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Respondent

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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 *

Teresa Castellanos

3. Full name *

Teresa Castellanos

4. Region/subregion *

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5. Name of District or COE *

San Jose Unified School District

6. Years on board *

12

7. Profession

Immigrant Services Coordinator

8. Contact number *

408-309-3580

9. Primary email address *

tcastellanos@sjusd.org

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 have been a San José Unified School District (SJUSD) Board Member for 12 years. I just got re-elected for a fourth term. I have served as a Delegate to the CSBA Delegate Assembly for the last 6 years. I have enjoyed having the opportunity to keep up with legislation and advocating for higher quality education for California students. My children and I are successful products of SJUSD, and it has been an honor to represent its families. While SJUSD has made strides in improving education for the benefit of all our students, there is still much work to do. I graduated from National University with a masters (MA) degree in Public Administration. I am an Immigrant Services Coordinator with the County of Santa Clara Office of Immigrant Relations where I have worked with the diversity of communities for over 35 years, 27 years have been with Santa Clara County's immigrant communities. As the mother of four San José Unified School District graduates, I am passionate about involving parents in schools.

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

I have been a San José Unified Board Member for 12 years previously serving as the Board's representative on the MetroED (Metropolitan Education District) Governing Board. MetroED provides Career Technical Education (CTE) and Adult Education in Santa Clara County for high school and adult students. I have been a professor at San José City College where I taught leadership courses. I have served as the Board's representative on the Standing Advisory Committee on the Voluntary Integration Plan as well as the District English Learners Advisory Committee (DELAC) and have also served on the Community Advisory Committee for Special Education. I have led trainings for parents, staff and leadership on the issues of immigrant integration and inclusion.

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

The biggest challenge facing governing boards is funding. We move money from one place to another, but we cannot add funding to our districts in a regular manner. We face a teacher shortage, housing issues and shrinking districts. I think CSBA can help address current challenges by broadening the discussion to not only school board members but also families. We are the richest state in the nation. We should be funding education as if it were a priority and our future.