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Application for Provisional Appointment to the Lemon Grove Board of Education

This Application is a Public Record.

The Appointee will hold office until the next Governing Board Member Election, which occurs at the next Statewide General Election on:

November 3, 2020 [EC§ 5091(e)]

Qualifications:

Applicant must be a registered voter and a resident living in the boundaries of the Lemon Grove School District. An employee of a school district may not be sworn into office as an elected or appointed member of that school district's governing board unless and until he or she resigns as an employee. (EC§ 35107)

Certification of qualifications on page 5 must be signed by the applicant.

Application Deadline:

This application must be received by the Secretary to the Board/Superintendent no later than October 25, 2019, at 4:30 p.m. and must be postmarked on or before 10/25/19 or hand-delivered to:

Erica Balakian
Secretary to the Lemon Grove Board of Education
8025 Lincoln St.,
Lemon Grove, CA 91945
Phone: 619-825-5600

(Please type or print)

Name: Melanie Lucero

Address: _____

Address 2: _____

City: Lemon Grove

State: CA

Zip Code: 91945

Home Phone: _____

Mobile Phone: _____

Business Phone: _____

Years of residence within the boundaries of the 53
Lemon Grove School District:

****Please attach or include an updated resume and any other materials you feel are relevant to assist the Board of Trustees in their decision-making for the appointment process.**

Please answer the following questions:

1. Describe your educational, work and public service background. I attended LG schools, graduated from Mt. Miguel High School, then SDSU, after community colleges. I majored in Urban Studies. I worked as a domestic engineer for 15 years. I worked from August 2015 to January of this year as Business Manager then as the Director of Programs for a non profit organization that focused on housing for low income/food insecure college students. For many years I was the volunteer field trip coordinator for K-8 San Diego Cooperative Charter Schools in Lindavista. I've been a Girl Scout leader for 10 years. I also volunteer at my church's Christian Education Board Committee member and on my Church Council as a Board Member.
2. What skills, abilities, and experiences would you bring to the Board to assist in carrying out its responsibilities? As a child our family experienced food insecurity and being low income. I saw worse cases than our family in my classroom, school and at the park. I have 3 children that attended LGSD schools while we were a single income family. My youngest child attended LGAMS for the last 2 years and now is a freshman @ Helix CTS. As a single income family, Girl Scout leader, and Director of Programs I've had to make budgets, camp, craft, implement plans within said budget. I was trained and graduated from the LG RLA which taught me about policy and procedures. As Dir. of Programs I worked with college students in need while persevering to graduate from SDSU. I worked w/ the County to sign up student into CalFresh and worked with the SD Hunger coalition.
3. List your involvement in the schools of Lemon Grove (memberships on committees and/or organizations, offices held, volunteer work, etc.). Admittedly, while my daughter attends LGAMS, I was not active beyond the open houses, debates, presentations, dance and band programs. I did try but I could not find information as to whether or not we had a school site council or when PTA meetings were. We did not have a working school website, fliers & did not go out to all, nor advertised. I only saw proof of a PTA at the start of the school year as they sold the P.E. uniforms. I was though, in communication with my daughter's teachers and Principals.
4. State briefly your philosophy of public education. I believe that everyone is entitled to a good public school education no matter what their ethnicity, social or economic status. A public education is where children learn about the world, hard work, critical thinking & team building. It's our responsibility, along with parents and community, to get them ready to be good citizens and community leaders for the rest of their lives.

5. List, in order of importance, the major issues confronting public education in general.

Funding,
Funding,
Funding,
Corporate Charter Schools, $\frac{1}{2}$
Lack of Good Public Relations

6. List, in order of importance, the major issues confronting public education in the Lemon Grove School District.

1. Funding,
2. Communication / Education with parents & community (when people do not understand procedures they think they are being disrespected)
3. Unhealthy children - neglect
4. Lack of Respect by Parents towards each other, students, teachers and Admin
5. Unprepared Children - clean, dressed, fed, ready to learn
6. Lots of Social Work Going on
7. Lack of hours in a Day
7. As a Board member how would you determine the priorities of the District?

Besides making sure students and schools are safe, I'd like to work together to find the Best Return on our Investments. Also, this is hard to know since I don't know all the facts in which LGSD Board Members are dealing with.

8. Why do you wish to serve on the Board and what do you hope to accomplish?

I wish to serve in order to encourage continued education for students and their families. I want them to learn that they should want to learn and encourage their families in turn to encourage them. I want them to learn about the necessity of doing well in elementary, high school and then college or continuing ed. I want our students to always continue to learn in a great environment that honors them, their teachers and their community. I want them to continue on in the knowledge that they are awesome and that there is nothing they can't do with an education!

I understand, upon appointment, I would be required to file a Conflict of Interest Statement and to take an Oath of Office.

I attest the foregoing information is true to the best of my knowledge.


Signature of Applicant


Date

10/25/19 4:30pm

Certification of Qualifications:

I understand that this application is a public document and may be requested under provisions of the Public Records Act and/or be available to the public on the Lemon Grove School District website.

I understand that, upon appointment, I would be required to file a Conflict of Interest statement and take an Oath of Office.

I certify I am not disqualified to hold this office because of a conviction of any of the crimes on the attached list and further certify I am not otherwise disqualified from holding public office under the California Constitution or statutes.

I certify I am a registered voter in the Lemon Grove School District and that I reside within the Lemon Grove School District boundaries.

I attest the foregoing information is true to the best of my knowledge.



Signature of Applicant



Date

Information contained on this application is subject to verification.

The following is a list of crimes, conviction of which precludes a person from holding public office in the State of California. Conviction of these crimes renders a person "forever disqualified from holding any office in this state."

- Bribing executive officer (Penal Code§ 67)
- Officer asking or receiving bribes (Penal Code§§ 68, 88)
- Receiving gratuity for appointment to office (Penal Code§ 74)
- Judicial Officer who has asked for or received emoluments, gratuities, rewards, or the fee of stenographer (Penal Code§ 94)
- Giving or offering bribe to Councilman or Supervisor (Penal Code§ 165)
- Misappropriation of public funds (Penal Code§ 424)
- Interference with work or discipline of, or giving certain articles to prisoners (Penal Code§ 2772)
- Interference with or giving certain articles to convicts (Penal Code§ 2790)
- Officer making contracts in which he or she is interested (Government Code§ 1097)
- Members of the Legislature convicted of any crime (Government Code§ 9055)
- Corrupting the voting process (Election Code§ 18501)

Please note that, in addition to the above restrictions, Government Code § 1126 prohibits any local agency official from engaging "in any employment, activity, or enterprise for compensation which is inconsistent, incompatible, in conflict with, or inimical to his or her duties as a local agency officer or employee or with the duties, functions, or responsibilities of his or her appointing power or the agency by which he or she is employed."