee, and a bachelor's degree in Finance from Cal State San Bernardino. After receiving my degree, I moved up to Freight Management and then transitioned to Insurance where I worked as an Adjuster, Fraud Investigator and in Claims Management.

I am currently retired and not a politician. The last couple of years have exposed how the heavy hand of government, if not put in check, can degrade individual liberties. I believe in limited government and personal responsibility. I believe in maintaining local control of zoning where decisions are made, closer to the people.

City leaders have a responsibility to ensure equal opportunity exists, while recognizing outcomes will differ. I support fully funding public safety, strengthening parental rights and defending personal freedom.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF WILDOMAR, DISTRICT 1**

CARLOS MARQUEZ

OCCUPATION: Businessman / Parent / Educator

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I am a parent, husband, homeowner, and fellow neighbor. Since becoming a father, I've been inspired to become more involved in our community to help make it a better place for my daughter to grow up in. I want to protect the rural nature of our community while strategically growing our opportunity for residents to work locally in Wildomar.

As a District 1 resident, I want to make sure that our voice is heard and that our needs are advocated for.

Key issues:

- * Improve infrastructure
- * Neighborhood pride / beautification program
- * Protect and improve quality of life
- * Encourage economic development
- * Advocate property rights
- * Improve public safety
- * Maintain a balanced budget

My mission will be to serve our community by leading with integrity, building trust through transparency and accountability, and driving towards impact while moving with intentionality and executing with efficiency.

It would be my honor to serve you as your Wildomar City Council Member.

Vote Carlos Marquez for Wildomar City Council District 1

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**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF WILDOMAR, DISTRICT 3**

MATTHEW BALDWIN

AGE: 38

OCCUPATION: Casino Management

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I am not a politician, I am a Christian, hard-working middle-class husband of a smart and beautiful woman. I have lived throughout Riverside County and have found Wildomar to be our home. Wildomar is a small but growing city. I support growing and strengthening local police, fire departments, and businesses. I am a firm believer that the citizens of our city should be heard and respected. I will be the outlet to make those voices heard. My main concern is the growing drug use/homelessness occurring in neighboring cities making its way to Wildomar. I plan to work with local law enforcement, rehab centers, and outreach programs to ensure our city does not become a haven for drugs, homelessness, and crime. I have worked in casinos and casino management since 2005. Casino management has taught me decision making, finances, and employee management skills that I believe transfer well to City Council. In business and my personal life, I strive to be honest and fair and will bring the same conviction to the city council. My goal is to make the city better for all residents with open and honest communication.

Thank you for your support.

Matthew Baldwin

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF WILDOMAR, DISTRICT 3**

JOSEPH MORABITO

AGE: 57

OCCUPATION: Video and Animation Production

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

First, I'd like to say that it's been an honor to serve and represent the residents of Wildomar these last four years.

My highest priorities have continued to be public safety, *public safety*, and *public safety* (that can't be over-emphasized). That includes first responders, beefed up code enforcement, addressing homeless issues (*which all are night and day much improved since 2018*), and better roads (something that is better, but still needs a lot more improvement for me to be satisfied).

I've attended every city council meeting, and county board meeting that I'm assigned to, and I respond to each email I receive, and am nearly always available to meet with a resident, or speak on the phone if that's preferred.

My promises of city meetings being live streamed and quarterly town hall meetings have happened too, by way of the monthly *Coffee With The City* events which are streamed on Facebook. I'm constantly urging the city to improve where it can when it comes to public outreach.

If I am re-elected, it will continue to be my mission to represent your concerns while answering your questions and listening to your ideas. I'm here for you, not the other way around.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
DIRECTOR,
JURUPA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT, DIVISION 3**

EDGAR CHAVEZ

AGE: 39

OCCUPATION: Human Resources

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

As a candidate to the Jurupa Community Services District Board of Directors, I Respectfully ask for your vote and support. My main objective is to bring about change and Improved representation for customers affected by decisions of the Board.

I will work diligently to ensure Jurupa Community Services District continues to provide safe, Reliable, and efficient services to the community. As a Board Member, I will work to promote transparancy, fiscal Responsibility, customer service, and communication with the community.

I have a Masters Degree in Public Administration, a D2 certification as a water Distribution Operator from the State of California, and over 15 years of experience working in the public sector which included prior experience working at Jurupa Community Services District in Customer Service, and as a Public Outreach Specialist. If elected, I will draw from my knowledge/background in Public Sector government, water conservation, Water Education, Communications, and Human Resources to give back to the community and make it a better place to live.

As a father of 2 young children. I will work diligently to ensure the right decisions are made by the Board in order to protect our most valuable Resource, which is water, and ensure its availability for future generations.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
DIRECTOR,
JURUPA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT, DIVISION 3**

BETTY A FOLSOM

OCCUPATION: Retired

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Jurupa Valley has been my home for fifty one years. I have been a teacher, counselor and administrator for the Jurupa Unified School District and the Riverside County Office of Education, and am currently retired. I have proudly served as a Jurupa Community Services District Board Member for five years. The District is responsible for water, sewer, graffiti abatement, and street lights in the cities of Eastvale and Jurupa Valley, as well as for an award winning parks and recreation division at the Eastvale Community Center.

If re-elected, I pledge to continue to provide the stewardship necessary for collaboration among regional agencies in managing groundwater basins that ensure water availability for the future. Continuing water use conservation practices are imperative. I will advocate for best practices and fiscal transparency that will enhance the efficiency and reliability of the District's infrastructure. I will support continued community outreach as it relates to resident's quality of life.

Your vote will allow me to continue to serve and to provide responsive solutions to community issues. Thank you for your consideration.

Betty A Folsom
Board Member
Jurupa Community Services District

<p align="center">CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR DIRECTOR, JURUPA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT, DIVISION 5</p>	<p align="center">CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR DIRECTOR, JURUPA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT, DIVISION 5</p>
<p>JANE F. ANDERSON AGE: 77 EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:</p> <p>My family and I moved to Riverside County in the fall of 1999. In 2000, along with two neighbors, established the Eastvale Community Committee. We began attending meetings on a regular basis at the Jurupa Community Services District to help bring awareness to residents in the area, the need to focus on infrastructure, growth and the importance of communicating with District Officials on issues that affect the local communities served by the District.</p> <p>I joined the Jurupa Valley Sheriff Volunteers in August of 2004 and continued to serve as a volunteer until December 2020.</p> <p>I ran for and was elected to the Jurupa Community Services District Board of Directors in November, 2007.</p> <p>My goals continue to be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure the District's long term financial health and stability. Continue to focus on restructuring the water and sewer rates. Sustain sound management practices and governance. Continue to provide sustainable and high quality water. Stress conservation education and rebate opportunities to all within our District and beyond. Preserve and promote excellence in park and recreation programs for families. I believe in expanding levels of communication and continuing to improve our visibility and efficiency. <p>I ask for your support on Tuesday, November 08, 2022</p>	<p>ANTHONY HERDA AGE: 54 OCCUPATION: Water Resources Engineer EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:</p> <p>I hold degrees in the humanities, engineering, and business from the University of Southern California, Sacramento State University, and Azusa Pacific University, respectively. For 15 years, I have provided water resources engineering services to utilities in Southern California. Since he was in kindergarten, I have walked my son to Harada Elementary School, constantly chatting about the built and natural world around us. It's for his generation I'm inspired to put my knowledge and experience to use serving the community.</p> <p>As an engineer, I've always been a champion for the ratepayers who rely on my designs. Now, you can rely on me to keep rates down. My understanding of operations, water quality, drought management, climate change, environmental stewardship, and conservation will bring technical expertise to the Board assuring initiatives generate a high return-on-investment, align efficiently with our mission, and avoid wasteful spending. My knowledge of grant funding through the California Department of Water Resources, the US Bureau of Reclamation, and the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District will generate supplemental revenue to offset future rate increases. The District is an enterprise (like many other businesses, services are provided for a fee), and I will apply my knowledge of business principles to improve our financial outlook.</p> <p>I promise sound and well-reasoned policy that fulfills the District's mission and your expectations. Visit linkedin.com/in/anthonyherda.</p>

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
DIRECTOR,
DESERT HEALTHCARE DISTRICT, ZONE 6**

KIMBERLY BARRAZA

AGE: 34

OCCUPATION: Health Policy Advisor

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

My name is Kimberly Barraza and I humbly ask for your support as I seek election to the Desert Health Care District (DHCD). I have worked in the healthcare industry and currently work for the CA State Government. Through these roles, I have been able to familiarize myself with the DHCD and witnessed how its recent expansion has greatly benefitted the areas I seek to serve and the communities of eastern Coachella Valley.

As a latina mother and health policy advisor, I'm well prepared to be your first-elected DHCD representative. With your vote, I'll lead with fiscal responsibility as a priority and build upon DHCD's vision to equitably connect Coachella Valley residents to health and wellness services and programs through philanthropy, health facilities, information and community education, and public policy.

I hold a bachelor's degree in Business Management; a Non-profit Management certification from University of California, Riverside; a certification in Entrepreneurship in Emerging Economies from Harvard University; and a certification in Community Leadership from University of La Verne.

I thank you in advance for your vote and support.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
DIRECTOR,
DESERT HEALTHCARE DISTRICT, ZONE 6**

CHAUNCEY THOMPSON

AGE: 35

OCCUPATION: CPA Firm Director

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I am running for Desert Healthcare District Zone 6. I know my business experience and nonprofit medical board experience can assist in making tough decisions for the district. I have 17 years of experience in the finance industry, mainly in management roles. I have exercised my Bachelor of Science degree in Business Communications in various positions throughout my career. In 2009, I was appointed to the Planning Commission for the City of Hemet and I held that position for two years before transitioning to the desert. In 2014, I joined Coachella Valley Volunteers in Medicine as a volunteer as their mission aligned with my belief that healthcare is a basic human right and access should not be limited based on someone's financial means. Shortly after joining CVVIM, I became a board member and currently serve as treasurer and also sit on several committees within the organization. In 2018, I changed course within the financial industry and became the Firm Director for Barton CPA. In my current role, I oversee the firm's day-to-day production and growth. I am committed to bringing my experience and passion to the district and I ask for your vote to continue to carry on the mission.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
DIRECTOR,
SAN GORGONIO MEMORIAL HEALTHCARE DISTRICT, FULL TERM**

SHANNON MCDUGALL

OCCUPATION: Executive Director, Enterprise Safety

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Shannon McDougall is a proud resident of the Beaumont community and a volunteer throughout the surrounding communities in Riverside County. Shannon is humbly running for a member position of the San Gorgonio Memorial Healthcare District. Shannon has over 16 years of healthcare experience in leadership roles and as a consultant with demonstrated success working in non-profit and for-profit healthcare settings. Additionally, she is highly skilled in organizational leadership, strategic planning, operations, quality improvement, and overall business acumen. Shannon McDougall holds a Doctorate in Business Administration (DBA) and a Master's in Business Management (MBA). Shannon looks to bring her experience and education to serve and promote healthy communities to the people and residents of the Banning / Beaumont Pass Area.

<p style="text-align: center;">CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR DIRECTOR, BEAUMONT-CHERRY VALLEY RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT</p> <p>CHRISTOPHER R. DIERCKS AGE: 65 OCCUPATION: Director, Beaumont Cherry Valley Recreation and Park District EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:</p> <p>Beaumont has been my home for 30 years. The last 12 years I have served as a Director for Beaumont-Cherry Valley Recreation and Park District. Prior to that I was a Board Member for Beaumont Youth Baseball and Softball for 17 years, 10 of those years I served as Board President. The Park District has grown tremendously in the past 29 years, from 3 baseball/softball fields at Noble Creek Regional Park, the Woman's Club in downtown Beaumont and the Grange in Cherry Valley, currently there are 7 baseball/softball fields (with more under construction) at Noble Creek, efficiency ball field lighting and irrigation, remodeled the Woman's Club and the Grange. The Park District obtained Bogart Regional Park which has been extensively upgraded. The Park District acquired ownership of the Danny Thomas Ranch property (123 acres) that needs to be developed.</p> <p>With all the new home construction, the community is in desperate need of more area for children and adult sports and recreation. As a retired Senior Building Inspector, Plans examiner and Certified Access Specialist I can help with any future and present developments.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR DIRECTOR, BEAUMONT-CHERRY VALLEY RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT</p> <p>MICHAEL V. ALDRICH AGE: 69 OCCUPATION: Retired EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:</p> <p>I've been a resident of Cherry Valley for nearly 20 years. I am an Army veteran, father of three and a grandfather of 12. Known to locals as Coach Mike, I enjoyed many years coaching players from tee ball through high school level varsity softball. I served on the board at Beaumont Youth Baseball and Softball at Noble Creek Regional Park. I worked in maintenance at Noble Creek and Bogart Regional Parks. As a retiree I am looking forward to being of service to my community and the Beaumont-Cherry Valley Recreation and Park District.</p> <p>I believe I bring a unique perspective with me, having utilized the ball fields and services as a coach and community member along with maintaining the various park facilities while I was employed by BCVRPD.</p> <p>I plan to work closely with the board and community to make necessary improvements to the district's parks and services, which I have enjoyed for many years.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR DIRECTOR, BEAUMONT-CHERRY VALLEY RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT</p> <p>JANET D COVINGTON OCCUPATION: Human Resources Administrator / Clerk of the Board, Retired EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:</p> <p>As a resident of Beaumont and Cherry Valley for over 40 years and recently retired from the BCV-Recreation & Park District after 15 years as the Human Resources Administrator and Clerk of the Board, my decision to run for Director was simple. It provides me the opportunity to serve the community by expanding recreational opportunities for children, adults, the disabled and senior citizens. Parks and recreational activities play a large part in enriching our experiences and our mental and physical wellness.</p> <p>I have the background and experience needed to fulfill the duties required. I expect better transparency, fiscal accountability and measurable results to ensure your taxpayer dollars are handled responsibly. I will confidently work on setting goals, formulating and following policies, and establishing programs. This will remain a priority as well as monitoring resident's satisfaction. Another goal is to collaborate with other agencies to create and expand on important programs that are not currently offered or available such as swimming lessons for our youth.</p> <p>If given the opportunity, I will contribute my time, efforts and knowledge to make happy memories for our families. I ask for your vote on November 08, 2022.</p> <p>Thank you,</p> <p>Janet Covington</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR DIRECTOR, BEAUMONT-CHERRY VALLEY RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT</p> <p>RANDY HARRIS OCCUPATION: Retired Realtor EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:</p> <p>Hello, my name is Randy Harris. I am married to Diana Harris. Together we have 5 boys and 8 grandchildren. We have lived in Beaumont for 19 years and before in Yucaipa 18 years. I have an excellent knowledge of the area.</p> <p>I am a licensed Realtor, but working on being semi-retired. The Harris Group, located in Beaumont, is a family owned full service Real Estate Company. I am an active licensed HAM amateur radio operator which will provide any necessary communications in event of any emergency.</p> <p>I recently served the City of Beaumont as an Ambassador and Director at the Chamber of Commerce for a total of 7 years.</p> <p>I will contribute to further the vision of the Parks and Recreation District. I will continue to build upon the progress and future plans needed to support our community. Expanding our parks to accommodate the growing community is vital. Parks strengthen communities with recreational opportunities. Facilities for activities, games and sports help kids step away from electronics that dominate their daily lives. Encouraging kids to get back to "playing in the dirt". The many public events parks offer helps spark community togetherness and encourage the well-being of the community it serves.</p>

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
DIRECTOR,
DESERT RECREATION DISTRICT, DIVISION 1**

PATRICIA LEAL-GUTIERREZ

OCCUPATION: Community Investments Manager

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Our community deserves access to clean, quality open space where families can have opportunities to be healthy and thrive.

Born and raised in the Eastern Coachella Valley, I attended local schools and proudly graduated from Desert Mirage High School. As a first generation college graduate, I earned my bachelors from UCLA and my Masters in Education, Policy, and Leadership from Stanford University.

My passion for service began working in the fields as I picked up grapes alongside my family. That's why I've devoted my career as an organizer and policy advocate, fighting for equity and justice that centers the needs of our communities. At the state and local level, I've worked with legislators and community-based organizations to push for responsive and fair investments across California and across the Coachella Valley, including access to quality parks, affordable housing, and clean air.

I am running for Desert Recreation District to serve all community members and strengthen quality of life. My top priorities include increased community engagement and decision-making when identifying new parks and programs, adopt a responsive and equitable budget, and support environmentally sustainable solutions.

I would be honored to earn your vote to build a better future for all residents.

www.PatiForDesertRec.com

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
DIRECTOR,
DESERT RECREATION DISTRICT, DIVISION 1**

NATALIA GONZALEZ

OCCUPATION: Community Relations Representative

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Vote Natalia Gonzalez for Desert Recreation District Board of Directors. I am a lifelong resident of the Coachella Valley and a product of our local K-12th public school system. I obtained my bachelor's degree from UCLA, and I am currently finishing up my Masters's degree while working in community relations for the County of Riverside. From a young age, I knew that after college, I wanted to return to my community and make an impact. I have lived in the Coachella Valley my entire life, and I am aware of the needs of my community and know that recreational facilities are needed. Access to public parks and recreational facilities is essential to a child's growth, and I believe that every child in the Coachella Valley should have access to these services. Parks and recreational places give community members access to outdoor spaces to be active, connect with others and improve their quality of life. I believe in the mission of the Desert Recreation District to enrich the quality of life for Coachella Valley residents by acquiring, developing, operating and maintaining parks and recreation systems. I kindly ask that you vote Natalia Gonzalez for the Desert Recreation District Board of Directors.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
DIRECTOR,
DESERT WATER AGENCY, DIVISION 1**

STEPHEN BRONACK
OCCUPATION: Professor
EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

AGE: 51

Water is our most precious resource. As your Director, I will ensure we protect the water we have and secure the water we need economically and efficiently. I am fiscally conservative. I will work tirelessly on our behalf to keep our world class groundwater basins safe, clean, and available to us now and in the long-term future.

I am not a career politician.

I earned my Ph.D. in 1998 and have been a university professor for 24 years, teaching students how to design, build, and analyze technical systems to solve practical and important problems. I also Coordinate analytics for the Palm Springs Power - the Desert's hometown baseball team. As your Director, I will use my extensive experience and expertise in data analysis and grant-writing to keep our costs low and to account for every drop and every dollar.

It is time for new leadership with new ideas and a fresh perspective. I am endorsed by the Board of Directors, MLCC. I am committed to serving the community of which I am a part, and that I love.

If you want reasonable, sound-minded, and transparent representation, then vote Steve BRONACK.

<http://www.electBRONACK.com>

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
DIRECTOR,
DESERT WATER AGENCY, DIVISION 1**

MARCUS J. MICELI
OCCUPATION: Real Estate Broker
EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

AGE: 54

As a long time resident of Palm Springs, homeowner and business owner in this community, I am running for the position of Desert Water Agency Division 1 Board Member. I have a graduate degree in business, and have run several companies as well as worked for a Fortune 500 firm. Having the ability to navigate multiple positions gives me a unique leadership ability. One of the most critical issues facing our City is the continued conservation, circulation and the cost of water. As our climate continues to change, and water sources are drying up, it is imperative that we have qualified, informed, and engaged representatives addressing these issues, planning for not only our future, but the future of our children and grandchildren. A strong sense of community brought me to the decision to run for this specific office and I feel uniquely qualified to do so. I humbly ask for your vote come November 8th!

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
DIRECTOR,
DESERT WATER AGENCY, DIVISION 1**

STEVE A. GRASHA
OCCUPATION: Water District Director
EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

AGE: 63

As District Director, I have focused on sustainable water management practices during this critical time of drought. Recently we celebrated the historic groundbreaking of the most important advancement in local water management history beginning construction of the new Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility under my leadership securing the largest grant of its kind in California history paying 100 percent of construction costs insuring no expense to ratepayers providing safe, clean, affordable drinking water for generations to come.

Best known in Palm Springs for inventing the high-pressure misting system here in 1987 I have long demonstrated my commitment to community leadership in both the private and public sector serving Palm Springs for decades having worked for two members of Congress including the first female Speaker of the California State Assembly. Currently as Chairman of the Riverside County Leadership Forum and having served as Interim Executive Director of FIND (Food in Need of Distribution) Founding Director of Desert Community Outreach, Desert Business Association, Desert Aids Project and Disaster Services Coordinator for the American Red Cross being presented with the Volunteer of The Year Award by the American Red Cross.

I ask for your vote to continue working for safe, clean, affordable drinking water for all.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
DIRECTOR,
DESERT WATER AGENCY, DIVISION 2**

GERALD MCKENNA

OCCUPATION: Retired Civil Engineer

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Education and Qualifications: I am a 1974 Engineering Science graduate of the University of Warwick and have been a Chartered Member of the Institution of Civil Engineers since 1979.

I have held General Building Contractors licenses in California and Hawaii and a General Engineering Contractors License in California. I have served as an Industry Expert for the California Contractors State License Board and as an Expert Witness in Los Angeles Superior Court.

I have served as Vice President and US representative for subsidiaries of British, Italian and Korean construction companies working in California and Hawaii.

I am vitally concerned with the safety and security of our water supply. All of the water we swim in, bathe in, cook with and drink here in Desert Hot Springs comes from the aquifer under our homes. The Desert Water Agency manages this aquifer. All of our water "eggs" are in this single "basket."

We need to be vigilant and efficient guardians of this vital resource. We need to combat environmental contamination of any kind from any source – including our own waste water - and we need to put an end to water uses that waste this precious commodity.

I promise that is what I will do.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
DIRECTOR,
DESERT WATER AGENCY, DIVISION 3**

JEFF BOWMAN

AGE: 67

OCCUPATION: Retired Spa Owner

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Water in the desert = LIFE

Did you know that since DWA was formed in 1961 we have not been given all the water that we've paid for? That must end now. If I'm elected I'll fight to get all the water that we are paying for. I have a passion for DHS and promise to represent OUR interests on the DWA board.

I KNOW water governance and its complexities having served on the MSWD board for 9 years. As a 19 year resident and former Spa/Hotel owner I'm committed to DHS.

I'm currently honored to be the Board President of the Cabot's Museum Foundation and The President of the Desert Hot Springs Microloan Board.

I served as a commissioner on our Public Safety Commission (11 yrs).

I was President of the DHS Historical Society (7 yrs).

I represented DHS as a Commissioner on the PS Airport Commission (4 yrs) and on the Greater Palm Springs Convention and Visitors Bureau (5 yrs).

I'm endorsed by our Mayor Scott Matas, Mayor Pro-tem Gary Gardner, and Councilwoman Jan Pye.

I am involved and making a difference in our community. I want to serve you on the DWA board.

www.ElectJeffBowman.com

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
DIRECTOR,
DESERT WATER AGENCY, DIVISION 3**

D.G. COOK

OCCUPATION: Planning Commissioner

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Desert Hot Springs residents count on having an adequate supply of clean, safe water in order to enjoy a great quality of life. Directors on the Desert Water Agency Board have a tremendous responsibility to you, its customers. I recognize that.

It's no secret California is in a severe drought. In these times, water agencies tend to raise rates, taking money from your pockets. But draining your pockets is not the solution to cure this drought. I will fight against that.

However, the issues of water depletion and conservation must be addressed. We must conserve. This can best be done in partnership with programs like Household Conservation Assistance.

My forty years of private industry experience has given me the expertise needed to recognize and solve problems. Establishing realistic goals, identifying and taking the actions needed have always achieved success. My primary goal is to always serve you, the Desert Water Agency's customers.

I am running for this position to ensure those of you relying on this agency will have the clean, safe water you need at a reasonable rate. I will be working for you. Vote D.G. Cook for Director District 3 of the Desert Water Agency.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
DIRECTOR,
SAN GORGONIO PASS WATER AGENCY, DIVISION 3**

DAVID CASTALDO

AGE: 61

OCCUPATION: Beaumont Business Owner

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Know what's happening. We have been paying the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency for years and years for bond debts that were created equally as long. The tax rate charged to each parcel began on our tax bills decades ago when the population was far less and the homes were even lesser. The San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency taxable boundary starts in Calimesa and extends to Cabazon. Even a blind man can see the vast increase in homes. The San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency receives its revenue from the tax rate of each parcel's assessed value. Considering the amount of resales and increased property values, the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency's revenues have increased immensely. This Agency is sitting on a boatload reserve, almost \$80,000,000. Every year we continue to pay the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency more and more money as our property values increase, but their debt remains constant. The tax rate must to be lowered.

Here is the stinger. As the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency's revenues increase, the present board recently doubled their potential pay checks by doubling the amount of paid meetings they attend.

I hate paying taxes. I am a local small business owner. I own 5 parcels. I pay 5 times to the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency. I promise I will vote to lower your tax rate.

Vote4davidcastaldo.com

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
DIRECTOR,
SAN GORGONIO PASS WATER AGENCY, DIVISION 3**

KEVIN WALTON

OCCUPATION: Appointed Director San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I'm Kevin Walton; I'm your Division 3 Director running to retain my seat in 2022.

I'm a lifelong resident of California, with over 35 years in the Inland Empire, and 22 years in the Pass Area. I raised my children here and worked a full fire-service career in the Inland Empire.

I'm a mature and active adult with ample time and energy to focus on representing you to the agency and the Pass Area.

I'm committed to the betterment of the community, not the developer or builder. I believe in representative government for the people, not self-serving or special interests.

California's water issue is a complicated environment, not for the faint of heart or uninformed. I'm part of a great agency board doing good things with great people headed into the future with a solid vision, purposeful mission, and achievable goals to ensure the sustainability of water to the Pass Area, now and into the future.

I feel that I'm doing a good job on your behalf, and would like the continue serving you this next term as your Director for Division 3.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
DIRECTOR,
COACHELLA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT, DIVISION 1**

JOHN AGUILAR

OCCUPATION: Retired Housing Executive

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

In December 2020, I was appointed unanimously by the current Coachella Valley Water District Board of Directors to fill the Board vacancy for Division 1 due to my extensive prior public service. I am a retired Riverside County Executive having served as Deputy Director for the Housing Authority.

My goals and priorities for the Water District include:

1. Actively working with our Board Members, staff and other Water Districts to preserve and protect both the quality and quantity of water serving our Valley.
2. Continue working with our local jurisdictions to promote conversion of septic tank users to the District's Sewer System. This will reduce further deterioration of water supply and reduce maintenance costs for families, particularly in disadvantaged communities.
3. Promote restoration of the Salton Sea

I am proud to share that I have the endorsement of Riverside County 4th District Supervisor V. Manuel Perez and the Mayor and Council of the City of Cathedral City. I currently reside in Cathedral City and serve on the Board of Shelter From the Storm.

Please vote for John Aguilar, Division 1 Director.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
DIRECTOR,
MISSION SPRINGS WATER DISTRICT, DIVISION 1**

AMBER DUFF

OCCUPATION: Payroll Administrator / Parent

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

As your Division 1 representative, I will do everything in my power to ensure that the residents, and children of Desert Hot Springs have secure access to safe and affordable water. Because no matter where we come from, or who we are, we all have a right to clean water, for our families, and generations to come.

After spending many years working for large healthcare organizations, I have witnessed many times that without fresh eyes and new ideas, companies and individuals become complacent which leads to inefficiencies and eventually failure.

I am excited for the opportunity to bring fresh eyes and hard work as a steward of our most precious and vital resource, water. I promise to listen, consider all the facts, and do the necessary research to provide fair and reasonable decisions. I look forward to this opportunity to serve my community as I share in your concerns regarding the long term supply of clean and affordable water.

A vote for AMBER DUFF is a vote for FRESH EYES and FRESH WATER.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
DIRECTOR,
MISSION SPRINGS WATER DISTRICT, DIVISION 1**

NANCY S. WRIGHT

AGE: 71

OCCUPATION: Small Business Owner

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I have been working with you and on your behalf for over thirty years, to provide us with a Safe, Clean, and Reliable Water Supply, at the Lowest Cost. With your vote, I will continue my efforts to Protect our Wallets and our Hot World Renowned and Cold Award Winning Groundwater basins for us and future generations.

By being Fiscally Responsible during my tenure, Mission Springs Water District has received Grants for over \$40 Million and is approved for a \$68 Million State Grant for 100% of the Total Costs for our new MSWD Regional Water Reclamation Plant and related projects.

These Grants Protect our Wallets and promote a Sustainable and Affordable Water Supply.

EXPERIENCE and DEDICATION:

Since 2000, I have been appointed by four California Governors to the California Regional Water Quality Board, Colorado River Basin Region. Since 2012 a Commissioner on the Riverside County Local Agency Formation Commission. A member of the Coachella Valley Energy and Environmental Resources Committee and Coachella Valley Conservation Commission, a founding member of the Desert Hot Springs Groundwater Guardians, a recipient of 4 Palm Springs School District's "Shiny Apple" Awards and a Desert Hot Springs Women's Club member, since 1987.

When it comes to our WATER...EXPERIENCE and Dedication really does MAKE the DIFFERENCE.

Vote Right...Vote Nancy Wright

www.VoteWright4Water.com

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
DIRECTOR,
MISSION SPRINGS WATER DISTRICT, DIVISION 5**

ANDREW VINCENT ALDER-LARUE

OCCUPATION: Attorney / Realtor®

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Residing in the Coachella Valley for many years, I have the education, background and experience to be an effective advocate for the residents of Desert Hot Springs on the Mission Springs Water District Board Of Directors. A California lawyer more than 40 years, I have provided legal services to individuals often underserved by our legal system. I am also a licensed Realtor® focusing on helping folks find safe and affordable homes in our community. Basically, however, I am an educator who strives to clearly inform people about their legal rights and responsibilities or to help them make good decisions about securing appropriate housing; key to my approach is careful listening so that I really understand the perspective and concerns of others. Desert residents are acutely aware of the challenges of living and working in this harsh environment, and no one is untouched by concerns over water, its availability, quality and cost. We are all consumers, and whatever else may worry us each day, we all assume that adequate water will flow whenever we turn the tap. In this era of climate stress it is more important than ever that we all become proficient stewards of this essential but fragile resource.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
DIRECTOR,
MISSION SPRINGS WATER DISTRICT, DIVISION 5**

ALFIE PETTIT

AGE: 53

OCCUPATION: Retired Businessman

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

As your Division 5 representative, I will do everything in my power to ensure that the residents and children of Desert Hot Springs have secure access to safe and affordable water.

Because no matter where we come from or who we are, we all have a right to clean water, for our families and generations to come. After spending many years working in private industry, I have witnessed many times that without fresh eyes and new ideas, organizations like MSWD and individuals become complacent which leads to inefficiencies and eventually failure.

I am excited for the opportunity to bring fresh eyes and hard work as a steward of our most precious and vital resource, water. I promise to listen, consider all the facts, and do the necessary research to provide fair and reasonable decisions.

I look forward to this opportunity to serve my community as I share in your concerns regarding the long-term supply of clean and affordable water.

A vote for Alfie Pettit is a vote for FRESH EYES and FRESH WATER.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
DIRECTOR,
EASTERN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT, DIVISION 2**

STEPHEN J. CORONA

AGE: 65

OCCUPATION: Farmer / Director Eastern Municipal Water District

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

EXPERIENCE COUNTS! During this time of unprecedented drought on both the California State Water Project and the Colorado River Basin all tools need to be brought to bear. Eastern Municipal Water District provides high quality water and sewer services along with forward looking planning utilization of groundwater recharge, desalination, and 100% usage of recycled water for parks and agriculture. As your current Temecula/Murrieta representative on the EMWD board I bring 20 years of elected experience with both Eastern Municipal Water District and Rancho California Water District. With a record of voting against rate increases over 72% of the time, my goal is to continue to fight for the lowest possible water rates, conservation, and water reliability for all ratepayers.

I graduated from Pepperdine University in 1978 majoring in Business administration. For 40 years I have directed our family farm operation raising citrus, avocados, onions, sod, and hay. We also own Big Horse Feed which runs our well-known Corn Maze that benefits our community youth sports, non-profits, and Military non-profit organizations.

My experience includes:

Rancho California Water District Board of Directors, 16 years, Riverside County General Plan Advisory Committee 6 years, Riverside County Farm Bureau Board 31 years, President- Temecula Valley National Little League 7 years, Elsinore Anza Murrieta Resource Conservation District 8 years, Little League and youth basketball coach.

Thank you for your vote.

<p style="text-align: center;">CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR DIRECTOR, ELSINORE VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT, DIVISION 3</p> <p>CHANCE EDMONDSON AGE: 54 OCCUPATION: General Engineering Contractor EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:</p> <p>I am Chance Edmondson and I am running for EVMWD, Director, Division 3. I have made the Lake Elsinore Valley my home since 1970. I have raised my family, grown my business and served this community for over 30 years. I am dedicated to ensuring water quality and affordability, installing proper infrastructure for current needs and future growth, and partnering with local cities and communities. As your Division 3 Director I will protect our ratepayers and deliver reliable water service to our district. I appreciate your support and your vote.</p> <p>Experience matters when the health and safety of thousands of families are at stake. My experience in the building and construction industry brings a new perspective to the Board as infrastructure decisions that are being made now will affect generations to come.</p> <p>Water quality is the most important service EVMWD provides. Investing in water quality improvements is important to public health and our community. Long-term planning needs to include water quality improvements, infrastructure upgrades, advanced technology monitoring and sampling equipment.</p> <p>Edmondsonforwater.com</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR DIRECTOR, ELSINORE VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT, DIVISION 3</p> <p>JIMMY FLORES OCCUPATION: Retired EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:</p> <p>Drink purified bottle water. Customers know that when they are thirsty, simply turn on the kitchen tap and pour into a clear glass. Is it safe when it <u>smells</u> and has <u>taste disorders</u>?</p> <p>Water contamination is something most people never think about, and that's not a good thing. Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Those who may be <u>particularly at risk</u> include <u>elderly</u> individuals and <u>infants</u>.</p> <p>When pressure is not functioning properly, <u>uncontrolled liquids substances</u> above the distribution main will enter the water supply. <u>It can intentionally be forced into your drinking water to do harm.</u></p> <p>EVMWD must program each <u>smart meter</u> to proactively send a warning signal in anticipation of a health risk. If it can transmit via wireless network the measurement of flow , surely it should be able to pinpoint <u>reversibility</u>.</p> <p>EVMWD simplified the budget rate structure to four tiers. Inefficient and excessive water usage cost customers money . <u>I'll oppose any and all efforts to increase water and sewer rates.</u></p> <p>State of California Department of Health Services Certifications achieved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water Treatment Operator T1 • Water Distribution Operator D2 <p>I humbly ask for your vote.</p> <p>Thank you and God Bless</p>

<p style="text-align: center;">CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR DIRECTOR, WESTERN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT, DIVISION 1, FULL TERM</p> <p>PALOMA CARRILLO AGE: 38 OCCUPATION: Waterline Inspector / Businesswoman EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:</p> <p>I am running for Western Municipal Water District, Division 1, to bring a new voice and vision to the board of directors as a <u>waterline inspector</u>. Like many of you, my husband and I have felt the impacts of overspending and rate increases. As a mother of two and <u>businesswoman</u>, I understand how to balance budgets while raising a family, plus the realities of cutting costs where necessary.</p> <p>As your representative, I plan to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>STOP</u> wasteful spending • <u>FOCUS</u> on drought solutions • <u>OPPOSE</u> water rate increases <p>Our elected officials should avoid overspending and cut costs to ensure our hard-earned dollars are not wasted.</p> <p>As a <u>waterline inspector</u> specializing in medical and dental water management, I understand the impact of contamination and the importance of treatment to mitigate toxins in our water supply. As your representative, I will bring this expertise and attention to detail because safety is my core concern. I will speak for us and not the status quo.</p> <p>I hope to earn your vote on November 8, 2022.</p> <p>Visit www.votepaloma.com to learn more.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR DIRECTOR, WESTERN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT, DIVISION 1, FULL TERM</p> <p>MIKE GARDNER OCCUPATION: Water District Director EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:</p> <p>I am honored to serve you on the Western Municipal Water District board. We have accomplished a great deal recently: developing new local water supplies, adding facilities to move water from more sources to more customers and adopting rates with a smaller increase than our neighboring providers. However, there is much more to do.</p> <p>We are in a historic drought, and we ask our customers to conserve as much as possible. That, along with water we have in storage, will get us through this year, but leaves the future in question. I am working to get the state to commit some of its massive budget surplus to new statewide water capture, production, distribution, and storage. This will enable us to collect, move and store more water in wet years for use in dry years like this one.</p> <p>You deserve a Director that is knowledgeable, innovative, active and committed. Someone who will look out for your interests and work to ensure a safe and reliable water supply for you, your children and grandchildren. I am, and will continue to be, that Director.</p> <p>Please contact me at mike_gardner@att.net or (951) 897-8660 with any questions, comments, or concerns. I would appreciate your vote on November 8. Thank you.</p>

<p style="text-align: center;">CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR DIRECTOR, WESTERN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT, DIVISION 2, FULL TERM</p> <p>PAUL RODRIGUEZ OCCUPATION: Small Business Owner EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:</p> <p>I served on the Temescal Valley Water District (TVWD) Board of Directors for 24 years. I worked to ensure the lowest water and sewer rates possible, championed construction of the recycled water system, led investment and financing policy development and supported independence during a contentious annexation process by neighboring city.</p> <p>My wife and I have lived in unincorporated Riverside County since 1994 where we raised our family. For nearly three decades I've served in various volunteer, appointed and elected positions. I graduated from San Jose State University with my bachelor's degree and earned my MBA from the University of La Verne.</p> <p>I'm passionate about water and water related issues. My experience as a customer of WMWD and as Director for a local water retailer guide my approach to customer advocacy. As your representative I will work boldly to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure water/sewer rates, connection fees, and system improvements are transparent, realistic, and equitable • Identify reliable sources of water • Support long term planning, fiscal responsibility, and deliberate investment to minimize impacts of future droughts • Represent all ratepayers and ensure your concerns are heard at local, regional, and state levels <p>I would be honored to earn your vote on November 8th!</p> <p>For more information, please contact me at: 951-505-7241 Paul4WMWD2@gmail.com www.Paul4WMWD2.com</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR DIRECTOR, WESTERN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT, DIVISION 2, FULL TERM</p> <p>GRACIE TORRES AGE: 35 OCCUPATION: Water Quality Chemist, VP WMWD, Div 2 EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:</p> <p>As a <u>water quality chemist</u> and your <u>Western Municipal Water District Board of Directors Vice President</u>, I have been honored and humbled to serve our community for the last four years. In my first term, <u>I made promises and kept them</u>. Some of the first things I championed were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Live streaming board meetings to ensure you could be informed about the district's business • Called for <u>NO</u> water shut-offs nor late fees when our country shut down, and • most importantly, <u>OPPOSED</u> increasing water rates <p>As a mother of three, I knew firsthand that families like mine could not afford to pay more when so many of us are already suffering to pay our bills.</p> <p>I am now running for re-election and hope to earn your vote by <u>November 8, 2022</u>.</p> <p>For the last decade, I have committed my life to <u>water quality as a profession</u>, earning my bachelor's and master's in chemistry and environmental sciences.</p> <p>I will continue being your champion and have committed this next term to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transparency, • Water Quality and Conservation, • And Job Creation. <p>As we address the impacts of the current drought, we must also provide <u>training and career opportunities for local families</u> to contribute to the solutions.</p> <p>Visit www.votegracie.com to learn more.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR DIRECTOR, WESTERN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT, DIVISION 2, FULL TERM</p> <p>S.R. "AL" LOPEZ OCCUPATION: Business Analyst / Retired EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">DIV. 2 – RESIDENTS</p> <p>I am enthusiastically seeking <u>Your Vote- Nov. 8th</u>, as a Director for Western Municipal Water District to represent Re-Districted Div.2, which includes part of Temescal Valley, Lake Matthew, Woodcrest, and the March ARB within City of Riverside.</p> <p>"This gives residents an opportunity to Elect a New Director that will be committed represent All communities and provide a reliable source of quality water at lowest cost to residents & businesses."</p> <p><u>Division 2 has experienced INDUSTRIAL and RESIDENTIAL developments impacting our water supply, therefore WMWD needs to maintain appropriate service level for current users and plan future needs.</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">>MY COMMITMENTS<</p> <p>*Propose Auditing Current Water-Sewer Rates Revenues vs Actual Cost of Services</p> <p>*Propose Board conduct ALL meetings in evening & Schedule Division Board meetings for public attendance</p> <p>*Strengthen collaboration among WMWD & RPU & TVWD agencies for mutual operational efficiency.</p> <p>*Enhance Fiscal Accountability & Transparency*</p> <p><u>Proud of my 30-+ years of Community involvement with Senior, Youth, Health, Social, Environment and Educational, Transportation, local Water Supply & Wastewater Re-cycling Agencies.</u></p> <p>Additionally serving as Corona's Mayor/Councilman provided an opportunity to improve quality of life for our residents.</p> <p>RECIPEPENT CONGRESSIONAL RECORD COMMUNITY SERVICE TRIBUTES 2005 & 2020 VETERAN-USMC VOTE S.R." AL" LOPEZ-DIRECTOR</p>	

<p style="text-align: center;">CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR DIRECTOR, WESTERN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT, DIVISION 3, FULL TERM</p> <p>BRENDA DENNSTEDT OCCUPATION: Water District Director EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:</p> <p>It has been a tremendous honor serving as your representative at Western Municipal Water District (WMWD) since 2007. Ensuring our water is <u>SAFE</u>, <u>RELIABLE</u> and <u>AFFORDABLE</u> has always been and will continue to be my mission.</p> <p>I am a proven leader who has worked diligently to make a difference for your family and mine. My work has been steadfast, resulting in MILLIONS of dollars in state and federal funding for projects SAVING YOUR HARD-EARNED DOLLARS.</p> <p>Some of my accomplishments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ <u>SECURED</u> nearly \$40 million in grant funding, including \$600,000 in COVID relief ✓ <u>REDUCED</u> taxes by refinancing Community Facilities Districts (CFD's) for a lower interest rate, saving customers thousands of dollars ✓ <u>SUPPORTED</u> high-quality water in Murrieta at a lower cost than imported water with the North Well project; offset by \$525,000 in grant monies ✓ <u>ADVOCATED</u> for a historic agreement with Rancho California Water District, saving \$21 million in infrastructure costs ✓ <u>SAVED</u> \$4 million in debt forgiveness from the State of California for Santa Rosa Regional Resources Authority ✓ <u>IMPROVED</u> WMWD's credit rating to AAA, saving millions of dollars for customers ✓ <u>CHAMPIONED</u> solar power at WMWD reducing our carbon footprint <p>I'm an experienced representative who will work tirelessly to ensure we have a reliable water supply at the <u>LOWEST</u> cost possible.</p> <p><u>THANK YOU</u> for your vote on November 8th.</p> <p>~Brenda www.facebook.com/BrendaDennstedt www.ReelectBrenda.org BrendaforWMWD@gmail.com</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR DIRECTOR, WESTERN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT, DIVISION 3, FULL TERM</p> <p>JERRY CARLOS OCCUPATION: Riverside County Businessowner EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:</p> <p>I am a native Californian and 53-year resident of Riverside County who believes our county needs <u>sensible water solutions</u> to face the supply challenges ahead. Married 50 years, I'm a long-time <u>business owner</u>, former Southwest Riverside County <u>patrol deputy and police chief</u>, prior U.S. Army <u>infantry SSGT</u>, fire department service, <u>university, and high school head coach</u>. I previously served as Chairman of the Public Safety Advisory Commission for Lake Elsinore. I will bring great experience to Western Municipal Water District, Division 3.</p> <p>Something is not working, and I want to bring serious solutions, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OVERSIGHT: For far too long, there has been poor oversight on overspending leading to rate increases, and I plan to bring the <u>control back to the Western Municipal Water District Board</u> • SUSTAINABILITY: I plan to <u>work alongside the board</u> to bring sustainable solutions to ratepayers and wholesale agencies. • GOALS: To provide the <u>highest quality water</u> at the best available price. <p>I ask for you to vote.</p> <p>www.electjerrycarlos.com</p>

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
COMMISSIONER,
IDYLLWILD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

STEPHANIE YOST

OCCUPATION: Nonprofit Executive Director

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Better Communication + Better Transparency = Better Community Services. I'm a property owner (since 2008), President of the nonprofit Idyllwild Community Center, and an appointed member of the Sheriff's Community Advisory Committee and Third District Commissioner of First 5 Riverside. I love the Hill and have a keen interest in improving all community services, including fire and medical response. Since becoming ICC President, we've maintained existing services—youth and adult recreation, Tree Lighting Ceremony, Halloween Carnival, and Easter Egg Hunt—and added new services, like the Farmers Market, Feeding America distribution, new senior programs, and expanded low-cost childcare. ICC has broken ground on the new Community Center, and I personally worked closely with the County to get a public restroom installed in town soon.

These endeavors required teamwork, financial management, community outreach, visibility, and transparency—important Commissioner attributes. IFPD staff reports to the Board, which reports to our community. Yet few in Idyllwild know how IFPD operates, who works there, and how frequently IFPD staff and equipment are off the Hill. As an active community member and IFPD meeting attendee, I believe Idyllwild would significantly benefit from improved Board outreach and representation, which would be my honor to provide.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
COMMISSIONER,
IDYLLWILD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

RHONDA L ANDREWSON

AGE: 73

OCCUPATION: Office Manager Idyllwild Association of Realtors

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I can hardly believe four more years have passed since my second term began on the IFPD Board. I would be honored at the opportunity to serve you again for another term as your fire commissioner. My husband Don and I are celebrating our 25th year "on the hill" in our beautiful community. Your Local fire department (IFPD) has been very busy answering our calls for service and your board of Fire commissioners have worked diligently with your Fire Chief and over the last 3 1/2 years we have cut our CIP needs Literally in half. We have purchased two new ambulances (Medic 1 and Medic 2), two new admin vehicles (C6200 and B6201), a new reserve engine (E622), a new reserve brush engine (BR622) and most recently a new Type III brush unit (BR625) which you may have seen in the 4th of July Parade. Through our grant writing efforts we have also been able to purchase all new SCBA's, new turn out gear, helmets and four new cardiac monitors. All of this to better serve you and without increasing taxes. I look forward to serving you during another term. Thank you for your continued support!

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
COMMISSIONER,
IDYLLWILD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

DANIEL MESSINA

AGE: 65

OCCUPATION: Construction

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I feel incredibly blessed to have served you in my role as Fire Commissioner over the last 4 years. During my residency here I have worked in the development and construction industry and have also worked as a Volunteer Firefighter and Engineer, including Volunteer time with Riverside Co. Fire and the Idyllwild Fire Protection District. My priorities have not changed; I will continue to work to ensure that residents like myself continue to receive professional, effective, efficient, and locally controlled Fire and EMS Services.

I am an advocate of local Jurisdictions electing their own governing bodies and setting levels of service that they (we) feel are needed and required. It has been my observation that other "one size fits all" Fire and EMS agencies cannot, will not and do not have the desire nor capacity to mold their service models into the best fit for the residents of a given community. If selected I will endeavor to provide the best possible outcomes for our community by utilizing my knowledge and abilities which have been built through years of hands on experience, training and customer service, while providing constructive insight and common sense.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
DIRECTOR,
RANCHO CALIFORNIA WATER DISTRICT**

CAROL LEE BRADY

OCCUPATION: Director, Rancho California Water District

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I've been honored to serve as a Rancho California Water District (RCWD) Director since 2017 and as Board President the past two years. I earned my BS in Business Management (magna cum laude) from Pepperdine University, and my career spans federally regulated industries including electric and water utilities.

Temecula's Wine Country has been my home for 18 years. I'm passionate about protecting our water and delivering prudent stewardship of our financial and natural resources. My philosophy: Address current challenges facing our District – and strategically develop and execute long-term solutions as well. I've been a strong advocate as RCWD pursues and secures grant funding for groundwater replenishment, storage, conveyance, and infrastructure projects.

Too often, our priorities are NOT considered as State policymakers craft legislation and regulations that impact us. I represent our District on the Board of Directors for Association of Water Agencies Region 9, which covers 32,000 square miles. I'm also on the Board of Trustees for Southern California Water Coalition, comprised of leaders from the water industry, city government, and businesses impacted by water policy. We're sending a unified message to Sacramento: More needs to be done for our region.

Please visit www.Vote4CarolLeeBrady.com. Your vote is important!

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
DIRECTOR,
RANCHO CALIFORNIA WATER DISTRICT**

JOHN V. ROSSI

OCCUPATION: Director

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

It has been an honor to serve as a Director for the Rancho California Water District. I respectfully ask you to consider supporting my candidacy.

My wife and I have raised our six adopted children in Temecula since 1993. During my 27-year career, I worked as a general manager for 17 years and retired in 2017. I continue to stay engaged and passionate about the water industry's issues and challenges. I believe in giving back to the community by helping the Rancho California Water District manage today's complex water resource issues - the current drought, rising water rates, water quality concerns, and pension reform.

With a background in water management and finance, I believe I can positively contribute to the District's efforts to strengthen water system reliability, financial transparency, and operational efficiency. Rate increases need to be held to the lowest levels while maintaining outstanding customer service and robust water infrastructure.

I pledge my continued commitment to high-quality drinking water at the lowest rates, exceptional stewardship of our financial and natural resources, and open and honest leadership. A reliable and safe water supply is critical to our community's health and prosperity. Please vote John Rossi.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
DIRECTOR,
RANCHO CALIFORNIA WATER DISTRICT**

WILLIAM E. PLUMMER

OCCUPATION: Retired Water Resources Engineer / Director

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

My wife and I have lived in Temecula for 37 years raising our son and daughter. A registered civil engineer with a master's degree in civil engineering, I have 39 years of experience developing water resource facilities at consulting firms and public agencies. I have had the privilege of serving as Director on the Rancho California Water District since 2005 where I have been chairman on every committee and Board President twice. I also serve on the Association of California Water Agencies - Energy Committee, and also the District representative on the Joint Powers Insurance Agency.

Priorities include optimizing use of groundwater, and increasing use of recycled water. Both water sources maximize local water supplies and reduce dependence on imported water. I promote water conservation efforts to reduce water demand, and thank all who made water conservation a priority. Significant cost reduction is being achieved by having 27% of electrical use supplied from solar power, replacing critical infrastructure before costly failures occur, and implementing asset management for all facilities.

With your support I will work diligently to increase water supply reliability at the lowest cost for residences, businesses and agriculture.

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**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
DIRECTOR,
RANCHO CALIFORNIA WATER DISTRICT**

SKYLAR TEMPEL

OCCUPATION: Businessman

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

As a lifelong Temecula Valley resident and local businessman, I'm committed to the affordability, quality, and reliability of water resources in the Rancho California Water District.

I am committed to 3 general principles:

1. Lower Water Rates and Increased Water Efficiency

We need to continue to reward responsible water users with discounted water rates and encourage more businesses to participate in recycled water programs and turf replacement programs.

2. Local Control and Accountability

Our local water supply and distribution needs to remain locally controlled. We must also continue to be fiscally responsible with your tax dollars. I will be a fierce advocate for local control, accountability and keeping Sacramento out of our water!

3. Ensuring High Quality Water for Our Community

I will work to continue testing our water quality at our schools, businesses and public facilities to ensure that our water is healthy and safe to drink.

I'm dedicated to fighting to keep water rates low, fighting for more public oversight, and protecting our high quality water.

Vote Skylar Tempel for Rancho California Water District Director

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**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
DIRECTOR,
RANCHO CALIFORNIA WATER DISTRICT**

J.D. HARKEY

AGE: 44

OCCUPATION: Farm Management

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Education and Qualifications: My family moved to Temecula in 1980 from Fallbrook. I was raised in Temecula and now have a wife (Katie) and 3 boys (Ethan, Hudson and Drake). We love everything about Temecula and have supported our town in many different ways throughout the years.

I attended TVHS and left Temecula for a few years to get a Business degree at Point Loma Nazarene University while under an athletic scholarship for baseball. Upon returning to Temecula, I was introduced to Ben Drake and found a career that has put me in the position I am today. We farm over 500 acres of avocados and winegrapes and help our customers sustainably farm these crops and keep Temecula the beautiful place it is today.

Water has always been a precious natural resource, especially in California, and conserving this resource will be key to the future of Temecula and future generations. Whether it be relying on water out of our sinks at home or out of the sprinklers on our crops. We are all in this together.