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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 *

yes

3. Full name *

Van T Le

4. Region/subregion *

20



5. Name of District or COE *

East side

6. Years on board *

15

7. Profession

Business women

8. Contact number *

408-489-5249

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. *

- Need to bring the voice of Asian student and representative to the delegate assembly
- Advocate for more budget for school because school cannot afford any more cutting.
- Working and influencing legislators in school issue for safety closing achievement and college readiness .- Need to work closely with legislators to help them understand the most important issues and build some rapport with legislative partners and all delegates.
Bridge the gap and maintain communication between local members and the regional Director for enhancing a support CSBA role.

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

I have been involved in many local events from business to non-private organization and education since 1984 and have built a strong relationship with city, county, state and federal elected officials to advocate for student and community issues. I have participated in many trips to Sacramento, which were organized by supervisor and now is the senator Dave Cortese to support more school funding. I was elected as executive committee and member of work2future to support finding jobs for students and adults as well member of Rotary club East San Jose, and Evergreen for students 'speech contest and some community involvement. I'm also a founder of the Moon Festival since 1992 which I have continuously developed to support our students and younger generation in maintaining and sharing the tradition each year after COVID-19 the festival raise over 10,000 to provide gift cards during the holidays and brought joy to them and their family. Was involved in APALI and supported and organized the Asian American Heritage month and participated in the ethnic studies.

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

The biggest challenge facing school board members is Adequate funds, some schools receive more funding than others. CBA can help school board members by finding resources to further the training of board members with budget strategies and mechanics at the stake level. I've been involved with different stakeholders, community groups, and media for over 35 years and I have used social media and engaged community and students through events and contests. As board members, we should strive to bring new ideas, be more creative and think out of the box on the budget challenge and willing to learn from all the districts and find the best solutions to solve problems.



VAN LE

DEDICATED PUBLIC SERVANT

EDUCATION

SAN JOSE STATE UNIVERSITY

Bachelor of Science:
Business Management

DE ANZA COLLEGE

Associate of Arts: Business

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

As a refugee who worked hard to overcome many barriers, Van Le dedicates her life to serving her community, especially immigrants and refugees' families. She actively serves as a board member of many organizations that support immigrants, homeless students, and women suffering from domestic abuse. In addition, she has served as a board of trustee for East Side Union High School District since 2010 and was elected as Board president in 2015 and 2021. She works diligently with all stakeholders to support the district's vision of creating equitable school communities that welcome and support students as who they are.

CONTACT

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COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

- California School Board Association Delegate (2021-present)
East Side Union High School District
- School Board of Trustee (2014-present)
East Side Union High School District East Side Union District
- School Board President (2015 & 2021)
East Side Union High School District East Side Union District
- Life Time Member
AVVA - Associates of Vietnam Veterans of American Chapter 201
- Board Member(2012-present)
Work2future
- Vice President (2008)
Little Saigon Foundation
- Board Member (2003-2005)
Viet Heritage Society
- Vice President (2006-2008)
Association of Vietnamese American in Northern California (VacNorcal)
- Board Member (2010-2012) (2016-2018)
Boy Scouts of America and Metroed
- Board Member (1993-1995)
NBC Bay Area: KNTV Channel 11

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

- Organized Asian American Heritage Festival at Yerba Buena High School (2015 - 2016)
- Have visited wounded soldiers at Palo Alto and Menlo Park hospitals with gifts and entertainment since 2017
- Have donated, helped cook and distributed to homeless monthly in Santa Clara County since Covid 19 2020
- Organized Flag ceremony on the First day of Vietnamese New Year and Black April event at Santa Clara county to commemorate 58k American soldiers and Vietnamese soldiers and boat people and citizens who died to seek for freedom, democracy and human rights (2024)
- Championed & supported student governing board
- Founded and organized Children Moon Festival, the largest Asian festival in the Bay area since 1992 until present. On Sept. 18, 2021, she championed another successful Moon festival at YB high school during the pandemic Covid 19
- Partnered with community organization (Vo Vi Nam Martial Arts) to provide food and sustenance to homeless in San Jose
- Actively organized fundraisers for the McKinney-Vento project to support homeless students in East San Jose
- Organized visits to local nursing homes and juvenile hall
- Delivered food to elderly and assisted small business owners to obtain government funds during the COVID-19 pandemic
- Raised funds for organizations that support of Asian-battered women

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

- Certificates of commendation and recognition for organizing the 30th Moon Festival from Congressman Ro Khana, State Senator Dave Cortese, State Assembly Ash Kalra, State Assembly Alex Lee, Board Supervisors of Santa Clara county Otto Lee and City of San Jose (2021)
- Certificate of Congressional Recognition from Congresswoman Zoe Lofgren (2018)
- Certificate of Recognition from State Assembly Kansen Chu & Ash Kalra (2016-2017)
- Commendation from City of San Jose for outstanding services to the community (2016)
- Kindred Spirit Award from Children Discover Museum (2007) Santa Clara County Human
- Relations Award- February (2004) Businesswoman of the year from Business Advisor
- Council (2004) Circle of Excellence for Public and Community Service Award (2004)
- Asian American Corporate Achievement Awards (1998)
- Martin Luther King Jr. Good Neighbor Award (1994)