


Santa Clara County  Office of Education

Executive Services
Office of the Superintendent, MC 243

DATE: October 16, 2024
TO: District Superintendents and District Governing Board Members
FROM: Olivia Santillan  on behalf of the County Superintendent of Schools
SUBJECT: County Committee Election - 2024

Attached please find the ballot and candidate packet you will use to elect members of the Santa Clara County Committee on School District Organization for the seats in Districts 2 and 4, as well as the At-Large seat. For District 4, the candidates are Jodi Muirhead and Elisabeth Halliday. For the At-Large seat, the candidate is Albert Gonzalez.

Also attached is a list of the County Committee representative for each school district (selected by each district). Each district should have their representative select the candidate of choice; if no representative was selected, the Board President may complete the ballot.

Please write the name of your school or community college district, sign your name, vote for one candidate in each District, and email the ballot to:

Osantillan@sccoe.org

Ballots must be received by November 22, 2024. Votes will not be counted if emailed after 5:00 p.m. November 22, 2024.

If you have any questions, please contact Olivia Santillan at 408-453-6869 or email her at the above address.

Thank you.

**2024 Santa Clara County Committee on
School District Organization Election Ballot**

**SANTA CLARA COUNTY COMMITTEE ON
SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION
OFFICIAL BALLOT – November 12, 2024**

School/Community College District

Signature (required for validation)

Printed Name

Date: _____

This ballot is to be used by the board member designated by each school or community college district board of education to elect members to the Santa Clara County Committee on School District Organization (see attached list for your district’s representative).

Please vote for no more than one candidate **in each supervisorial district** by placing a check (✓) in the box next to your choice.

District 2: No Candidate	District 4: <input type="checkbox"/> Jodi Muirhead <input type="checkbox"/> Elisabeth Halliday *Please select only one candidate	At-Large Representative: <input type="checkbox"/> Albert Gonzalez
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Alum Rock Union Elementary SD	Minh Pham
Berryessa Union SD	
Cambrian SD	
Campbell Union SD	Danielle Cohen
Campbell Union High SD	Aine O'Donovan
Cupertino Union SD	Ava Chiao
East Side Union High SD	J. Manuel Herrera
Evergreen SD	Rudy Rodriguez
Franklin-McKinley SD	Jeff Moe
Fremont Union High SD	Rosa Kim
Gilroy Unified SD	
Lakeside Joint SD	
Loma Prieta Joint Union SD	Erin Asheghian
Los Altos SD	Vladimir Ivanovic
Los Gatos Union SD	
Los Gatos-Saratoga Union High SD	Theresa Bond
Luther Burbank SD	
Metropolitan Education District	
Moreland SD	Heather Sutton
Morgan Hill Unified SD	Ivan Rosales Montes
Mount Pleasant Elementary SD	Brenda Serrano
Mountain View Whisman SD	Devon Conley
Mountain View-Los Altos High SD	
Oak Grove SD	Diego Martinez
Orchard SD	Renee Lo
Palo Alto Unified SD	Jennifer DiBrienza
San Jose Unified SD	Brian Wheatley
Santa Clara Unified SD	Vicki Fairchild
Saratoga Union SD	Cynthia Miller
Sunnyvale SD	Michelle Maginot
Union Elementary SD	Sheila Billings

**2024 County Committee Election
Candidate Information**

Jodi Muirhead
(District 4)

Letter of Intent to Serve

County Committee on School District Organization

October 1, 2024

Dr. Mary Ann Dewan, County Superintendent of Schools
c/o Olivia Santillan
osantillan@sccoe.org

Dear Superintendent Dewan,

I write this letter to express my interest in being reelected to the Santa Clara County Committee on School District Organization, representing District 4. I was first elected to this body in 2020 and since then have served as its President in 2023 and 2024.

I have served our community for many years, including serving for 10 years on the Santa Clara Unified School District Board as a Trustee, President, Vice-President and Clerk. During that time, I have also served on the board of the Santa Clara County School Boards Association as President, Vice-President and Hoffmann Awards Co-chair. For the last 8 years, I have been a delegate to the California School Boards Association and have also served on their Nominating Committee.

I began my involvement in Education shortly after becoming a parent, volunteering in my children's classrooms for 18 years. I was a classroom parent coordinator, field trip coordinator, fundraising chair, parent organization treasurer, site council member and had numerous other roles at the schools my children attended. This regular involvement in classrooms led me to become a substitute teacher for 8 years, teaching in schools around the district. My 3 children are graduates of Santa Clara Unified schools.

In 2011, I co-founded a non-profit, Santa Clara Unified Parents, to bring parents together to support our district schools. For 4 years, I chaired our primary project, a district-wide science fair for over 300 students per year, including fundraising, gathering volunteers and coordinating the 2-day event. I am very proud I was able to make sure the program continued after the district had to end it due to budget cuts.

As an active member of my community, I participated in the City of Santa Clara's Charter Review Committee. The group recommended changes to the city's charter. I co-authored the ballot statements for 3 measures that came out of our recommendations. All 3 passed overwhelmingly by the voters in the city.

My resume is attached with additional details. I have a long-standing commitment to our schools, our students and our community. I would be honored to continue to serve on the County Committee on School District Organization.

Thank you for your consideration,

Jodi Muirhead

Jodi Muirhead

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Experience in the Education Field

- 2020 – present **County Committee on School District Organization, Santa Clara County Office of Education**
President (2023, 2024)
- 2014 – present **Santa Clara Unified School District**
President, Vice-President, Clerk, Trustee
Committee Member: District Advisory, Facilities Task Force, Budget, Policy, Association of Suburban School Districts, Step Up and Stop Harassment Taskforce
Liaison to: City of Santa Clara, City of Sunnyvale, West Valley-Mission Community College District, Santa Clara Unified PTA Council
- 2015 – present **Santa Clara County School Boards Association (SCCSBA)**
President, Vice-President, Hoffmann Award Co-Chair
- 2016 – present **California School Boards Association (CSBA)**
Region 20 Delegate, Nominating Committee Member
Co-Chair of CSBA PAC fundraiser for Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties
- 2011 – 2014 **Santa Clara Unified District Science Fair**
Chair
Joint project of Santa Clara Unified Parents and Santa Clara Unified School District
- 2011 – 2014 **Santa Clara Unified Parents**
Co-founder, Treasurer and Board Member
Incorporated as a 501(c)(3) non-profit
- 2006 – 2014 **Santa Clara Unified School District, Santa Clara, CA**
Substitute Teacher, Grades K – 12 at several schools
Math and Literacy Intervention Teacher, Washington Open Elementary School
- 2012 **Santa Clara Unified School District Measure A Parcel Tax Campaign, Santa Clara, CA**
Campaign Leadership Team
- 2013 – 2014 **Santa Clara High School, Santa Clara, CA**
2010 – 2011 Site Council
- 2022 – present **Congregation Shir Hadash, Los Gatos, CA**
2011 – 2013 President, President-elect, Board Member-at-Large of Youth Groups
- 2006 – 2010 **Washington Open Elementary School, Santa Clara, CA**
Parent Board Treasurer, Parent Board Ways & Means Chair, SCRIP Fundraising Chair, Classroom Coordinator, Field Trip Coordinator
- 1996 – 2014 **Sunnyvale Parent Preschool, Santa Clara Parents Nursery School, Washington Open Elementary School, Buchser Middle School, Santa Clara High School, and Discovery Charter School 1.**
Participating Parent

Experience in the Community

- 2018 – present **Santa Clara Parade of Champions**
Board Member
- 2016 – 2017 **Santa Clara Challenge Team**
- 2017 **Leadership Santa Clara**
- 2016 - 2017 **City of Santa Clara Charter Review Committees**
Ballot Statement Co-Author, Measures O, P and Q. All passed overwhelmingly

Experience in the Engineering Field

- 1999 – 2000 **Independent Systems Consultant**
- 1996 – 1999 **Senior Systems Consultant**, Professional Services, Edify Corporation, Santa Clara, CA
- 1987 – 1996 **Senior Software Engineer**, Siemens Corporation (formerly ROLM, an IBM Company), Santa Clara, CA
Outstanding Technical Achievement Award

Awards

- 2020 **Assembly District 25 Community Hero Award Winner**
- 2020 **City of Santa Clara Certificate of Special Recognition for Service to the Community**
- 2014 **Santa Clara Unified PTA Council Honorary Service Award Recipient**
- 2008 **Marilyn Rea Volunteer of the Year Recipient, Washington Open Elementary School, Santa Clara, CA**

Education

- 2016 **CSBA Masters in Governance Certificate**
- 2014 **Emerge California Training Program**
- 1982 - 1986 **California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, CA**
BS, Computer Science; Minor in English

Interests

Math, puzzles, technology, guiding children and adults

#lifelonglearner

Motto

Learn Something New Every Day

Elisabeth Halliday
(District 4)



ELISABETH HALLIDAY

Board Clerk,
Campbell Union High
School District

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Campbell, CA 95008

County Superintendent of Schools
c/o Olivia Santillán: MC 243
Santa Clara County Office of Education
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Dear Dr. Dewan and Ms. Santillán,

I hope that this message finds you well. I'm writing in regards to the election for seats on the County Committee on School District Organization. Please consider this to be my application for candidacy to stand for election to the County Committee.

While I enjoy serving on the governing board of the Campbell Union High School District, I know I have more to give to my community. Serving in this capacity would be a great honor.

My attached résumé reflects my experience specifically relevant to the position on the committee. My full background is broader in scope and covers my experience in software and technical publications. You may learn more about me from my LinkedIn profile at <https://www.linkedin.com/in/elisabeth-halliday-17484629>

I am a lifelong learner and continually look for opportunities to expand my knowledge and experience. If elected to the committee, I will serve to the best of my abilities. Thank you for this opportunity.

Sincerely,

Elisabeth Halliday



ELISABETH HALLIDAY

BOARD CLERK, CAMPBELL UNION HSD

CANDIDATE FOR SANTA CLARA COUNTY COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION

My work as a Trustee for Campbell Union High School District has given me immense joy and a deep sense of purpose. Nothing is more rewarding than service to our community's young people and their families.

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RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

CAMPBELL UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

DECEMBER, 2022 - PRESENT

BOARD CLERK FROM DECEMBER, 2023 - PRESENT

EQUITY LEADERSHIP CERTIFICATION

SEPTEMBER, 2023 – DECEMBER, 2024

Participant in a district cohort in the California Academic Partnership Program (CAPP) Equity Leadership Certification Program is a 15-month program to be completed in December, 2024.

MASTERS IN GOVERNANCE

FEBRUARY, 2023 – APRIL, 2023

Completed the CSBA Masters in Governance program.

MORELAND SCHOOL DISTRICT

OCTOBER, 2013 – JUNE, 2022

Noon Duty Supervisor and Volunteer.

Lunchtime and recess supervision, classroom coverage, and bus duty. Volunteered in gardening instruction, math centers, book clubs, and classroom support.

PROJECT CORNERSTONE

OCTOBER, 2015 – JUNE, 2019

VOLUNTEER ABC READER

Engaged in classroom lessons for k-5 students, providing asset-building social-emotional-learning.

DeAnza College, Cupertino, CA — AA Technical Writing, AA Liberal Arts-English

EDUCATION

DeAnza College, Cupertino, CA

AA Technical Writing, AA Liberal Arts-English

Albert Gonzalez
(At-Large Representative)

October 14, 2024

County Superintendent of Schools
Santa Clara County Office of Education
1290 Ridder Park Drive
San Jose, CA 95131-2398
Attention: Suzanne Carrig

Dear SCCOE Team,

Please accept this letter of intent to be a candidate for the At-Large Member seat on the Santa Clara County Committee on School District Organization. I feel that my background and experience as a school board trustee on the Santa Clara Unified School District Board (SCUSD), as well as my experience as a member of the Executive Board of the Santa Clara County School Board Association (SCCSBA) and my experience as a Director for the California School Boards Association (CSBA) has prepared me to continue to serve as a member of the County Committee.

Santa Clara Unified encompasses parts of six cities, which has contributed to the numerous requests for district transfers from community representatives during my tenure as a school board member. I have studied each of these requests and have even physically gone out to the sites in question to better assess the situations. Additionally our district was involved in a transfer of territory from our district to a neighboring district during my tenure. These situations have given me valuable experience that I believe is important to have as a member of the County Committee.

My involvement with the SCCSBA and CSBA have enabled me to meet my various school board member colleagues throughout the county and state, which has enhanced my understanding of the issues and concerns of districts in other parts of the county and throughout the state. My leadership positions on the SCUSD School Board, the SCCSBA Executive Board and the CSBA Board of Directors have prepared me to serve on the County Committee on School District Organization.

Additionally, I pride myself on being prepared for all board meetings, by doing the research necessary to better understand the issues, so that I can make the best decision possible.

I look forward to continuing to serve on the County Committee on School District Organization and hope to be elected. Attached is a brief resume outlining my experience. Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,



Albert Gonzalez
Trustee, Santa Clara Unified School District
President, California School Boards Association

Albert Gonzalez

1532 Vista Club Cir.

Albert Gonzalez is a board member of the Santa Clara Unified School District in Santa Clara County. Trustee Gonzalez was first elected to the board of trustees for Santa Clara Unified School District in 2008 after having served as a tutor for high school students, room parent for several years and being part of the PTA. He served a couple of years as the Santa Clara USD board president and also served as vice-president. Additionally, he served on the districts Policy, Legislative and District English Learner Advisory Committees. He also served on the City Liaison Committee for the cities of San Jose, Sunnyvale and Santa Clara. He represented the district on the California Large Suburban School District Coalition, Silicon Valley CTE Board and the Santa Clara County School Boards Association (SCCSBA). He went on to serve the SCCSBA as the Legislative Brunch Chair, Treasurer, Vice-President and then President. Lastly, he was also Co-Chair of the 2018 Measure BB Bond campaign that went on to pass with 67% voter approval and allowed the district to issue \$720 million of general obligation bonds for facilities.

Albert is finishing up his eighth year serving on the Santa Clara County Committee on School District Organization. He also served four years on the Metro ED JPA Board.

In 2010 Trustee Gonzalez was elected to the Delegate Assembly (2010-2015) and was nominated to represent Region 20 by the delegates in his region as their Regional Director (2015-2021). He has served on the following CSBA committees: By-Laws, Legislative, Board Development, Finance, Audit, Golden Awards Review, CSBA's Annual Educational Conference and CSBA's Council of Presidents. He has chaired the By-Laws, Legislative, Finance, Audit, Superintendents Advisory and the Educational Legal Alliance committees.

In 2021 Trustee Gonzalez was elected as Vice-President of the California School Board Association. His duties included membership on the Finance Committee, CSBA affiliate entities and chaired the By-Laws Committee. Additionally, he serves as the Vice-Chair for the Legislative Committee. In December 2022, Albert was elected as the President-Elect for CSBA and has been President since December of 2023.

Trustee Gonzalez earned a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering from California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo (CPSU SLO). Albert has three boys, Kuauhtemoc, 2023 MIT graduate, BS in Computer Science (6-3), Tlakaeelel, 2024 Santa Clara University graduate Summa Cumma Laude, BS in Psychology and Xiuhkoatl who is in his second year at Santa Clara University, studying Computer Science.

Pre-CSBA activities

2012-Present - Santa Clara County Children's Health Initiative School Outreach Collaboratives - Chair
2009-Present - Santa Clara County League of Women Voters Educational Committee - Member
2012-Present - PTA Member, Peterson Middle School
2006-2012- Head Room Parent, Millikin Basics+
2008-Present - Coach, Asst. Coach, Team Parent Santa Clara Youth Soccer League
2008-2011 - Asst. Coach, Team Parent Homestead Little League
2006 - Certified referee, United States Soccer Federation

2006-Present - PTA Member, Millikin Basics+ 2001-Present - Father of one, father of 2, and father of 3
1997-2001 - Tutor for Wilcox HS students 1995-1997 - Volunteer Tutor/Mentor, SLO County Community School
1995-1996 - Elected Member of the Board of Directors for the Associated Students Inc., College of Engineering, Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo
1994-1996 - Volunteer Tutor/Mentor, Lopez Continuation High School 1994-1995 - Member of the Speakers Forum Committee, Associated Students Inc., Cal Poly San Luis Obispo
1992-1994 - Volunteer Tutor/Mentor, El Camino Jr. High School