

VOTER'S PAMPHLET

LOCAL NONPARTISAN CANDIDATES' STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATIONS

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Statement of **KAREN ROTHSCHILD**, Candidate for
Governing Board Member
Loma Prieta Joint Union Elementary School District

As a member of the Board of Trustees, I will bring a strong background in business, finance and management, as well as the perspective of a Loma Prieta school parent, classroom volunteer, and a 17-year Santa Cruz Mountain resident.

In my 14 years in Corporate Finance I have worked in a large public accounting firm, a Fortune 500 semiconductor company, and two high technology start-ups. Within these companies my management positions included Director of Finance, Corporate Controller, and CFO. During my tenure I successfully managed a broad range of financial, legal, and human resource related issues. Quality public schools have a significant influence on the lives of children and communities, and I believe that my financial background will be a valuable asset to the District during these economically challenging times. I will devote the time and energy that this community deserves in fulfilling my responsibilities as a member of the school board.

My credentials include:

M.B.A., Santa Clara University, Graduated with Honors
B.A. in Business Economics, University of California, Santa Barbara
Earned a CPA License in the State of California

Statement of **CHARLOTTE BOISVERT-KHANDELWAL**, Candidate for
Governing Board Member
Loma Prieta Joint Union Elementary School District

Occupation: Chair, Loma Public Education Fund

Age: 41

Here on the mountain, our schools form the heart of our community-they shelter our young, provide opportunities for social gatherings and recreation, and are a safe haven in times of crisis. Our schools have weathered many storms, but we face extreme challenges in the coming years.

State budget cuts have had impacts in our district that will likely continue. Our district must obtain a sustainable funding model. We need trustees with strong financial oversight and strength in interpersonal communications and education policy.

Education advocacy is my passion. I've spent the past 4 years leading Loma Public Education Fund, which has raised over \$1 million to fund teaching staff and programs in our district. I've served in a number of volunteer roles from the classroom to Budget Advisory, School Site, and District Advisory Committees and leading the KEEP Campaign. My educational background is in Child Psychology and Education. I also spent 7 years at Intuit responsible for budget allocation and financial management and have had extensive management and quality training.

I feel a responsibility to serve the community by bringing my experience, leadership abilities, and ideas to the district at this crucial time.

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Statement of **JEFFREY JARNIGAN**, Candidate for
Governing Board Member
Loma Prieta Joint Union Elementary School District

Occupation: Football Coach (San Jose SaberCats) **Age :** 46

My passion and experiences have led to my interest in obtaining a leadership position in the educational direction of the Loma Prieta Joint Union School District. My professional preparation with a degree in Education from Southwestern College in Winfield, KS and an Master's Degree in Physical Education and Athletic Administration from Fort Hays State University in Hays, KS provides me the insight required to be an informed and thoughtful leader in the development of district policies and agendas. Additionally, my work as a teacher, coach and administrator have prepared me for this role. I look forward to the opportunity to make a positive contribution to the education of my children and all the children on our mountain.

Statement of **JENNIFER STRAW**, Candidate for
Governing Board Member
Loma Prieta Joint Union Elementary School District

Building Blocks preschool was where it all began - volunteering and advocating for quality public school education. Now in fourth and seventh grade, my children attend Loma Prieta and CT English Middle School (CTE). As a board member I would work to ensure our children get what they need to in order to achieve their highest potential.

From volunteering in the classroom to co-chairing the Gala as a Loma Public Education Fund (LPEF) board member has given me insight into the effects of budget cuts, how hard our community works to raise money, and how wisely tax dollars and donations should be managed. A business degree (economics) and employment in market analysis and management add to the skills I can bring to the board when working with district finances.

Our family enjoys local events and appreciates how local businesses give back. As a board member I would be accountable and transparent about the performance of our community's school.

I am on the CTE Home & School Club Board, and after four years on LPEF will step down in November.

Ask your friends, neighbors and teachers why you should vote for me. Call me at 408-353-8981, or email jenniferstraw@comcast.net.

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Statement of **MARIO MONTANA**, Candidate for
Governing Board Member
Loma Prieta Joint Union Elementary School District

Occupation: Business Executive

Age: 48

I have served as school board trustee for the last four years. During this time I have had the honor of serving our district and participating in the advancement of the quality of education for our children. I am seeking an additional term on the school board in order to continue with the positive direction the school district is taking. I will continue to serve with the spirit I was originally elected upon which is the pursuit of academic excellence with attention to teacher morale and fiscal responsibility.

Statement of **SHANNON HICKOK**, Candidate for
Governing Board Member
Loma Prieta Joint Union Elementary School District

Occupation: Community Volunteer

I am running for the board because I take pride in our schools and want the best educational experience for our children. I will bring common sense and a fresh perspective to the school board.

My husband and I have two children who are in 1st and 3rd grades at Loma Prieta. I have been active in our schools, beginning as a board member of Building Blocks Preschool. I am a classroom volunteer, assist in several successful school fundraising efforts, in addition to being a board member of the Loma Public Education Foundation.

I am aware of our districts' successes and challenges. We face uncertain economic times and it is critical that the board think innovatively, ensuring budget struggles don't interfere with the quality of our children's education. I bring eight years of experience in budget and policy having served for the former governor of New Mexico.

Our schools must strive for continuous improvement. It is vital that we provide students with a challenging curriculum that will give them the tools they need to achieve academic success. I hope to serve on the school board and work in partnership with our exceptional teachers and parents as we strive for success.