

# Delegate Assembly Biographical Sketch Form for 2022 Election



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Your signature indicates your consent to have your name placed on the ballot and to serve as a Delegate, if elected. Signature: *Lorena Chavez* Date: 1/6/2022

Name: Lorena Chavez CSBA Region & subregion #: 20  
District or COE: East Side Union High School District Years on board: 3  
Profession: Education Contact Number ( Cell  Home  Bus.): (408)420-4082  
Primary E-mail: lavilla9@gmail.com  
Are you an incumbent Delegate?  Yes  No If yes, year you became Delegate: 2020

**Why are you interested in becoming a Delegate? Please describe the skills and experiences you would bring to the Delegate Assembly.**

After being a delegate for 2 years, I continue to believe that CSBA is a great opportunity to learn from my colleagues across the region and state. As a mother and lifelong educator, I am committed to change the next generation's view of what is possible. These various perspectives help me to be an effective trustee and community liaison because I can connect with community members from diverse backgrounds and prioritize listening to and addressing their concerns. This background would make me an impactful CSBA Delegate in that I understand how to facilitate conversations among diverse groups, develop common ground, and achieve results.

**Please describe your activities and involvement on your local board, community, and/or CSBA.**

I just completed my 3rd year as a trustee. As I go into my 4th year, I am committed to living into my role as a trustee and have as much impact as possible. I have wasted no time and have gotten involved as much as possible. I am currently a board of directors for the California Latino School Boards Association. I am also one of the founders of the Digital Equity Coalition and have been instrumental in getting over \$10 million in monies for digital access for our highest needs communities. I currently chair the Audit committee and am the current Vice President of the East Side Board.

**What do you see as the biggest challenge facing governing boards and how can CSBA help address it?**

The response to COVID 19 and figuring out how to support our school community has been an unprecedented challenge. Supporting teachers in executing teaching virtually as well as supporting students in learning virtually, then welcoming everyone back during a pandemic has been difficult, yet important. We have imperfectly figured it out as we go. CSBA can help address this by continuing to bring resources, continue creating spaces for school board members to dialogue and have a thought partners, as well as advocating to the legislature to support this issue.

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Signature: Jodi Muirhead

Date: 12/12/2021

Name: Jodi Muirhead

CSBA Region & subregion #: 20

District or COE: Santa Clara Unified School District

Years on board: 7

Profession: School Board Trustee Contact Number ( Cell  Home  Bus.): 408-444-6160

Primary E-mail: JMuirhead@scusd.net

Are you an incumbent Delegate?  Yes  No If yes, year you became Delegate: 2017

**Why are you interested in becoming a Delegate? Please describe the skills and experiences you would bring to the Delegate Assembly.**

As a Delegate and a trustee, I will continue to be very focused on ensuring that every student has the opportunity to graduate from our public schools ready for college or a career. I will be a passionate and effective component of a collaborative working environment with other delegates in our region and throughout the state to bring focus on the necessary financial and legal changes that are needed to advocate for students and improve our schools.

I have participated on CSBA's Nominating Committee and been active on Delegate Assembly. I have been an involved volunteer in our schools for over 20 years and an educator for 9 years. I am and have been involved with numerous school board and district committees. I was a founder and board member of Santa Clara Unified Parents, a district-wide advocacy and support non-profit. I was a software engineer for 13 years at several local technology companies. Throughout all these activities, I have been a strong collaborator and enjoy bringing people with diverse viewpoints together to reach a common goal. I have received the 25<sup>th</sup> District of the State Assembly Community Hero Award, Special Recognition award from the city of Santa Clara, PTA Honorary Service Award and the Marilyn Rea Volunteer of the Year Award. I am the proud parent of three children; all are graduates of our public high school.

**Please describe your activities and involvement on your local board, community, and/or CSBA.**

In 2021, I was a member of CSBA's Nominating Committee and have been on the Delegate Assembly for 4 years. I completed the CSBA Masters in Governance Certificate and have attended the CSBA AEC conference every year since I became a board member. I co-chaired CSBA PAC's first fundraiser in the state. In Santa Clara Unified, I am the current Board President and have served as Vice-President and Clerk. I have been active on numerous board committees, including the Policy, Budget, City Liaison, and Community College Liaison committees. I have been part of district wide committees, including the District Advisory Committee, Facilities Task Force and the district PTA Council. As a parent in the district, I was on a school site council and the board of parent organizations. I have volunteered at schools for over 20 years and continue to do so. I am an active member of the CA Association of Large Suburban School Districts.

I have been the president and vice-president of the Santa Clara County School Boards Association (SCCSBA) and was the co-chair of the Hoffmann Award Committee. I co-founded and was a board member for Santa Clara Unified Parents, a non-profit set up to offer parent advocacy and district support. I participated in Santa Clara's Charter Review Committee and co-wrote the ballot statements for three city charter measures that resulted from our discussions and were placed on the November, 2016 ballot, passing overwhelmingly. I am a founding board member of the rebooted non-profit Santa Clara Parade of Champions and have helped to bring the parade to life.

**What do you see as the biggest challenge facing governing boards and how can CSBA help address it?**

In light of declining enrollment and the financial effect this will have throughout the state, CSBA must effectively advocate for districts to have the financial and legislative support that they will need to equitably educate all students. CSBA and its delegates must work together to ensure that schools have the funding they need and the teachers they require so that ALL students can graduate college or career ready. Governing boards have several challenges facing them, but this year it is crucial that we offer our students and staff the resources they need to aid in their recovery from COVID isolation. CSBA should continue to advocate at the state and federal levels for sufficient resources for academic and social-emotional recovery programs.

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Signature: Mary Patterson Date: 12/31/2021

Name: Mary Patterson CSBA Region & subregion #: 20  
District or COE: Morgan Hill Unified School District Years on board: 5  
Profession: Health Educator Contact Number ( Cell  Home  Bus.): 408-705-8810  
Primary E-mail: pattersonm@mhusd.org  
Are you an incumbent Delegate?  Yes  No If yes, year you became Delegate: 2018

Why are you interested in becoming a Delegate? Please describe the skills and experiences you would bring to the Delegate Assembly.

I am a product of K-12 public schools as are my two children. I am a veteran public health professional and have worked entirely on behalf of children and families - internationally, domestically and locally. The Delegate Assembly of CSBA is an organization that relies on the experience and skills of many to strengthen advocacy and action on behalf of California's school children. I wish to continue as a Delegate because my understanding of CSBA is broad, my knowledge of the needs of school districts in my region is solid, and, most importantly, my skills in improving outcomes for children are proven.

Please describe your activities and involvement on your local board, community, and/or CSBA.

- Alumni, CSBA Masters in Governance (2017)
- Participant, CSBA Annual Education Conference (multiple years)
- Past-President, Morgan Hill Unified Board of Education (2018, 2019)
- Site Visitor, CSBA Golden Bell Nominations (2021)
- Member, Los Paseos Neighborhood Association, AAUW Morgan Hill chapter, South County Youth Task Force, Children's Agenda Network, and other child-focused local networks

What do you see as the biggest challenge facing governing boards and how can CSBA help address it?

Governing boards need to stay focused amidst competing societal, financial and political pressures. The focus must be trained on 1) understanding the needs of children and their families, 2) securing the strongest, most effective supports for staff excellence, and 3) attracting the resources required to meet those needs and provide those supports.

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 1/27/22

Name: David Guidry

CSBA Region & subregion #: 20

District or COE: Los Gatos Saratoga Union High School District

Years on board: 3

Profession: Marketing

Contact Number ( Cell  Home  Bus.): 408-398-9024

Primary E-mail: dguidry@lgsuhd.org

Are you an incumbent Delegate?  Yes  No If yes, year you became Delegate: \_\_\_\_\_

**Why are you interested in becoming a Delegate? Please describe the skills and experiences you would bring to the Delegate Assembly.**

I am interested in having an impact at the state level since many of the areas that I see as most important to our students are defined by state law. This pandemic provides us with a unique opportunity to review our current educational system and drive changes that will especially help those students who are not best served by the current system.

My strengths are in working with people from many different backgrounds to achieve our goals. I am a fast learner and very good at looking at things strategically. My background is in high tech, both as an engineer and marketing director, so I have a good understanding of business and technology. I've also been a life-long learner, public school educated, who has always been a strong supporter and advocate for education.

**Please describe your activities and involvement on your local board, community, and/or CSBA.**

I am in the last year of my first term as Board Trustee and was President last year. In that role, I have been our SCCSBA representative my whole term, as well as board representative for various committees. I have been very active with my kid's schools, including being foundation President for both the high school and elementary district, raising significant money to fund programs at the schools. Other roles I held include supporting our local schools as chaperone lead for our marching band and the lead for our math docent program at Argonaut Elementary. I am also very active in our community through several organizations, including being the current President of our Friends of the Library organization which runs a local bookshop in addition to raising money via memberships.

I have joined CSBA in their Legislative Action Day when we could go in person, and joined as many meetings with legislators as I could when it was virtual. I regularly attend the AEC and our whole board completed the Masters in governance program as a group. As our SCCSBA representative, I also was the Hoffmann Awards program chair last year.

**What do you see as the biggest challenge facing governing boards and how can CSBA help address it?**

While getting through the pandemic is still our most important focus today, it has provided a lot more visibility to the other challenges our districts and students are facing in the state. Funding levels will always be the most important area to focus on and continuing to increase state support for public education is critical. Two areas I would focus on are relieving the increasing burdens of STRS and PERS funding requirements, and maintaining LCFF funding levels through the decreasing ADA levels at many schools.

CSBA could also help districts with managing the increasing mandates being placed on schools. While programs like universal meals, COVID testing and contact tracing, TK, Ethnic Studies, etc. are all good in principle, they require major investments by school districts to support them with no help from state or local agencies, some of which might be better able to handle them. These requirements are also leading to major increases in the stress in our staff.