




Santa Clara County Office of Education

Mary Ann Dewan, Ph.D.
County Superintendent of Schools

November 2, 2020

TO: District Superintendents and District Governing Board Members
FROM: Dr. Mary Ann Dewan, County Superintendent of Schools 
SUBJECT: County Committee Election – 2020

Attached please find the ballot and candidate packet you will use to elect members of the Santa Clara County Committee on School District Organization for the District 2, 4, and At-Large seats. Seats 2 and At-Large have one candidate each: incumbent Baltazar Lopez and incumbent Albert Gonzalez; seat 4 has two candidates: Brian Wheatley and Jodi Muirhead.

Also attached is a list of the County Committee representative for each school district (selected by each district). Each district should have their representative select the candidate of choice; if no representative was selected, the Board President may complete the ballot. District Boards also have the option of voting for a candidate as a collective Board action.

Please write the name of your school or community college district, **sign** your name, **vote** for one candidate in each District, and **email** the ballot to:

suzanne_carrig@sccoe.org

Ballots must be received by November 20, 2020. Votes will not be counted if emailed after 5:00 p.m. November 20, 2020.

If you have any questions please contact Suzanne Carrig at 408-453-6869 or email her at the above address.

Thank you.

District Name	Representative
Alum Rock School District	Ernest Bejarano
Berryessa School District	Hugo Jiminez
Cambrian School District	
Campbell Union School District	Michael Snyder
Campbell Union High School District	Kalen Gallagher
Cupertino School District	
East Side Union	
Evergreen School District	
Franklin-McKinley	
Fremont Union HSD	Jeff Moe
Foothill-DeAnza	Pearl Cheng
Gavilan	Irma Gonzalez
Gilroy Unified	
Lakeside Joint School District	
LGSUHSD	Katherine Tseng
Loma Prieta Joint Union	
Los Altos	
Los Gatos Union School District	
Luther Burbank	
Milpitas Unified	
Moreland School District	Julie Reynolds-Grabbe
Morgan Hill Unified	Carol Ann Gittens
Mount Pleasant School District	
Mountain View Whisman	
Mountain View-Los Altos HSD	
Oak Grove School District	
Orchard School District	Nida Spetter
Palo Alto Unified	Todd Collins
San Jose Unified	Kimberly Meek
San Jose Evergreen CCD	
Santa Clara Unified	
Saratoga Union School District	
Sunnyvale	Jeffrey Arnett
Union School District	Sheila Billings
West Valley CCD	

*If district did not select a representative, please have Board president sign the ballot.

**SANTA CLARA COUNTY COMMITTEE ON
SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION
OFFICIAL BALLOT – NOVEMBER 20, 2020**

School/Community College District

Signature (required for validation)

This ballot is to be used by the board member designated by each school or community college district board of education to elect members to the Santa Clara County Committee on School District Organization (see attached list for your district's representative).

Please vote for one candidate in each district - District 2, 4, and At-Large by placing a check (✓) in the box next to your choice.

District 2:

☐ Baltazar Lopez

District 4:

☐ Brian Wheatley
☐ Jodi Muirhead

At-Large:

☐ Albert Gonzalez

2020 County Committee Election Candidate Information

District 2

October 19th, 2020
Santa Clara County Office of Education
Mary Ann Dewan Ph.D.
County Superintendent of Schools
1290 Ridder Park Drive
San José, California 95131

Dear County Board of Education and Superintendent Dewan,

I Baltazar Lopez, current County Committee member from the second Supervisorial District formal submit my intent to seek re-election. As a member of the Committee I have grown to understand the important work the committee does, and I believe that as a life long resident of District 2 I have voted and will continue to vote in the best interest of my district and County. My work across multiple government levels allows me to see all issues in a holistic perspective and believe this is much needed in a county that overlaps so many issues and interests. Thank you for all the great work you do for the residents of Santa Clara County.

Best regards,
Baltazar Lopez

Baltazar Lopez

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WORK EXPERIENCE

California's 18th Congressional District, Congresswoman Anna Eshoo

Palo Alto, CA — Senior Field Representative

January 2019 – Present

- Meet with Silicon Valley CEOs and Vice Presidents as well as Bay Area Labor Unions to discuss legislation they required the Congresswoman to cosponsor or introduce to Congress
- Collaborated with State, County, and City elected officials on key federal legislation such the CARES ACT which provide billions in federal aid
- Monitored local and state affairs in order to support local and state elected officials
- Maintained relationships with the all U.S. military branches specifically with Commanders of the 129th Air Force Rescue Wing and the 63rd Army Readiness Division
- Coordinated fire recovery efforts with FEMA and local agencies during the CZU Lightening Fire
- Facilitated communication between business and labor leaders with other federal agencies in order to develop effective policy
- Manage expectation of key partners in the business and labor community during turbulent moments such as the Impeachment proceedings of President Trump
- Assisted research institutions such as Stanford's SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory and environmental groups' efforts in securing federal funding and expanding new partnerships
- Drafted speeches and memos on legislative matters for the Congresswoman
- Resolved 10-15 constituent cases per week

Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors, Supervisor Ken Yeager

San José, CA — Policy Aide

January 2018 - December 2018

- Collaborated with County Counsel on numerous projects including County Fire's review of Verizon's actions during California wildfires to determine if Verizon undermined our ability to respond
- Drafted policy on the Valley Transit Authority (VTA) and Bay Area Rapid Transit Phase 2 project which connects downtown San José the rest of the BART network in the Bay Area
- Reviewed VTA's financials through the Administration & Finance Committee to improve services for staff and customers
- Tracked Fleets and Facilities' purchases through the Finance & Government Operations Committee to determine savings and fleet upgrades
- Collaborated with environmental groups to preserve farmland through the Local Agency Formation Commission
- Maintained relationships with local and state elected officials
- Supported local and regional projects on transportation and environmental issues by securing private and public funding
- Resolved 4-8 constituent cases per week

San José City Council, Vice Mayor Magdalena Carrasco

San José, CA — *Policy Aide*

January 2015 – July 2017

- Designed and lead the Participatory Budgeting program which used public funds to help illustrate how projects are funded and implemented through local government
- Developed policy relating to the legalization of outdoor vendors and legalization of cannabis shops in San José
- Spearheaded the Clean San José educational efforts
- Collaborated with the Cultural Affairs department to secure \$250,000 for highway underpass art in East San José.
- Developed briefs for the Transportation & Environment Committee, and Community & Economic Development Committee
- Attended neighborhood association meetings for Mount Pleasant, Capital Park, Alum Rock, Cassell, and Warner Heights areas
- Represented the Vice Mayor in San José's Art Commission and engaged with the art community to develop art friendly policy
- Conducted meetings in Spanish and created partnerships with Spanish advocacy organizations
- Increased Spanish speaking community's political participation
- Resolved 10-15 constituent cases per week

EDUCATION

San José State University, San José, CA — *M.A. Philosophy*

January 2018 – May 2020

San José State University, San José, CA — *B.A. Political Science*

August 2011 - May 2016

San José State University, San José, CA — *B.A. Philosophy*

August 2014 - May 2016

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Appointments

Santa Clara County Office of Education – County Committee

- Board member - The primary responsibility of the County Committee on School District Organization is the reorganization of school districts, through territory transfers and unification.
February 2019 – Present

San José State University Vice President Search Committee

- Board member – The search committee was tasked to find a new Vice President of Innovation and Research.
August 2018 - May 2019

Languages

Spanish – Reading: proficient, Writing: moderate, Speaking: proficient

District 4

Jodi Muirhead

Letter of Intent to Serve

County Committee on School District Organization

October 28, 2020

County Superintendent of Schools
c/o Suzanne Carrig
suzanne_carrig@sccoe.org

Dear Superintendent Dewan,

I write this letter to express my interest in joining the Santa Clara County Committee on School District Organization, representing District 4.

I have served our community for many years, including serving for 6 years on the Santa Clara Unified School District Board as a Trustee, Vice-President and Clerk. During that time, I have also served on the board of the Santa Clara County School Boards Association as President, Vice-President and Hoffmann Awards Co-chair. For the last 4 years, I have been a delegate to the California School Boards Association and was recently selected as one of 9 members of their Nominating Committee.

I began my involvement in Education shortly after becoming a parent, volunteering in my children's classrooms for 18 years. I was a classroom parent coordinator, field trip coordinator, fundraising chair, parent organization treasurer, site council member and had numerous other roles at the schools my children attended. This regular involvement in classrooms led me to become a substitute teacher for 8 years, teaching in schools around the district. My 3 children are graduates of Santa Clara Unified schools.

In 2011, I co-founded a non-profit, Santa Clara Unified Parents, to bring parents together to support our district schools. For 4 years, I chaired our primary project, a district-wide science fair for over 300 students per year, including fundraising, gathering volunteers and coordinating the 2-day event. I am very proud I was able to make sure the program continued after the district had to end it due to budget cuts.

As an active member of my community, I participated in the City of Santa Clara's Charter Review Committee. The group recommended changes to the city's charter. I co-authored the ballot statements for 3 measures that came out of our recommendations. All 3 passed overwhelmingly by the voters in the city.

My resume is attached with additional details. I have a long-standing commitment to our schools, our students and our community. I would be honored to serve on the Committee on School District Organization.

Thank you for your consideration,

Jodi Muirhead

Jodi Muirhead

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Experience in the Education Field

2014 – present	Santa Clara Unified School District Vice-President, Clerk, Trustee Committee Member: District Advisory, Facilities Task Force, Budget, Policy, Association of Suburban School Districts, Step Up and Stop Harassment Taskforce Liaison to: City of Santa Clara, City of Sunnyvale, West Valley-Mission Community College District, Santa Clara Unified PTA Council
2015 – present	Santa Clara County School Boards Association (SCCSBA) President, Vice-President, Hoffmann Award Co-Chair
2016 – present	California School Boards Association (CSBA) Region 20 Delegate, Nominating Committee Member Co-Chair of CSBA PAC fundraiser for Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties
2011 – 2014	Santa Clara Unified District Science Fair Chair Joint project of Santa Clara Unified Parents and Santa Clara Unified School District
2011 – 2014	Santa Clara Unified Parents Co-founder, Treasurer and Board Member Incorporated as a 501(c)(3) non-profit
2006 – 2014	Santa Clara Unified School District, Santa Clara, CA Substitute Teacher, Grades K – 12 at several schools Math and Literacy Intervention Teacher, Washington Open Elementary School
2012	Santa Clara Unified School District Measure A Parcel Tax Campaign, Santa Clara, CA Campaign Leadership Team
2013 – 2014 2010 – 2011	Santa Clara High School, Santa Clara, CA Site Council
2011 – 2013	Congregation Shir Hadash, Los Gatos, CA Board Member-at-Large of Youth Groups
2006 – 2010	Washington Open Elementary School, Santa Clara, CA Parent Board Treasurer, Parent Board Ways & Means Chair, SCRIP Fundraising Chair, Classroom Coordinator, Field Trip Coordinator
1996 – 2014	Sunnyvale Parent Preschool, Santa Clara Parents Nursery School, Washington Open Elementary School, Buchser Middle School, Santa Clara High School, and Discovery Charter School 1. Participating Parent

Experience in the Community

2018 – present	Santa Clara Parade of Champions Board Member
2016 – 2017	Santa Clara Challenge Team
2017	Leadership Santa Clara
2016 - 2017	City of Santa Clara Charter Review Committees Ballot Statement Co-Author, Measures O, P and Q. All passed overwhelmingly

Experience in the Engineering Field

1999 – 2000	Independent Systems Consultant
1996 – 1999	Senior Systems Consultant , Professional Services, Edify Corporation, Santa Clara, CA
1987 – 1996	Senior Software Engineer , Siemens Corporation (formerly ROLM, an IBM Company), Santa Clara, CA Outstanding Technical Achievement Award

Awards

2020	Assembly District 25 Community Hero Award Winner
2020	City of Santa Clara Certificate of Special Recognition for Service to the Community
2014	Santa Clara Unified PTA Council Honorary Service Award Recipient
2008	Marilyn Rea Volunteer of the Year Recipient, Washington Open Elementary School, Santa Clara, CA

Education

2016	CSBA Masters in Governance Certificate
2014	Emerge California Training Program
1982 - 1986	California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, CA BS, Computer Science; Minor in English

Interests

Math, puzzles, technology, guiding children and adults

#lifelonglearner

Motto

Learn Something New Every Day

Brian Wheatley

BRIAN WHEATLEY

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9/22/20

County Superintendent of Schools
c/o Suzanne Carrig
Santa Clara County Office of Education
1290 Ridder Park Drive
San Jose, CA 95131

Dear County Superintendent of Schools:

I would like to offer my services for the County Committee on School Organization in Supervisorial District 4. I feel that my background and extensive experience as a teacher, union leader, and now school board member gives me the necessary skills to be successful in this new role.

Sincerely,

DocuSigned by:

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Brian Wheatley

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OBJECTIVE

To be elected to the SCC Committee
on School District Organization

SKILLS

Practiced communicator
Experienced leader
Tested manager
Involved organizer
Lifelong learner

EXPERIENCE

SAN JOSE UNIFIED SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEE AREA 4

2018 – Present

Currently Board Vice President

PRESIDENT, EVERGREEN TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Aug. 2008 - 2020

Protecting our contract and the due process rights of members was my primary role. In addition, I collaborated with neighborhood associations such as the D8CRT, partnered with community organizations such as Working Partnerships, joined campaigns such as Silicon Valley Rising, and interacted with community groups such as SOMOS Mayfair.

TEACHER, EVERGREEN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Nov. 1985 – June. 2008

I've taught 5th and 6th grade my entire career!

EDUCATION

DEGREE / DATE EARNED

UCLA

Bachelor's Degree in Political Science

1982

Cal State Hayward

Multiple-Subject Teaching Credential

1984

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE OR LEADERSHIP

San Jose Engaged Encounter Ministry

1993 – Present

Chair of the Mt. Hamilton Uniserv Council

2013-2016

Vice Chair SJUSD DAC

2016-17 School Year

SCC Rapid Response Network

May 2017 - present

CTA State Council Representative

2018 - 2020

At-Large

October 24, 2016

Dr. Mary Ann Dewan
County Superintendent of Schools
Santa Clara County Office of Education
1290 Ridder Park Drive
San Jose, CA 95131-2398
Attention: Suzanne Carrig

Dear Superintendent Dewan,

Please accept this letter of intent to be a candidate for the At-Large Member seat on the Santa Clara County Committee on School District Organization. I feel that my background and experience as a school board trustee on the Santa Clara Unified School District Board (SCUSD), as well as my experience as a member of the Executive Board of the Santa Clara County School Board Association (SCCSBA) and my experience as a Director for the California School Boards Association (CSBA) has prepared me to continue to serve as a member of the County Committee.

Santa Clara Unified encompasses parts of six cities, which has contributed to the numerous requests for district transfers from community representatives during my tenure as a school board member. I have studied each of these requests and have even physically gone out to the sites in question to better assess the situations. Additionally our district was involved in a transfer of territory from our district to a neighboring district during my tenure. These situations have given me valuable experience that I believe is important to have as a member of the County Committee.

My involvement with the SCCSBA and CSBA have enabled me to meet my various school board member colleagues throughout the county and state, which has enhanced my understanding of the issues and concerns of districts in other parts of the county and throughout the state. My leadership positions on the SCUSD School Board, the SCCSBA Executive Board and the CSBA Board of Directors have prepared me to serve on the County Committee on School District Organization.

Additionally, I pride myself on being prepared for all board meetings, by doing the research necessary to better understand the issues, so that I can make the best decision possible.

I look forward to continue serving on the County Committee on School District Organization and hope to be elected. Attached is a brief resume outlining my experience. Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,



Albert Gonzalez
Trustee, Santa Clara Unified School District
Director, Region 20, California School Boards Association

Albert Gonzalez

Candidate for County Committee on School District Organization – At-Large Member

Trustee, Santa Clara Unified School District

Commitment to Santa Clara Educational Community

Albert Gonzalez has served on the Santa Clara Unified School District School (SCUSD) Board for the last twelve years. In this role he has dealt with rebounding issues and opening of new schools, as well as several redistricting requests from the community and approved a transfer of territory from his district to another district. Albert has also served as the Director for Region 20, California School Boards Association (CSBA) since 2014 and has been a Delegate since 2010. He has also served on the Santa Clara County School Boards Association (SCCSBA) since 2008 in various capacities, as seen below. Albert has been actively involved in supporting our public schools at the local and county level over the past 22 years through his leadership on:

- CSBA Director, Region 20, Delegate
- CSBA Legislative and Nomination Committee
- CSBA Board Development and Annual Education Conference Committee
- SCCSBA President, Vice President, Treasurer and Executive Board
- SCCSBA Legislative Brunch Chair
- SCCSBA Glenn W. Hoffmann Committee, Reader and Site Validator
- SCUSD Board President and Vice President
- SCUSD Legislative and Policy Committee
- SCUSD Santa Clara, San Jose and Sunnyvale City Liaison Committee
- SCUSD Bond Oversight Committee, Measure B, H and J
- Santa Clara County League of Women Voters Educational Committee
- Santa Clara County Children's Health Initiative School Outreach Collaborative Chair

Community Involvement

In addition to his commitment to our local public schools and his professional work experience as an engineer, Albert has been actively involved in the community during the last 14 years as a resident of Santa Clara including:

- Leadership Santa Clara
- PTA – Millikin Elementary, Peterson Middle School and Wilcox HS
- Santa Clara Youth Soccer League Coach and Assistant Coach
- Homestead Little League Asst. Coach, Team Parent
- Adrian Wilcox High School Tutor

Thank you for your consideration of my candidacy for the County Committee on School District Organization.

I would appreciate your vote!