



EXECUTIVE SERVICES

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT, MC 243

DATE: November 16, 2023

TO: Santa Clara County School District Superintendents and School Board Presidents

FROM: Dr. Mary Ann Dewan, County Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT: Candidates for the Santa Clara County Committee on School District Organization

The Santa Clara County Committee on School District Organization, the elected body responsible for school district organization and boundaries, will hold an election on January 16, 2024, to fill three seats. Voters in the election are the designated school board members of each school district in the county (California Education Code 35023 requires that each school board annually select one of its members to vote in the county committee election); candidates for the County Committee must be registered voters who reside within the supervisorial district they wish to represent. County Committee members serve four-year terms.

There are eleven seats on the County Committee – two from each of the five county supervisorial districts, and one at-large seat. This year, three seats are up for election, one each in Supervisorial Districts 1, 3, and 5. The Supervisorial Districts include local school districts as follows.

Supervisorial District 1 (Sylvia Arenas, County Supervisor)

Area contains most of south county, encompassing all or parts of the following school districts: Alum Rock Unified School District, Cambrian Elementary School District, East Side Union High School District, Evergreen Elementary School District, Franklin-McKinley Elementary School District, Gilroy Unified School District, Morgan Hill Unified School District, Mount Pleasant Elementary School District, Oak Grove School District, San Jose Unified School District, and Union Elementary School District.

Supervisorial District 3 (Otto Lee, County Supervisor)

Area contains most of northeast county, encompassing all or parts of the following school districts: Alum Rock Unified School District, Berryessa Union School District, Cupertino Union School District, East Side Union High School District, Fremont Union High School District, Los Altos Elementary School District, Milpitas Unified School District, Mountain View Whisman School District, Orchard Elementary School District, San Jose Unified School District, Santa Clara Unified School District, and Sunnyvale School District.



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Supervisorial District 5 (Joe Simitian, County Supervisor)

Area contains most of northwest county, encompassing all or parts of the following school districts: Cambrian School District, Campbell Union School District, Campbell Union High School District, Cupertino Union School District, East Side Union High School District, Fremont Union High School District, Lakeside Union School District, Loma Prieta Joint Union School District, Los Altos Elementary School District, Los Gatos Union School District, Los Gatos-Saratoga Union High School District, Mountain View Los Altos School District, Mountain View Whisman School District, Moreland School District, Oak Grove School District, Palo Alto Unified School District, San Jose Unified School District, Saratoga Union School District, and Sunnyvale School District.

The purpose of this letter is to ask for your help in identifying and encouraging qualified candidates to stand for election to the County Committee. No employee of a Local Education Agency (LEA)/public school district or of the County Office of Education may serve on the County Committee, but members of school boards **may** serve. If you know of someone who meets these eligibility requirements and would be willing to contribute to the work of the County Committee, please ask them to consider submitting an application to the Santa Clara County Office of Education. The application should consist of a letter of intent to serve and a brief résumé of background and experience which would contribute to participation in the activities of the County Committee. Candidates must submit the letter and résumé by 5:00 p.m., December 21, 2023, to:

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or

County Superintendent of Schools
c/o Olivia Santillán: MC 243
Santa Clara County Office of Education
1290 Ridder Park Drive
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Candidate materials and the election ballots will be mailed the first week in January and must be returned by January 16, 2024 (information regarding where to send the ballot will be provided at a later date). It is recommended that districts place this election item on their agendas. Any ballots received after January 16, 2024, will not be counted.

Please contact Olivia Santillán at 408-453-6869 if you have any questions.

Thank you.