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Respondent

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Anonymous

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1. I have been... *

☐ Appointed

☒ Nominated

2. Your signature indicates your consent to be placed on the ballot and serve as a Delegate, if elected *

Bridget Watson

3. Full name *

Bridget Lynn Watson

4. Region/subregion *

- ☐ 1A
- ☐ 1- County
- ☐ 2A
- ☐ 2B
- ☐ 3A
- ☐ 3B
- ☐ 3C
- ☐ 3- County
- ☐ 4B
- ☐ 4C
- ☐ 4D
- ☐ 5A
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- ☐ 5- County
- ☐ 6B
- ☐ 6C
- ☐ 7A
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- ☐ 8A
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- ☐ 8C
- ☐ 8D
- ☐ 9A
- ☐ 9B
- ☐ 9C
- ☐ 9 - County
- ☐ 10A
- ☐ 10B

- ☐ 11A
- ☐ 11B
- ☐ 11 - County
- ☐ 12A
- ☐ 12B
- ☐ 15
- ☐ 15 - County
- ☐ 16A
- ☐ 16B
- ☐ 17
- ☐ 17 - County
- ☐ 18A
- ☐ 18B
- ☒ 20
- ☐ 21
- ☐ 21 - County
- ☐ 22
- ☐ 23A
- ☐ 23B
- ☐ 23C
- ☐ 24

5. Name of District or COE *

Sunnyvale School District

6. Years on board *

4

7. Profession

Public School Teacher, Volunteer, Trustee

8. Contact number *

408-540-8598

9. Primary email address *

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10. Are you an incumbent Delegate? *

☒ Yes

☐ No

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

I'm deeply committed to serving our community, and would like to continue to contribute on behalf of our county at the state level. I value CSBA for its resources, advocacy, events, and training and I'm interested in working on projects that will support members to better benefit children and families. I'm an active board member and a dedicated volunteer. I'm a credentialed teacher, a mother of two, and the 1st in my family to earn a college degree - all experiences that form my perspective on the value of each student's voice, choice, and support system. I'm a good communicator with a BA and MA in English, and I have corporate experience in project management. I'm ready to for the work ahead.

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

I am an active, incumbent CSBA Delegate. I'm very engaged in Sunnyvale SD and CSBA, serving as President of my Board and of SCCSBA. I served on CSBA's Equity Network (Cohort 2), learning ways to create and apply systems change towards equity in our districts and statewide. I'm a founding member and former chair of SCCSBA Legislative Action Committee to help our districts more effectively advocate at local, state, and federal levels for our students' unique needs. I'm a reader for the Hoffmann Awards, and I'm on the Board of Directors of the Sunnyvale Education Foundation. I visit every school in our district throughout the year and volunteer in classrooms and at school sites for hundreds of hours each year.

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

Full funding of programs to support inclusion and equity will be the biggest challenge this year, exacerbated by the additional pressures and needs driven by the pandemic recovery and threatened economic downturn. Our most vulnerable, underserved children have been hit the hardest, and all children have been exposed to extraordinary pressures, stress, and change. We will have to advocate for basic services for students in our districts, as well as funding for learning loss and SEL/ mental health support for students and staff. CSBA can help with advocacy at the state level, and can provide policy guidelines, strategy, communications, roundtables, seminars, training, and toolkits to boards and districts who are all facing the same storm with varying resources and challenges.

Bridget Watson

Parent, Teacher, Volunteer

Outline of Experience, Education, and Service to the Community

Service to the Community 2005 to present

Sunnyvale School District, Trustee 2018 - present

Served as Clerk, VP, and President

California School Boards Association

CSBA Delegate, Region 20 2020-2022; CSBA Equity Network Cohort 2, 2019-2020

Santa Clara County School Boards Association, 2018 to present

Legislative Action Committee: Vice Chair 2020, Chair 2021, Ex-Officio Member 2022

Hoffmann Awards Reader, 2019 to present

Delegate 2020- present

Officer: Vice President 2021-2022, President 2022-2023

Board of Directors, Sunnyvale Education Foundation, 2020 - present

Challenge Team Sunnyvale, 2018 - present

Sunnyvale Middle School Volunteer AVID-Excel, ELD 1 (Newcomers), EL Support, Social Emotional Learning (2014 to present)

Columbia Middle School Volunteer English Language Arts, ELD 1 (Newcomers) (2018 to present)

Cherry Chase Elementary School Volunteer 3rd Grade Project Based Learning, Social Emotional Learning (2014 to present)

Sunnyvale Middle School PTSA (2012 - present)

Roles as Membership Chair, Staff Appreciation Chair

Cherry Chase Elementary School PTA (2005 to 2015)

Various roles (FAME docent, WAT Team, Room Parent, etc.) as well as Garden Chair, creating school garden/ living classroom as well as outdoor hands-on learning programs for all students

Honors and Accomplishments

Community Hero Award, CONTACT (2020); Honorary Service Award, CFSCPTA (2018); Teacher of the Year, Fairwood Explorer Elementary, Sunnyvale School District (2014); Cherry Chase Elementary Volunteer of the Year, Sunnyvale School District (2008 and 2010)

Career History and Education

Public Elementary School Teacher (2nd and 3rd grades)

Project Coordination and Management experience at Genentech and Intel

Multiple Subject Teaching Credential, National University

TEFL/TESL Certificate College of Notre Dame de Namur

B.A, M.A; English Literature SFSU