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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 *

Vaishali Sirkay

3. Full name *

Vaishali Sirkay

4. Region/subregion *

- ☐ 1A
- ☐ 1- County
- ☐ 2A
- ☐ 2B
- ☐ 3A
- ☐ 3B
- ☐ 3C
- ☐ 3- County
- ☐ 4B
- ☐ 4C
- ☐ 4D
- ☐ 5A
- ☐ 5B
- ☐ 5- County
- ☐ 6B
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- ☐ 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 *

Los Altos School District

6. Years on board *

4

7. Profession

Public Health Professional

8. Contact number *

408-455-4154

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. *

The Delegate Assembly plays an important role in shaping education policy and my diverse academic and professional background in community health allows me to address education issues across a broad spectrum, from a systems-level approach to the individual experience. Supporting our students, families, teachers and staff via a holistic approach has never been more important than it is now, in a world shaped by the global pandemic. I have greatly benefited from the resources offered by CSBA, especially as a graduate of the Masters In Governance program, and I would like to add my experiences to the conversations around education policies, best and promising practices, and student and teacher/staff wellness. The diversity of the school districts across California means that our school districts face unique challenges and opportunities. Thus, I would be honored to serve as a Delegate because I'd like to contribute our region's perspective to these conversations.

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

I have been very active in my community for many years at the school, district, local, county and state level. On my local board, I have served as Board President and I am in my second year serving on the Wellness Committee and the Curriculum Equity Task Force. In my community, I have served on the board of a mental health organization (both before and after joining my school board), and I served on the board of the Los Altos Mountain View PTA Council, including one year as Board President. I have co-chaired successful bond and parcel tax campaigns for my district. Since joining my school board, I have continued to serve students and families at various levels. I am a commissioner on the Santa Clara County Juvenile Justice Commission, where I chair the Education, Equity and Justice Committee. I am a board member of the Asian Pacific Islander School Board Members Association. I co-wrote the section on Indian Americans for the Ethnic Studies Model Curriculum. This year I am a Hoffman Awards reader. I have other nonprofit work experience that also shapes my perspective on how members of a community can work together for the best outcome for our students.

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

While I am happy to see that mental health and wellness is a priority for our state, we still need the ability to support our students, teachers and staff long term, as I believe that the impacts from the pandemic will be long-ranging. To holistically serve our children, we need a multifaceted approach, including, but not limited to, analyzing how some of our education policies have had unintended consequences, assuring that mental wellness support is available and accessible at all levels of a person's readiness, assuring that our teachers and staff have appropriate professional development to handle students in crisis, and expanding relationships with our community partners to better serve our students. CSBA has a vital role in all of these examples, through policy-making, advocacy, training and education. CSBA also helps districts navigate the legislative issues and mandates that come from our state.

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY:

Over 20 years of diverse experience with a proven commitment to addressing issues critical to local and regional communities, using an equity-focused lens and a deep understanding of how the breadth and depth of the Social Determinants of Health create challenges and opportunities in communities.

EDUCATION:

MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine, New Orleans, LA, December 1998

Department: Community Health Sciences

Area of Specialization: Health Education and Communication

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Barnard College at Columbia University, New York, NY, May 1995

Major/Minor: Anthropology/Biology

ADDITIONAL TRAINING:

- *Toastmasters International*, Public Speaking Education
- *Presenting Data & Information*, Professor Edward Tufte
- *Undoing Racism*, People's Institute for Survival and Beyond
- *Techniques of Participation*, Facilitator Training

RELEVANT COMMUNITY, CIVIC AND POLITICAL EXPERIENCE:

Governing Board Member & former Board President, Los Altos School District Board of Trustees, 2018-present

Commissioner, Santa Clara County Juvenile Justice Commission, 2019-present (Chair, Education, Equity & Justice Committee)

Social Impact Program Development Consultant, self-employed, 2013-present

Health Program Director, Manzanita Works, Oakland, CA 2020-2022

Member, CHAC Board of Directors, Mountain View, CA, 2018-2021 (Development and Community Engagement Committees)

Community Relations Specialist, Government & Community Relations, El Camino Health, Los Altos CA 2018-2020

Associate Director, Center for Age Friendly Excellence (CAFE), Los Altos, CA, 2017-2019

Co-Chair, Los Altos Community Coalition, Los Altos, CA, 2017-2019

President, Los Altos Mountain View PTA Council 2017-18 (member of Exec Board 2015-2018)

Co-chair, Keep Los Altos Schools Strong, Los Altos, CA, 2014-2018