

VOTER'S PAMPHLET

LOCAL NONPARTISAN CANDIDATES' STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATIONS

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Statement of **ALAN J. SMITH**, Candidate for
Governing Board Member, Trustee Area 6
Cabrillo Community College District

I am proud to have been a member of the Cabrillo College Governing Board for the past sixteen years. We have successfully completed two bond issues and responsibly used bond money to rehabilitate and expand the Aptos campus and Watsonville Center. Students enjoy high quality community college educational opportunities in the United States. Demands for education and financial challenges are both high. Despite this, the relationship with faculty, administrative and classified staff has been very positive and employee turnover has been very low. Shared governance is observed. A Student Equity Plan is in effect. The Governing Board works well together as a unit for the best interests of the students and each Board member has the respect of the others.

We do continue to have challenges ahead. Just when college opportunities for our students are needed most, we are constrained by the recession and the state budget, or lack thereof. I would appreciate your vote. I promise to continue to work hard to maintain and improve the college. With what I have learned the past sixteen years, I believe I can do an even better job during the next four years.

Statement of **MARTIN AVILA**, Candidate for
Governing Board Member, Trustee Area 6
Cabrillo Community College District

Occupation: Small Business Owner

Age: 26

With the economic downturn, the ability for people to quickly and affordably gain access to the education and skills to compete in a tough job market is vital to our local economic success.

In this regard, Cabrillo College is one of Santa Cruz's greatest assets and I am running for Trustee to ensure that it gets the support to provide a skilled labor force for local business owners.

Four-year degrees are expensive for the unemployed and underprivileged; Cabrillo needs to continue its focus on providing education for local job mobility. Local business needs a strong, skilled and affordable labor force.

I'm a lifelong Aptos resident who attended Valencia Elementary, Aptos Junior High School, Aptos High School, and Cabrillo College before starting a tech company where over half of our employees have attended Cabrillo. Our company is founded and based in Aptos. My wife Jessica, whom I met attending Aptos Junior High School, is a current Cabrillo Nursing student.

I would be honored to represent the voice of the small business community. Thank you.

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