



Santa Clara County Office of Education

Jon R. Gundry
County Superintendent of Schools

October 31, 2017

TO: District Superintendents and District Governing Board Members
FROM: Suzanne Carrig, Director, Policy Development & Administrative Programs
SUBJECT: County Committee Election – 2017

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 1, 3, and 5 seats. The candidates running for seats 1 and 3 are running unopposed and District 5 has two candidates: incumbent Ellen Wheeler and Roy Rocklin. Also attached is a list of the County Committee representative for each school district (selected in January 2017 for the purpose of completing the attached ballot). 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 **mail, email, or fax** the ballot to (**email** is preferred):

Office of the Superintendent/County Committee Election – MC 243
Santa Clara County Office of Education
1290 Ridder Park Drive
San Jose, CA 95131

Email: suzanne_carrig@sccoe.org

Fax: 408-453-6525

Mailed ballots must be postmarked by November 29, 2017 and faxed or emailed ballots must be received by November 29, 2017. Votes will not be counted if not postmarked, emailed, or faxed by November 29, 2017.

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

Thank you.

**SANTA CLARA COUNTY COMMITTEE ON
SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION
OFFICIAL BALLOT – NOVEMBER 29, 2017**

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 1, 3, and 5 by placing a check (✓) in the box next to your choice.

District 1:

☐ Denise Ramon-
Herrera

District 3:

☐ James Van Pernis

District 5:

☐ Ellen Wheeler
☐ Roy Rocklin

District Name	Representative
Alum Rock School District	Dolores Marquez-Frausto
Berryessa School District	Thelma Boac
Cambrian School District	Randy Scofield
Campbell Union School District	Thomas Gemmetti
Campbell Union High School District	Linda Goytia
Cupertino School District	Kristen Lyn
East Side Union	
Evergreen School District	
Franklin-McKinley	
Fremont Union HSD	Jeff Moe
Foothill-DeAnza	Pearl Cheng
Gavilan	Jonathan Brusco
Gilroy Unified	Mark Good
Lakeside Joint School District	Linda Kelly
LGSJUHSD	Robin Mano
Loma Prieta Joint Union	Kerrie Mills
Los Altos	Vladimir Ivanovic
Los Gatos Union School District	
Luther Burbank	Michael Rowe
Milpitas Unified	Chris Norwood
Moreland School District	
Morgan Hill Unified	Donna Ruebusch
Mount Pleasant School District	Peter Ortiz
Mountain View Whisman	Jose Gutierrez, Jr.
Mountain View-Los Altos HSD	Debbie Torok
Oak Grove School District	John Mackey
Orchard School District	Karl Jacobson
Palo Alto Unified	Terry Godfrey
San Jose Unified	Kimberly Meek
San Jose Evergreen CCD	Huong Nguyen
Santa Clara Unified	Michele Ryan
Saratoga Union School District	Susan Germeraad
Sunnyvale	Jeffrey Arnett
Union School District	Cindy Goodsell
West Valley CCD	

2017 County Committee Election Candidate Information

District 1

Denise Ramón Herrera
22543 Old Santa Cruz Highway
Los Gatos, CA 95033

October 23, 2017

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

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

Dear School District Board Members,

I am interested in continuing serving on the Santa Clara County Committee on School District Organization. This letter is my intent to run for election for the County Committee Vacancy – District 1. I am an advocate for students and passionate about education, working thirty-three (33) plus years at the Los Gatos Union School District (LGUSD) in Business Services, the Superintendent's Office and for the Governing Board. On December 1, 2015, I retired after serving almost thirty-six (36) years in school districts.

My school business experience includes responding to inquiry, researching and abstracting data from the California Education Code, School Board Policies and Administrative Regulations, and other statutes. I project managed Brown Act meetings, that includes but not limited to Board of Trustees meetings and public hearings. As a liaison for the school district I maintained a positive relationship with the staff, parents, community, town officials, county, state and other public officers. I am very familiar with the county committee's responsibilities. During my tenure at LGUSD we responded to a proposed transfer of territory from Union School District and Campbell Union High School District to Los Gatos Union School District and Los Gatos Saratoga Union High School District at a July 16, 2015 county committee meeting.

I am a member of service organizations and sit on two Board appointed committees at the Los Gatos Saratoga Union High School District (LGSUHSD). In the spring of 2016 I was one of the campaign organizers for the successful renewal of LGSUHSD Measure A Parcel Tax. I am professional, fair, confidential and understand protocol. My approach to working in groups is "team spirit", collaboration, respect, and trust.

School district's resolutions were introduced to me at an early age. In the sixties, the Franklin McKinley School District enrollment soared because housing developments replaced orchards. I attended four different elementary schools before entering middle school while living at the same residence. I was educated on a double day session schedule for three and one-half years.

My attached resume confirms that I have the experience, background, and commitment to educational excellence in District 1 and I believe I am a qualified candidate to fill the vacant seat on the County Committee for School District Organization.

Sincerely,

Denise Ramón Herrera

Denise Ramón Herrera
22543 Old Santa Cruz Highway
Los Gatos, CA 95033

Employment History

- **Los Gatos Union School District 1982-2015**
Administrative Assistant to the Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, 1982-2010
Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and Board of Trustees, 2010-2015
- **Lemoore Union High School District 1980-82**
Administrative Assistant to Business Manager

Education and Training

- Heald Business College – Administrative Assistant Business Program
- California School Boards Association Workshops – Governance, Brown Act, Board Policies and Administrative Regulations
- California Association of School Business Officials Workshops – Principles of School Law, Professional Development, School Business Ethics, Risk Management
- KN&N – School Finance Conference
- Lozano Smith Law Firm Workshops – Business Consortium, Facilities
- Miller Brown & Dannis Workshops – School Construction: Prequalification, Bidding, Construction Contracts, Architect and Consultant Contracts, CEQA Compliance, Lease-Leaseback, Construction Claims, Terminating Contracts
- School Innovations & Achievement Workshops – Budget Perspectives, Governor’s Budget Act
- School Services of California Inc. Workshops – Budget, Facilities, May Revision, School Construction, School Finance & Management

Professional Memberships and Organizational Affiliations – Current

- American Red Cross – Disaster Response Volunteer
- California Association of School Business Officials – Retiree Membership
- History Club of Los Gatos (non-profit, philanthropic organization) – Director at Large
- Leadership Los Gatos – (graduation May 2018)
- Los Gatos Ballet Foundation – Volunteer
- Los Gatos Lions Club – Member
- Los Gatos Music in the Park – Leadership Team
- Los Gatos-Saratoga Union High School District Bond Oversight Committee – Member
& Annual Report Subcommittee – Member
- Los Gatos-Saratoga Union High School District Parcel Tax Oversight Committee – Chairperson
& Annual Report Subcommittee – Member
- Los Gatos-Saratoga Union High School District Budget Advisory Committee – Community Representative
- Santa Clara County Committee on School District Organization District 1 – Member

References

- Dr. Diana Abbati, Superintendent – Los Gatos Union School District (LGUSD)
- Ms. Linda Latasa, Assistant Superintendent Business Services – LGUSD (retired)
- Mr. Alex Leman, Chief – Loma Prieta Volunteer Fire & Rescue
- Mr. Bob Mistele, Superintendent – Los Gatos Saratoga Union High School District
- Ms. Ellen Foster Tipton, CBO – Saratoga Union School District (retired)
- Ms. Rosie Ramón, Counselor – Gilroy Unified School District

District 3

James Van Pernis



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Objective

To be elected to a serve as a Committee Member on the Santa Clara County Committee on School District Organization, representing County Supervisorial District 3

Experience

- 2015-Present

Santa Clara County Committee on School District Organization Community Volunteer, representing District 3

 - Appointed 2015, by the County Superintendent to serve the remainder of an unexpired term of a Committee Member who resigned
 - Served on a Subcommittee to update and revise the Santa Clara County Committee on School District Organization’s Bylaws; revised Bylaws improved transparency and avoid conflicts of interest by Committee Members
 - Served as Committee Member hearing appeals and making decisions regarding boundary issues among districts within Santa Clara County
- 1984 - Present

Community Volunteer within the Santa Clara Unified School District

 - Currently serve as a community volunteer on the Safe Routes to School Audit/Survey for the Ponderosa-Peterson area of the SCUSD
 - Served as the Treasurer for several Santa Clara Unified School Bond and Parcel Tax campaigns.
 - Served on the following SCUSD Committees:
 - Chair of several School Bond Fiscal Oversight Committees
 - Long Range Planning Committee
 - Emergency Preparedness Committee
 - Wilcox High School Booster Club President
 - Chair of Ponderosa Elementary School’s School Site Council
 - Served as a science docent at both the Elementary and Middle School level
 - Over 30 years experience observing School Board Meetings and speaking out on major issues as they have arisen
- 2011 - Present

Volunteer for the Stanford Blood Center

 - Volunteer aboard the mobile blood collection vans
- 2012 - 2014

Volunteer for the Earth, Air and Space Educational Foundation

 - Volunteer coordinator between the Foundation and several San Jose State University IT student teams working on class projects benefiting the Foundation

Education

M. S. Applied Statistics, Rochester Institute of Technology 1972
B. S. Physics, Grove City College 1967

Professional Experience – 44 years

A retired aerospace Systems Engineer who, while at the Eastman Kodak Company and Lockheed Martin, supported classified satellite programs and also a commercial imaging satellite program used by Geographical Information Systems for urban planning applications.

District 5

Ellen Wheeler

October 24, 2017

Dear fellow school board members in Santa Clara County:

Hello. My name is Ellen Wheeler and I'm writing to you to apply for election to the SCCOE Committee on School District Organization for Area 5. My resume for this position is attached with this letter.

As you see from my resume, I have a long and deep background working on behalf of children in the public schools of California. Not only have I been a school board member for the past fifteen years in Mountain View, from the very beginning of my college schooling I exhibited my interest in children and their education.

In addition to my long and deep background working on behalf of children I am also an attorney. My legal studies honed my abilities to read and analyze complex materials, to determine pros and cons of situations, and to come to rational conclusions regarding situations presented to me.

One reason I am an effective school board member and attorney is my training in being a mediator. Looking at situations from a mediator's standpoint and respecting all points of view are valuable skills that I would employ in my committee work for you all, should I be elected.

Thank you for considering voting for me in this election to the SCCOE Committee on School District Organization.

Sincerely,

Ellen Wheeler

1214 Brookdale Ave., Mountain View, CA 94040

(650) 967-8743 (home office)

ellenwh@aol.com

ELLEN WHEELER

1214 Brookdale Ave., Mountain View, CA 94040

(650) 967-8743; ellenwh@aol.com

PROFESSIONAL:

- 2002 – 2017 Governing Board Member, Mountain View Whisman School District
- 1992 – 2017 Wheeler Law Practice solo practitioner
- 1983 – 1992 Substitute Teacher and Pre-school teacher, Santa Clara Unified School District
- 1970 Volunteer, Project Head Start, San Bernardino, California

EDUCATION:

- 1987 – 1991 JD, Santa Clara University School of Law
- Certificate, Public Interest Law, SCU School of Law
- 1991 Mediator certificate program, UC Santa Cruz
- 1978 – 1979 Multiple Subject Teaching Credential, San Jose State University
- 1975 BA, Social Sciences, music minor, San Jose State University
- 1970 High School Diploma, Pacific High School, San Bernardino, California

VOLUNTEERISM:

- 2017 – 2018 Vice President, Santa Clara County School Boards Association
- 2006 – 2017 MVWSD board representative to SCCSBA executive board
- 2002 – 2017 Member and officer in the League of Women Voters at the local, county, and state level
- 2012 – 2017 Chair, education committee, LWV Santa Clara County
- 2012 – 2017 Member, Strong Start (via SCCOE)
- 2012 – 2017 Member, Artspiration (via SCCOE)
- 2012 – 2017 Member, Kids in Common and its Vision Council
- 2002 – 2017 Challenge Team of Mountain View, Los Altos, Los Altos Hills

REFERENCES:

Jo Lucey (Cupertino School Board, ret.) 408.666.4312 & Joe Mitchner (MVLA School Board) 650.964.2244

Roy Rocklin

Suzanne Carrig
Office of the Superintendent
Santa Clara County Board of Education

Dear Ms. Carrig,

I am applying to serve on the Santa Clara County Committee on School District Organization. I currently reside in Santa Clara County District 5. My address is 808 Lennox Ct, Sunnyvale, CA, 94087.

My qualifications include:

- Trustee, Fremont Union High School District (first term)
- Taught Physics and Chemistry at Lynbrook High School (10 years)
- 25-year career at Silicon Valley technology companies
- Parent of Homestead High School graduates
- 36-year resident of Sunnyvale
- Single Subject Teaching Credential, Santa Clara University
- PhD, Analytical Chemistry, University of North Carolina
- Honors graduate, Chemistry major, UC Santa Cruz
- Volunteered for the Homestead Band Boosters
- Served as Homestead Speech & Debate Assistant Coach
- Served on the Lynbrook School Site Council
- Honored by the Lynbrook PTSA for service to the school

Thank you,

Roy Rocklin
Fremont Union High School District
Board of Trustees



FREMONT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

*Cupertino High School | Fremont High School | Homestead High School | Lynbrook High School | Monta Vista High School
Adult & Community Education*

Roy Rocklin

Trustee, Fremont Union High School District

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EDUCATION

Single-subject credential, Santa Clara University

Ph.D., Analytical Chemistry, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

B.A. with Honors in Chemistry, University of California, Santa Cruz

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2006 – 2016 Lynbrook High School, San Jose

2005 – 2006 Mt. Pleasant High School, San Jose

COURSES TAUGHT

- Chemistry
- Sheltered Chemistry
- Honors Chemistry
- AP Chemistry
- Honors Physics
- AP Physics

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

- Served as assistant coach and parent coordinator for the Homestead High School Speech & Debate team
- Served as barbeque coordinator for the Homestead High School Band Boosters
- Served as Santa Clara County chair for the American Chemical Society Chemistry Olympiad
- Served on the Lynbrook School Site Council
- Parent of two graduates of Homestead High School

EXPERIENCE in INDUSTRY

Previously employed by Agilent Technologies, MDS Pharma Services, Caliper Technologies and Dionex Corporation. Held positions of Senior Scientist, Laboratory Manager and R&D Group Leader. Co-author of five patents, two books and 27 scientific publications.