

**REQUIRES BOARD ACTION**

This complete, **ORIGINAL** Ballot must be **SIGNED** by the Superintendent or Board Clerk and returned in the enclosed envelope postmarked by the post office No later than **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 2017**. Only ONE Ballot per Board. Be sure to mark your vote "X" in the box. *A PARTIAL, UNSIGNED, PHOTOCOPIED, OR LATE BALLOT WILL NOT BE VALID.*

OFFICIAL 2017 DELEGATE ASSEMBLY BALLOT  
SUBREGION 23-A  
(Los Angeles County)

Number of vacancies: 2 (Vote for no more than 2 candidates)

*Delegates will serve two-year terms beginning April 1, 2017 -- March 31, 2019*

*\*denotes incumbent*

- ☐ Suzie Abajian (South Pasadena USD)
- ☐ Adele Andrade-Stadler (Alhambra USD)\*
- ☐ Roy Boulghourjian (Pasadena USD)
- ☐ Steve Ferguson (Burbank USD)
- ☐ Terrence G. Williams (Monrovia USD)

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*Provision for Write-in Candidate Name*

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*School District*

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*Signature of Superintendent or Board Clerk*

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*School District Name*

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*Date of Board Action*

*See reverse side for list of all current Delegates in your Region.*

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**Region 23 – Xilonin Cruz-Gonzalez, Director (Azusa USD)**  
**16 Delegates (13 elected/3 appointed)**

**Below is a list of all the current Delegates from this Region.**

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**Subregion A**

Adele Andrade-Stadler (Alhambra USD), term expires 2017  
Kenneth (Ken) Bell (Duarte USD), term expires 2017  
Bob Bruesch (Garvey ESD), term expires 2018  
Gregory (Greg) Krikorian (Glendale USD), term expires 2018  
Gary Scott (San Gabriel USD), term expires 2018

**Subregion B**

Benjamin (Ben) Cardenas (Montebello USD), appointed term expires 2017  
Anthony Duarte (Hacienda La Puente USD), term expires 2018  
Helen Hall (Walnut Valley USD), term expires 2017  
Gino (J.D.) Kwok (Hacienda La Puente USD), appointed term expires 2018  
Vacant, term expires 2017

**Subregion C**

Steven Llanusa (Claremont USD), term expires 2018  
Christina Lucero (Baldwin Park USD), term expires 2017  
Eileen Miranda Jimenez (West Covina USD), term expires 2017  
Roberta A. Perlman (Pomona USD), appointed term expires 2019  
Camie Poulos (West Covina USD), term expires 2018  
Paul Solano (Bassett USD), term expires 2018

<b><u>Counties</u></b>
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Los Angeles

## 2017 Delegate Assembly Candidate Biographical Sketch Form

***DUE: Saturday, January 7, 2017***

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Name: <u>Suzie Abajian, Ph.D.</u>		CSBA Region-subregion #: <u>23-A</u>
District or COE Name: <u>South Pasadena Unified School District</u>		Years on board: <u>1</u>
Profession: <u>Professor</u>	Contact Number: <u>818-720-0107</u>	E-mail: <u>suzieabajian@gmail.com</u>
Are you a continuing Delegate? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If yes, how long have you served as a Delegate? _____		

**Why are you interested in becoming a Delegate? Please describe the skills and experiences you would bring to the Delegate Assembly.**

I am interested in becoming a Delegate because I would like to be involved in CSBA's governance structure. I am committed to ensuring that CSBA reflects the interests of our school districts in Region 23. For the past decade, I have been actively involved in local and statewide campaigns regarding educational issues. For example, I was one of the leaders and key strategists of the Save Adult Education Campaign in Los Angeles which successfully saved LAUSD's Adult Education program from the dire budgets cuts and complete elimination. I am one of the steering committee members of the Ethnic Studies Now Coalition, which has helped multiple school districts across the State of California to pass resolutions making Ethnic Studies a high school graduation requirement. The Ethnic Studies Now Coalition also provided crucial support to the campaign to pass Luis Alejo's AB2016 into California law this year. As the president of my small consulting firm, I have directed multiple campaigns and have the skills and experience to advocate for our interests within CSBA and CSBA's interests in Sacramento.

**Please describe your activities and involvement on your local board, community, and/or CSBA.**

During my tenure on the SPUSD Board, we passed a \$98 million bond measure to upgrade and modernize our schools and district facilities. I was actively involved in the campaign for this bond measure. After my election, I was appointed by the SPUSD Board to serve as a representative to the 5-Star Coalition, a forum where trustees from five local school districts meet monthly to discuss and strategize around common district issues and advocate for our collective interests in Sacramento. In addition to the school board, I've served on boards of local non-profits and organisations such as Vecinos de South Pasadena and Women Involved in South Pasadena Political Action (WISPPA). Also, I am on the steering committee of the Ethnic Studies Now Coalition and an active member of the National Women's Political Caucus of Greater Pasadena.

**What do you see as the biggest challenge facing governing boards and how can CSBA help address it?**

The biggest challenge facing governing boards in California is the volatile funding stream for K-12 ever since the passage of Prop 13. As our schools have come to rely heavily on state rather than local funding from property taxes (because of Prop 13); the minimum funding levels mandated by Prop 98 rise in high-revenue years but fall in low-revenue years. After the recession, California's per-pupil spending dropped significantly making us one of the last in the nation. Although the passage of Prop 30 has substantially mitigated the situation in recent years, it has not been sufficient, particularly because of the rising costs associated with CalSTRS contributions that are being shouldered by local districts. Thankfully Prop 55 passed this November, extending Prop 30. However, this is a temporary and an insufficient solution. In order to ensure a more stable funding stream for our districts, CSBA needs to launch a statewide campaign and advocate in Sacramento for a revamp of Prop 13, particularly for corporate entities, in order to stabilize funding for our schools. Concurrently, CSBA should advocate that the State of California shoulder a larger portion of the contributions to CalSTRS.

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Signature: Suzie Abajian

Date: Jan. 5, 2017

## **Suzie M. Abajian**

suzieabajian@gmail.com

818-720-0107

### **EDUCATION**

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#### **Ph.D. in EDUCATION, 2013**

University of California Los Angeles, Los Angeles, California

#### **M.A. in TEACHING MATHEMATICS, 2000**

Occidental College, Los Angeles, California

#### **B.A. in MATHEMATICS, 1998**

Occidental College, Los Angeles, California

### **CREDENTIALS**

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- **California Preliminary Administrative Credential Examination**  
Video & Written Tests-Passed June 2014 & October 2014
- **California Clear Single Subject Teaching Credential in Mathematics**  
With Crosscultural Language & Academic Development (CLAD) Emphasis-2000

### **LEADERSHIP**

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<b>South Pasadena Unified School Board Member</b>	2015-Present
<b>Five Star Coalition Liaison for SPUSD</b>	2015-Present
<b>Ethnic Studies Now Coalition</b>	2014-Present
<b>Steering Committee Member</b>	2014-Present
<b>Vecinos de South Pasadena</b>	2013-Present
<b>Executive Board Member</b>	2014-2015
<b>Women in South Pasadena Political Action</b>	2013-present
<b>Executive Board Member</b>	2014-2015
<b>Communications and Media Chair</b>	2013-2014
<b>National Women's Political Caucus- Greater Pasadena</b>	2013-present
<b>Active Member</b>	

### **TEACHING**

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<b>NTT Assistant Professor of Education</b>	2014-present
<b>Occidental College Education Department, Los Angeles, California</b>	
<b>Mathematics Lecturer</b>	2010-2014
<b>Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles, California</b>	
<b>Assistant Field Supervisor for Mathematics Teachers</b>	2004-2007
<b>Teacher Education Program, UCLA, Los Angeles, California</b>	

### **BUSINESS**

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<b>A&amp;A Consultants, LLC</b>	2012-present
<b>Co-founder and President</b>	

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Name: <u>Adele Andrade-Stadler</u>	CSBA Region-subregion #: <u>23 A</u>
District or COE Name: <u>Alhambra Unified</u>	Years on board: <u>12</u>
Profession: <u>Retired educator</u>	Contact Number: <u>626 378-4550</u> <u>626 625-8911</u>
E-mail: <u>andrade-stadler-adele@usd-us</u> <u>or Andrade3@charter.net</u>	
Are you a continuing Delegate? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, how long have you served as a Delegate? _____	

Why are you interested in becoming a Delegate? Please describe the skills and experiences you would bring to the Delegate Assembly.

I have great communication skills and I have cultivated good, solid relationships with legislators in the State Capitol and Congress. In addition, I understand how strong we are with a collective voice for students. All signs are showing that California still is ranked on bottom for our students' chance for success in our schools. That is unacceptable and as a delegate assembly member I will continue to fight for our kids.

Please describe your activities and involvement on your local board, community, and/or CSBA.

Prior to my delegate experience, I was asked to attend lobby day in Sac. and visited the many legislators on behalf of our region and CSBA. I have assisted in the organizing three education forums on issues facing our students in the 21st economy. One in Glendale, Alhambra, and at ELAC. I currently sit on the LACSTA County of Los Angeles Committee, and the Department of social services where I am a commissioner. I have served on transportation, HUD, and liaisons for the city of Alhambra.

What do you see as the biggest challenge facing governing boards and how can CSBA help address it?

Boards need to better understand their new, improved responsibilities under LEFF. They need to stay on top of a variety of reports and learn how to ask the right questions to their districts. They need constant professional development and CSBA can provide more classes in the different areas. I also think Delegate Assembly should meet more often regionally so that we can better understand each other's districts and learn best practices.

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Signature: Adele Andrade-Stadler

Date: Jan 4, 2017

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Name: <u>Roy Boulghourjian</u>	CSBA Region-subregion #: <u>23 A</u>
District or COE Name: <u>Pasadena Unified School District</u>	Years on board: <u>2 years</u>
Profession: <u>College Professor</u> Contact Number: <u>818-612-1550</u>	E-mail: <u>Royb@mtsierra.edu</u>
Are you a continuing Delegate? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If yes, how long have you served as a Delegate? _____	

**Why are you interested in becoming a Delegate? Please describe the skills and experiences you would bring to the Delegate Assembly.**

I want to contribute as much as I can to improve public education. I will bring our district's (Pasadena Unified) experiences, needs, and success stories to see how we can build on each other's ideas and move forward. I have experience both in the business world and in education. I have taught ESL to adult immigrants and a variety of classes -- Mathematics, Economics, Business, and Leadership -- to middle school students, high school students, and at the college level. I have also served as a Vice Principal at two high schools. Currently I am the Academic Dean of Operations at Mt. Sierra College in Monrovia, California.

**Please describe your activities and involvement on your local board, community, and/or CSBA.**

Currently, I am the Vice President of the Governing Board for Pasadena Unified School District. I also serve on the District's Facilities Committee and Safety Committee. Before being elected, I served on the Pasadena Educational Foundation's (PEF) Board and also on the Measure TT Citizen's Oversight Committee. I have good social skills and strong political contacts, and I am proud of my culturally and socioeconomically diverse groups of friends.

**What do you see as the biggest challenge facing governing boards and how can CSBA help address it?**

The biggest challenge at this time is the uncertainty with the change of our country's leadership and the fears that come with change. Regardless of federal involvement, CSBA has always been at the forefront of good governance and local control. I think we need to be optimistic, stay focused, and try to take full advantage of all opportunities so we can help our students succeed.

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Signature: Roy Boulghourjian

Date: December 15, 2016

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Name: <u>Steve Ferguson</u>		CSBA Region-subregion #: <u>23-A</u>
District or COE Name: <u>Burbank Unified School District</u>		Years on board: <u>2</u>
Profession: <u>Program Manager, Airbnb</u>	Contact Number: <u>818-415-9048</u>	E-mail: <u>Steve.Ferguson@burbankusd.org</u>
Are you a continuing Delegate? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If yes, how long have you served as a Delegate? _____		

**Why are you interested in becoming a Delegate? Please describe the skills and experiences you would bring to the Delegate Assembly.**

I am interested in becoming a delegate to help shape the future of CSBA. We are entering a new time in public education and I believe that we need to do more to support student populations with differences as we prepare them for the world.

**Please describe your activities and involvement on your local board, community, and/or CSBA.**

I am proud to have served my community on the Board of Education for 2 years but I have been involved in city governance and community college governance for over 15-years. I have a broad range of experience in many sectors of public policy which will serve well as we formulate CSBA's platform.

**What do you see as the biggest challenge facing governing boards and how can CSBA help address it?**

I believe governing boards face many challenges as we discover what new local control accountability measures look like and as reserve caps limit our ability to offer our students and staff long term fiscal security. We are called upon to communicate more, account for more and accomplish more without sufficient support from state resources.

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Signature: [Signature]

Date: 1/5/17

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Name: <u>Terrence G. Williams</u>		Region 23/ CSBA Region-subregion #: <u>Sub-region 23-A</u>
District or COE Name: <u>Monrovia Unified School District</u>	Years on board: <u>3 years</u>	
Profession: _____	Contact Number: <u>(626) 216-6758</u>	E-mail: <u>wtedus@aol.com</u>
Are you a continuing Delegate? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If yes, how long have you served as a Delegate? _____		

**Why are you interested in becoming a Delegate? Please describe the skills and experiences you would bring to the Delegate Assembly.**

I am interested because of the work involved. I believe I would be a good candidate considering my three years of experience as a Board member and community involvement.

**Please describe your activities and involvement on your local board, community, and/or CSBA.**

I am involved with the Monrovia Schools Foundation, Community Liasion, Kiwanis Member and I am Vice-Chairman of the Town Council.

**What do you see as the biggest challenge facing governing boards and how can CSBA help address it?**

Special Needs resources. CSBA should consider adding a special needs forum during the next conference.

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Signature: 

Date: Jan 6, 2017