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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 *

Jorge Pacheco Jr

3. Full name *

Jorge Pacheco Jr

4. Region/subregion *

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5. Name of District or COE *

Oak Grove School District (2018-2024) and Santa Clara County Office of Education (2024-Present)

6. Years on board *

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7. Profession

Teacher, Non-Profit CEO/President, Teacher Trainer

8. Contact number *

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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 hope to continue serving as a delegate with my experiences serving students as a teacher, trustee, and non-profit statewide leader. The gaps holding back our students today are the same ones that held me back as a student. We need delegates with direct experience in knowing what those gaps are and how to navigate them as a student, teacher, and trustee. Having served as a local trustee for 6 years and now as a county trustee, I am able to unite both areas of experience and bring greater synergy for policy proposals that can positively impact both types of LEAs. I also wish to bring my experience as CEO/president of the California Latino School Boards Association where I've guided school board member workforce development at the state-level for the last 5 years.

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

• Local School Board activities: elected to the Santa Clara County Board of Education in 2024; elected to the Oak Grove School District in 2018 and served as an OGSD trustee from 2018-2024; graduate of the CSBA Masters in Governance program; led the creation of the OGSD Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging Committee, the creation Ethnic Studies Steering Committee where we are implementing Ethnic Studies in middle school classrooms; and the expansion of the Safety Committee where we are assessing safety needs and expanding security initiatives district-wide in partnership between parents, teachers, classified employees and district leadership; served as vice president and board president during my first term at OGSD, leading our district through the height of the COVID-19 pandemic from 2020-21. • Community/County activities: public school Bay Area teacher for more than decade now; co-founded the Digital Equity Coalition, which is a team of trustees and community leaders working to close the digital divide through advocacy and policy; member of the BAYMEC board of directors, where I work to get more LGBTQ+ leaders and allies elected into public office; member of the Santa Clara County School Boards Association Legislative Action Committee. • State-level activities: serving as CEO/president of the California Latino School Boards Association, where I lead a team that organizes state-level conferences and regional events that advocate for educational policies and programs that accelerate Latino/a/x, English Language Learner, and indigenous student and school board member growth.

• National activities: a national award-winning teacher, having earned the Grosvenor Teacher Fellowship from National Geographic and Lindblad Expeditions where I am working with National Geographic staff to expand geographic awareness and an explorer mindset by developing project-based curriculum through my expedition to the Galapagos in 2022. 50 teachers throughout the USA and Canada earn this fellowship every year.

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

Given the significant regression in reading and math that the COVID-19 pandemic has caused and the chronic absenteeism that our districts have been working to ameliorate ever since, we need the DA to be a source of innovative policies and ideas in order to make significant change. Also, we need the DA to push forward more bold ideas about ADA reform, so that our funding models for school districts serve students better in high cost-of-living areas, such as the Bay Area. CSBA is one of the most powerful education lobbyists in Sacramento, so using the DA and our policy platforms to push the legislature to prioritize education with greater urgency will be essential as we enter a time when federal education funding will be in flux.

Lastly, I would like to strengthen local governance by creating more opportunities for trustees to gain training for budgeting and fiscal oversight, which is the core responsibility of being a trustee, next to keeping our communities and students safe. Thank you for your consideration and I hope I can earn your support to be re-elected to the CSBA Delegate Assembly.