

Full Name

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What interests you in serving on the School Board?

I am very passionate about our community. I have four children in our school district and believe that the education for them and all the children in our valley is the most important thing for our community. I want to be a part of shaping the lives of our children. I believe the school board has the tools to help our children become great leaders. We will help carve the best path for their future.

How will you collaborate with the school board and district leaders to build trust and improve relationships with teachers?

Connection is key to everything. I strongly believe that listening to our teachers and leaders. Hearing their struggles and needs will help us as a school board make the best decisions in supporting our teachers. I would like to get to know each person on our board and the district. I want to hear their passions and their obstacles. I'd love to brainstorm as a board on how to best support them and give them the necessary tools to excel in their duties.

What do you see as the most pressing need in our District?

I see several needs in our district. One of those needs is the confidence of the community. Making sure we have the full support of the community is vital. If we have that support, we can easily move forward with necessary decisions. I also believe being unified as a board is key to making hard decisions.

Many families in our community feel pressure from high property taxes and rising home valuations. How would you balance the goal of providing a strong education with ensuring that no family is driven away due to financial burdens, and what changes would you consider to address these concerns?

This is a very complex issue. No child should be denied a high quality education. The rising cost of housing and property taxes is a burden on everyone, including children who need and deserve a proper education. As a business owner, I have donated to schools and children throughout the system,

so I've seen first hand some of the need that is there. Also as a business owner, I have insight how taxes are used, making sure that these funds are used to ensure a quality education and quality teachers is a must. One of the successful avenues that has helped, are programs like the self help homes and the school kids building houses for the teachers. I would like to keep working with the city, county, and businesses on keeping those programs going and even enhancing them. I would also add that if we can work with the city on continuing to bring businesses to our valley will help ease the tax burden.