



2024 Chula Vista Elementary School Board Candidate, Seat 4, Questionnaire
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Part I: Basic Information

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Part II: Candidate Profile

1. Office Sought and Location:

Chula Vista Elementary School Board, Seat 4 (re-election)
Chula Vista, CA

2. Are you a lifelong Democrat? If not, what was your prior registration and when did you register as a Democrat?

Yes. Registered as a Democrat on my 18th birthday in 1995. I've been one ever since.

3. How long have you lived in the district in which you are running?

Off and on since 2001

4. If elected, would you consider qualified Democrats as your first choice for appointments to advisory committees?

100%



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5. Have you ever run for office before, and if yes what was result of your campaign?

Yes. I ran for CVESD in 2018, unsuccessfully and then again in 2020, successfully.

6. What are the primary factors that motivated you to run for the school board?

I come from a very long line of educators (mother was a teacher, great grandfather was the first principal for Sweetwater Jr. High in 1921, we had teachers all the way back to one-room school houses on the prairie). When Trump won in 2016, I realized I could scream at my computer for 4 years or try to run for office to do whatever I could to protect my community. I was already heavily involved in CVESD as a parent advocate through my work on the Council of PTAs. It was a natural progression. Once I got on the Board and the world shifted so dramatically and school boards found themselves in right wing crosshairs, I realized that I was the perfect person to serve in this role. The new generation of school board members has to be out in the community, actively fighting to protect our kids from these Republican attacks. I am running again because my voice is still needed on my Board.

7. What are your qualifications? (include education, community involvement and/or special strengths.)

Education: BA Theatre (minors in Dance & Ethnic Studies) UC San Diego; Education Abroad Program (Sociology & Theatre) Lancaster University, UK; School Board Partners (2024 Fellow) Cohort 6

Community Organizations: SD County School Boards Association (Vice President); CA School Board Association Region 17 (Delegate); San Diego Democratic Education Alliance (President); Chula Vista Cultural Arts Commission (Commissioner); Coalition of Labor Union Women National & San Diego Chapter (Associate); Chula Vista Council of PTAs (past eBoard/current consultant/member - winner of Continuing Honorary Service Award 2024); Girl Scout Troop 5909 (parent leader); UCC Partnership Committee (Lay-leader); Kensington Community Church (Mission & Outreach Committee); California Democratic Party (ADEM Delegate); (cont.)



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San Diego County Democratic Party Central Committee (Associate Member); SDC Democratic Party Central Committee South Area Caucus (Secretary); Democrats 4 Equality (Platform & Questionnaire Committee Co-Chair); Progressive Democratic Club South (Founder & Secretary); plus active membership in multiple local Democratic Clubs

Community Service: Book Fair Chairperson (2022-present); Book Fair Volunteer (2016-2022); San Diego Refugee Tutoring Backpack Drive (2021-2023); Casas de Luz Tijuana House Build (2022-2023); GATE Program Coordinator (2020-present); Classroom Parent Volunteer (2015-present); San Diego Blood Bank Guardians Circle Donor (2023-present)

8. If elected, what three things would you try to accomplish?

- Mental Health - COVID has had an incredibly huge negative impact on our students' mental and behavioural health. I have been advocating at the state and federal level to try to get additional funding for schools to replace the COVID money that we had been using to give our kids counseling services and other emotional and behavioural supports. This issue is crucial.
- Staffing Issues - I was proud to be part of a Board that gave our employees a record breaking raise (12% by July 1st) this year. But better pay, long fought-for contract demands, and better training are just part of the equation. We need to proactively build capacity for attracting and retaining teachers, classified staff, and administrators- especially from underrepresented groups, such as the Black and AAPI communities.
- Arts Education - As a professional artist (theatrical costume designer) I know the essential nature of arts to education. I will fight to protect funding for our world class Visual and Performing Arts program, even as we face massively tightening budgets.

9. What is your view of public education?

Public education is the great equalizer in our society. When it is done right, it should give every student the opportunity to not just survive in the world, but to flourish. Public education must be protected from the right wing attacks which aim to destroy it in favour of funding private/parochial/charter schools.

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They want to cement the economic stratification of our society by sending rich kids to get educated and sending poor children back to work. (The "Make America Great Again" seems more and more to harken back to the days of the Industrial Revolution/Age of Robber Barons than the idyllic 1950s suburbia that many expect.) This is what we are fighting against on behalf of our children.

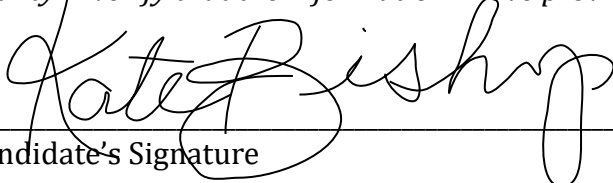
10. On core Democratic issues, which, if any might you differ from the Party's platform?

I don't. My values align with the progressive values of the Democratic Party.

11. Which individuals or groups have endorsed your candidacy? Please be specific and include an attachment if necessary.

CVCEO (Chula Vista Classified Educators Organization)
Congressman Juan Vargas
State Senator Steve Padilla
Mayor Paloma Aguirre
Councilmember Marcus Bush
Trustee Sabrina Bazzo
Trustee Darshana Patel
Trustee Cheryl Robertson
UDW Founder Ken Seaton-Msemaji
ADEM eBoard Member AD80 Marquetta Brown
Eastlake Bonita Democratic Club
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Democratic Club
San Diego Democratic Education Alliance
LGBTQ+ Victory Fund

"by signing and submitting this questionnaire, I hereby request the endorsement of the Imperial Beach Democratic Club. I am a Democrat registered to vote in San Diego County. I verify that the information I have provided here is accurate and true."


Candidate's Signature

3/4/24
Date