

VOTER'S PAMPHLET

LOCAL NONPARTISAN CANDIDATES' STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATIONS

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Statement of **AMANDA JACKSON MILLER**, Candidate for
Governing Board Member
Soquel Union Elementary School District

Occupation: Nonprofit Attorney

My top priority is ensuring the highest quality education to prepare our children for lifelong learning and achievement. To this end, I will continue working to narrow the achievement gap and challenge every student.

I have three children, two of whom attend elementary school in our district. As a regular classroom volunteer for six years and vice president of the Home & School Club for four years, I have led many successful fundraisers and organized a variety of activities to enrich the classroom for all students. I also served on district-wide committees before being appointed as a Soquel Union Elementary School District board member in December 2013.

A product of local public schools, I earned a B.A. from Wesleyan University and a J.D. from Santa Clara, after which I served as an attorney for a nonprofit domestic violence agency and shelter. In recent years, I have been a CASA advocate and Girl Scout troop leader.

As a parent volunteer, I understand the issues facing our local public schools, and I have applied collaborative problem solving and critical thinking to improve them. This experience gives me the perspective and insight to serve as Trustee. I would be honored to receive your vote.

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Declaración de **AMANDA JACKSON MILLER**, Candidata para
Miembro de la Junta Gubernativa
Distrito Escolar Primario Unión de Soquel

Ocupación: Abogada de Organización Sin Fines de Lucro

Mi principal prioridad es garantizar la educación de la más alta calidad para preparar a nuestros hijos para el aprendizaje y los logros de toda la vida. Con este fin, continuaré trabajando para disminuir la brecha de logros y desafiar a cada estudiante.

Tengo tres hijos, dos de los cuales asisten a la escuela primaria en nuestro distrito. Como voluntaria regular del aula durante seis años y vicepresidenta del Club Hogar y Escuela durante cuatro años, he liderado muchos eventos para recaudar fondos que fueron exitosos y organicé diferentes actividades para enriquecer el aula para todos los estudiantes. También serví en comités del distrito antes de ser nombrada miembro de la junta del Distrito Escolar Primario Unión de Soquel en diciembre de 2013.

Producto de las escuelas públicas locales, obtuve mi licenciatura en la Universidad Wesleyan y un grado de la Escuela de Derecho de la Universidad de Santa Clara, después del cual serví como abogada para una agencia y refugio de violencia doméstica sin fines de lucro. En los últimos años, he sido una defensora de CASA y líder de tropas de Niñas Exploradoras.

Como madre voluntaria, comprendo los problemas que enfrentan nuestras escuelas públicas locales y he aplicado la solución de problemas en colaboración y el pensamiento crítico para mejorarlas. Esta experiencia me da la perspectiva y la comprensión para servir como Síndico. Me honraría recibir su voto.

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Statement of **SANDRA L. (SANDY) ERICKSON**, Candidate for
Governing Board Member
Soquel Union Elementary School District

Quality education for every child is the key to our children's success and the success of our communities and country. Eighty-percent of students graduating from high school today are not prepared to enter community college. This is appalling.

This special election is an attempt to stop the cycle of failure. We cannot continue to do business as usual reelecting like-minded, usually board-appointed, trustees and expect a different result. You, the voters, have an opportunity to elect someone new who is a strong supporter of public education and the citizens who pay for it.

With 29 years active and reserve service in the U.S. Air Force, achieving the rank of Colonel, I am a proven leader. I have a degree in public administration from the University of San Francisco and am a practicing registered nurse with management experience. For six years, I was a member of the California Board of Registered Nursing, four as the Board president. I was chairperson of the Education/Licensing Committee which established educational standards (common core curriculum), approved educational programs and set testing requirements for licensure.

I represent a real change and would appreciate your vote.

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