



Santa Clara County Office of Education

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County Superintendent of Schools

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TO: Santa Clara County School District Superintendents and
School Board Presidents

FROM: Suzanne Carrig, Director, Policy Development & Administrative Programs
Office of the Superintendent

SUBJECT: Candidates for the Santa Clara County Committee on School
District Organization

The Santa Clara County Committee on School District Organization, the elected body responsible for school district organization and boundaries, will hold an election on November 29, 2017 to fill three seats. Voters in the election are the designated school board members of each school district in the county (California Education Code 35023 requires that each school board annually select one of its members to vote in the county committee election); candidates for the County Committee must be registered voters who reside within the supervisorial district they wish to represent. County Committee members serve four-year terms.

There are eleven seats on the County Committee – two from each of the five county supervisorial districts, and one at-large seat. This year, three seats are up for election, one each in Supervisorial Districts 1, 3, and 5. The Supervisorial Districts include local school districts as follows (*high school districts are not listed since they belong in the same supervisorial districts as their feeder elementary school districts*):

Supervisorial District 1 (Mike Wasserman, County Supervisor)

Cambrian, Franklin-McKinley, Gilroy Unified, Lakeside Union, Loma Prieta Joint Union, Los Gatos Union, Morgan Hill Unified, Oak Grove, San Jose Unified, Saratoga Union, and Union.

Supervisorial District 3 (Dave Cortese, County Supervisor)

Alum Rock Union Elementary, Berryessa Union, Cupertino Union, Evergreen, Milpitas Unified, Mount Pleasant, Mountain View Whisman, Oak Grove, Orchard, San Jose Unified, Santa Clara Unified, and Sunnyvale.

Supervisorial District 5 (Joe Simitian, County Supervisor)

Campbell Union, Cupertino Union, Los Altos, Moreland, Mountain View-Whisman, Palo Alto Unified, Santa Clara Unified, and Saratoga Union.

The purpose of this letter is to ask for your help in identifying and encouraging qualified candidates to stand for election to the County Committee. No employee of a public school district or of the County Office of Education may serve on the County Committee, but members of school boards **may** serve. If you know of someone who meets these eligibility requirements and would be willing to contribute to the work of the County Committee, please ask them to consider submitting an application to the County Office of Education. The application should consist of a letter of intent to serve and a brief résumé of background and experience which would contribute to participation in the activities of the County Committee. Candidates must submit the letter and résumé by 5:00 p.m., October 24, 2017 to:

suzanne_carrig@sccoe.org

or

County Superintendent of Schools
c/o Suzanne Carrig: MC 243
Santa Clara County Office of Education
1290 Ridder Park Drive
San Jose, CA 95131

Candidate materials and the election ballots will be mailed the first week in November and must be returned by Wednesday, November 29, 2017 (ballots can be emailed to the above address or sent U.S. Mail at the above street address). It is recommended that districts place this election item on their agendas. Any ballots received after November 29th will not be counted.

Please contact me at 408-453-6869 if you have any questions.

Thank you.