



2024 Southwestern Community College Board Candidate Questionnaire

**Part I: Basic Information**

Name: Nicholas Segura Jr

Mailing Address: [REDACTED]

Phone: \_\_619 [REDACTED] \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_nicksegura@yahoo.com \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: retired IBEW 569 member \_\_\_\_\_ Employer:  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Part II: Candidate Profile**

1. Office Sought and Location/: Southwestern College Governing Board Dist. 3

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

Yes

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

26 years

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

Yes

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

I am currently a Sweetwater UHSD Board member District 4 completing my 3 term.

6. What are the primary factors that motivated you to run for this office?

Having college going students and my board experience at SUHSD has taught me a lot about educational needs of students. I also feel that I can still make a positive difference for the students and the community as a SWC trustee. Also having the support of Southwestern College Education Association is an honor and keeping in communication with them and the community is key.

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

I am a Navy veteran, a graduate of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW569) inside wireman apprenticeship. I have served on the SWC Board Oversight committee, finishing 10 years as a SUHSD Trustee Area 4. I have learned communication to students, educators, and the community members is key.

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

Continuing to offer and increase high quality 4 year degree options to our students is vital. Many students/families cannot afford to send their children to College and Universities they have been accepted to due to tuition and living expenses.

9. What are the biggest challenges facing Southwestern and community colleges today and how will you tackle them?

Adjunct Professors working part-time at several San Diego colleges but not earning fringe benefits such as family health care and retirement benefits is a problem. Working with the state legislators, colleges and unions to find a solution is an important goal.

10. What are your opinions on how Southwestern College can ensure access to quality education that prepares students for the workforce or additional higher education opportunities, adapt to new technologies,, and ensure a safe and equitable environment for all students regardless of their background or circumstances?

Providing the students with access to the best professors, partnering with business to ensure the college is offering classes and training for today's job market. Working to ensure students have access to classes they need or are required. Working to ensure the campus is an inclusive environment where everyone feels welcome.

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

San Diego County Democratic Party  
San Diego/Imperial Counties Labor Council  
Southwestern College Education Association  
Carpenters Local 619  
SWC Trustees- Roberto Alcantar, Pres Don Dumas, VP Kris Galicia Brown  
SUHSD Trustees- Pres Adrian Arancibia, VP Elva Lopez-Zepeda, Marti Emerald,  
Arturo Solis  
San Diego Labor Dems  
San Diego Dems for Equality

*"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

Nicholas Segura

Date Sept 3,2024

**Please submit the questionnaire no later than NOON September 4, 2024 to  
imperialbeachdemclub@gmail.com**