

**REQUIRES BOARD ACTION**

This complete, **ORIGINAL** Ballot must be **SIGNED** by the Superintendent or Board Clerk and returned in the enclosed envelope postmarked by the post office No later than **MONDAY, MARCH 15, 2021**. Only ONE Ballot per Board. Be sure to mark your vote “**X**” in the box. *A PARTIAL, UNSIGNED, PHOTOCOPIED, OR LATE BALLOT WILL NOT BE VALID.*

OFFICIAL 2021 DELEGATE ASSEMBLY BALLOT  
REGION 20  
(Santa Clara County)

Number of vacancies: 6 (Vote for no more than 6 candidates)

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*Delegates will serve two-year terms beginning April 1, 2021 - March 31, 2023*

*\*denotes incumbent*

	Danielle Cohen (Campbell Union SD)*
	Devon Conley (Mountain View Whisman SD)
	David Guidry (Los Gatos Saratoga Union High SD)
	Van Le (Eastside Union HSD)*
	Carol Presunka (Cambrian SD)
	Andres Quintero (Alum Rock Union SD)*
	George Sanchez (Franklin McKinley SD)*
	Fiona Walter (Mountain View Los Altos HSD)*
	Bridget Watson (Sunnyvale SD)

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*Provision for Write-in Candidate Name*

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*School District*

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*Signature of Superintendent or Board Clerk*

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*Title*

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*School District Name*

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*Date of Board Action*

*See reverse side for list of all current Delegates in your Region.*

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**REGION 20 – 12 Delegates (11 elected/1 appointed)◆**

**Director: Albert Gonzalez (Santa Clara USD)**

**Below is a list of all elected or appointed Delegates from this Region.**

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**County: Santa Clara**

Teresa Castellanos (San Jose USD)◆, appointed term expires 2021

Lorena Chavez (East Side Union HSD), term expires 2022

Danielle Cohen (Campbell Union SD), term expires 2021

Jodi Muirhead (Santa Clara USD), term expires 2022

Mary Patterson (Morgan Hill USD), term expires 2022

Andres Quintero (Alum Rock Union ESD), term expires 2021

George Sanchez (Franklin-McKinley ESD), term expires 2021

Fiona Walter (Mountain View Los Altos HSD), term expires 2021

Vacant, term expires 2021

Vacant, term expires 2021

Vacant, term expires 2022

**County Delegate:**

Rosemary Kamei (Santa Clara COE), term expires 2022

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**County**

Santa Clara

# Delegate Assembly Biographical Sketch Form for 2021 Election



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Signature: Danielle MS Cohen Date: 1/7/2021

Name: Danielle Cohen CSBA Region & subregion #: 20  
District or COE: Campbell Union School District Years on board: 17  
Profession: Software Engineer Contact Number ( Cell  Home  Bus.): 408-370-6376  
Primary E-mail: dcohen@campbellusd.org  
Are you an incumbent Delegate?  Yes  No If yes, year you became Delegate: 2009

Why are you interested in becoming a Delegate? Please describe the skills and experiences you would bring to the Delegate Assembly.

I have served on the Campbell Union School District's school board for 17 years and have been a delegate for Region 20 for the past 12 years. I have enjoyed serving the students of both my district and the state in these roles. My three children and their educational experiences include GATE designation, resource and services for Dyslexia, and placement in SDC and SAI classes via the IEP process. This provides a variety of lenses with which I can view education policy and practices. My district has been both Basic Aid and LCFF funded in my time on the Board, and I have experience with both dependent and independent charters. +

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

I served four years as treasurer for our local school board association (SCCSBA) and three years as the Hoffmann Awards co-chair which provided visibility to the many amazing and successful programs in our county. I have served on my Board's Intergovernmental subcommittee where we meet with the leadership in the six cities that our district serves. I am a board member for the 100 Women Charitable Foundation which gives grants to local non-profits working with under-served populations in the areas of Education, Family and Health & Wellness. Additionally I volunteer as a VITA tax preparer and as a tutor trainer for Elevate Tutoring, a non-profit working with low income +

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

For 2021 the biggest challenge has to be the pandemic and its impact on our communities - families, staff and students. This goes beyond the obvious academic impact, as we must address the financial, social-emotional and health impacts to all as well. This will require a coordinated effort throughout the state with supportive policies and funding, for all areas impacted. We were already fighting for adequate resources and the Covid-19 pandemic made the needs of local districts even greater.



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Signature: Devon Conley

Date: 1/6/2021

Name: Devon Conley

CSBA Region & subregion #: 20

District or COE: Mountain View Whisman School District

Years on board: 2

Profession: Education Consultant Contact Number ( Cell  Home  Bus.): 650-434-2573

Primary E-mail: dconley@mwwsd.org

Are you an incumbent Delegate?  Yes  No If yes, year you became Delegate: \_\_\_\_\_

Why are you interested in becoming a Delegate? Please describe the skills and experiences you would bring to the Delegate Assembly.

The Delegate Assembly plays a vital role in informing CSBA's policy positions at the state level. I am running to be a delegate for Region 20 so that I can push for resources and policies that will serve all of our students. As a national award winning elementary school teacher, my career in education spans the past eighteen years and includes working in education policy research, teaching, and running programs in K-12 settings. In my first two years as a board member and now Board President, I put my background in city planning to good use advocating for students at the local, regional, and state levels.

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

I co-founded the Digital Equity Coalition (DEC) in March 2019. We brought together school board members from 30 of our region's 32 districts to successfully advocate for funding to help close the digital divide for Santa Clara County students; the County Board of Supervisors approved \$7.1 million to purchase hotspots, devices, and data plans for more than 15,000 families identified by the SCCOE.

I completed the Masters in Governance in 2019 and faithfully attend the AEC each year. This will also be my third year serving as a Hoffman Reader for the SCCSBA annual Hoffman Awards. Before running for school board, I served on Mountain View's Parks and Recreation Commission.

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

Governing boards are making life and death decisions during a global pandemic. We are negotiating safe working environments for our teachers and staff - PPE, testing, vaccinations, class size - while at the same time many districts face declining enrollment, rising costs and decreasing revenues. Getting children safely back to school is hands-down the biggest challenge we face right now. Getting every child the resources they need to thrive in school during and after this traumatic crisis will be our ongoing challenge for years to come.

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Signature: David Guidry Date: 1/7/2021  
David Guidry (Jan 7, 2021 10:26 PST)

Name: David Guidry CSBA Region & subregion #: 20  
District or COE: Los Gatos - Saratoga Union High School District Years on board: 2  
Profession: Marketing Contact Number ( Cell  Home  Bus.): 408-398-9024  
Primary E-mail: dguidry@lgsuhd.org

Are you an incumbent Delegate?  Yes  No If yes, year you became Delegate: \_\_\_\_\_

Why are you interested in becoming a Delegate? Please describe the skills and experiences you would bring to the Delegate Assembly.

I am interested in having an impact at the state level since many of the areas that I see as most important to our students are defined by state law. This pandemic provides us with a unique opportunity to review our current educational system and drive changes that will especially help those students who are not well served by the current system. My strengths are in working with people across many backgrounds to achieve our goals. I am a fast learner and very good at looking at things strategically. Education has always been a priority and focus for me and I am big believer in the value and importance of public education in providing opportunities for all of our students.

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

I am currently our Board President, despite only being on the board for 2 years. I have been very active with my kid's schools, including being foundation President for both the high school and elementary district, raising significant money to fund SEL and non-core programs at the schools. I was chaperone lead for our marching band and was the lead for our math docent program at Argonaut Elementary. I am also very active in our community through several organizations, including being the current President of our Friends of the Library organization which runs a local bookshop in addition to raising money via memberships. I have been the SCCSBA rep for our district since my

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

The current pandemic is clearly our biggest challenge today. Besides the obvious financial impacts, we are seeing a huge loss in educational opportunities for our students, especially those that can least afford it. It has also made several long running, systemic issues much more visible that demand immediate action. CSBA can help in several ways, including: (1) driving our state government to provide leadership and financial support to our schools to get kids back in classrooms as soon as possible, (2) ensure that education remains a top priority for our state and that we see funding to support that priority, and (3) providing support and resources to school boards working to understand and solve these systemic issues that plague our schools.



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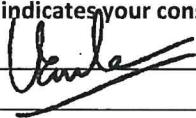


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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



Date: 12/29/2020

Name: Van Le

CSBA Region & subregion #: 20

District or COE: East Side Union High School

Years on board: 11

Profession: Business owner

Contact Number (  Cell  Home  Bus.): 408-489-5249

Primary E-mail: lev@esuhsd.org

Are you an incumbent Delegate?  Yes  No

If yes, year you became Delegate: \_\_\_\_\_

Why are you interested in becoming a Delegate? Please describe the skills and experiences you would bring to the Delegate Assembly.

- Need to bring the voice of Asian students and representative to the Delegate Assembly.
- Advocate for more budget for schools because schools can not afford any more cutting.
  - Networking and influencing legislators on school issues for safety, closing achievement gap, college readiness etc.
  - Need to work closely with legislators to help them understand the most important issues.
  - Bridge the gap and maintain communication between local members and the regional Director for enhancing and supporting CSBA role.

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

I have been involved in many local events from business to non-profit organizations & education since 1984 and have built a strong relationship with city, county, state and federal legislators to advocate for students and community issues.

I have participated in many trips to Sacramento which were organized by Board of Supervisors (Santa Clara) Dave Cortese to support more school funding, to visit State Assembly legislators and to request of them - "no more cuts to education".

Also involved in APALI for ethnic studies subject.

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

I believe two major challenges facing governing board members are safety and diversity that we serve. I believe with my years of experience in education and community have given me the ability to bring people together to resolve difficult issues.

I have been involved with different stakeholders, community groups and media for over 30 years. I have used social media and engaged community and students through events & contests. As board members, we should strive to bring new ideas, be more creative and think out of the box on the budget challenges and willing to learn from other district and find the best solutions to solve problems.


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Signature:  Date: 1/4/2021

Name: <u>Carol Presunka</u>	CSBA Region & subregion #: <u>20</u>
District or COE: <u>Cambrian SD</u>	Years on board: <u>6</u>
Profession: <u>Volunteer</u>	Contact Number ( <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cell <input type="checkbox"/> Home <input type="checkbox"/> Bus.): <u>408-203-3459</u>
Primary E-mail: <u>presunkac@cambriansd.org</u>	
Are you an incumbent Delegate? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If yes, year you became Delegate: _____	

Why are you interested in becoming a Delegate? Please describe the skills and experiences you would bring to the Delegate Assembly.

I believe that smaller districts need to be represented, especially those who are ADA funded. Smaller districts have their own unique needs, having to provide all services to all students with, many times, little extra funding to do so. In a time of declining enrollment it makes it even more challenging. Constantly having to reduce the District budget while maintaining top quality education has proved very challenging. I have been heavily involved in volunteering in Cambrian, from working in the classroom, to being elected President of the Home and School Club. It gives a perspective of what is working and where help is needed. I have a child with special needs and have been heavily involved in the special needs community, both as a parent and a professional.

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

From my first year as Trustee, I served on the Faciliites Committee, overseeing the spending of our bond and the reopening of a school. I have worked on numerous measures within the district, both Parcel Tax and Bonds. I sit on the Board Policy committe where all our board policies and procedures are being reviewed and updated. I was also involved in the Technology Task Force where a 5 year Technology Plan was created for our district. I have completed all the Masters in Governance courses and am a regular attendee of SCCSBA meetings as well as the AEC every year. I also serve on the Branham High School Site Council. I represent Cambrian on our West Sides Board which is made up of a board member from 3 of our surrounding elementary districts and one from the high school district. It give us the opportunity to learn from eachother and ensure our students are being well prepared to enter high school.

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

The biggest challenge today and for all my previous time on the Board is a balanced budget. As mentioned earlier, with the uncertain state and federal funding and increased salaries and benefits and new curriculum, combined with declining enrollment, the challenge is huge. Covid 19 has added to the challenge, requiring upgraded HVAC and facilities and PPE. When and how to reopen schools also adds to the challenge, with the uncertainty of when normality will return. Another area that is near and dear to my heart is learning a second language. In a global economy iit is so important to understand other languages. The challenge is to find certificated second language teachers. Having the state provide a stable funding that is more representative of the true cost of education, adjusting funding in areas with a high cost of living and providing incentives for teachers to enter second language certifications would be a big step in meeting some of the areas I view has high need.



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Signature: Andres Quintero

Date: 1/7/21

Name: Andres Quintero

CSBA Region & subregion #: 20

District or COE: Alum Rock Union School District

Years on board: 9

Profession: College Professor

Contact Number (  Cell  Home  Bus.): 408-550-9784

Primary E-mail: andres@andresquintero.com

Are you an incumbent Delegate?  Yes  No

If yes, year you became Delegate: 2017

**Why are you interested in becoming a Delegate? Please describe the skills and experiences you would bring to the Delegate Assembly.**

I am interested in continuing my service on the CSBA Delegate Assembly because I bring my East San Jose community's perspective to the fore. While we represent the region as a whole, there are unique aspects of our communities that need to be represented on CSBA's policy-making bodies. I have been privileged to have been mentored by great leaders like Frank Biehl and George Sanchez, and others. They have demonstrated how to work collaboratively while ensuring that our respective communities receive the attention they deserve. I have been honored to stand before the delegate assembly and other subgroups and present my community perspective on the issues. I look forward to continuing my work on CSBA's Delegate Assembly, as always, in a collaborative manner that leads to results.

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

I have had the privilege of being entrusted by my colleagues to serve in various officer roles, including clerk, vice president, and president. I have also led various district measures to expand our offering to the students we serve in East San Jose. In 2017, I introduced the measure that prompted Alum Rock to create our first Vietnamese Dual Language Immersion School. I also led the effort to expand Alum Rock's Spanish Dual Language Immersion program by opening a second Spanish Dual Language Immersion School. Early in my tenure on the board, I established a partnership with the City of San Jose to renovate regional recreational facilities targeted by charter schools for further expansion. My service on CSBA's delegate assembly has allowed me to develop a closer relationship and work collaboratively with school board members. Whether it's serving as a validator for the Golden Bell Awards or assisting on other projects, I have learned to value what I know from my counterparts from different parts of the county.

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

At present, the biggest challenge for all of us is to stem the learning loss that results from the shift to virtual learning. Our teachers have been great and work diligently to provide a quality and dignified education to all of our students, whether in person or virtually; however, we cannot deny that our students have been impacted by the shift to a completely different delivery for their education. Furthermore, in our district, we have essential workers that are the most severely affected by the ravages of COVID-19; they are construction workers, grocery store employees, all of who do not have the option to telecommute. As a district, we have had to develop methods to support those essential workers that do not have other means to care for their children. CSBA can continue to advocate for more resources to all districts, especially those that are disproportionately impacted by COVID 19.



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Signature: George Sanchez

Date: 01/04/2021

Name: George Sanchez

CSBA Region & subregion #: 20

District or COE: Franklin-McKinley School District

Years on board: 27

Profession: Retired Educator Contact Number ( Cell  Home  Bus.): 408-375-9350

Primary E-mail: gniners08@yahoo.com

Are you an incumbent Delegate?  Yes  No If yes, year you became Delegate: 2012

Why are you interested in becoming a Delegate? Please describe the skills and experiences you would bring to the Delegate Assembly.

I am interested in continuing as a Delegate for Region 20. I feel that I have represented my district well during the years that I have served as a Delegate. I enjoy working with my colleagues to make sure that our voices are heard during the Delegate meetings. I have also been involved with several committees during my tenure as a Delegate. These have included serving on the Nominations Committee which brings forth the future leaders of CSBA. I have also had the privilege of being on the AEC Committee which puts together the CSBA Annual Conference. It is a great honor and privilege to work with fellow Delegates on these committees.

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

I have served in different leadership roles during my tenure on the School Board. This past month, I completed my fifth term as Board President. During this time, I am proud to have provided guidance and advice to my fellow Board members. As Board President, I help establish a positive relationship with the other board members as we tackle the difficult issues that come before us. I am also a visible community member who is involved in many neighborhood activities such as our monthly Second Harvest food drive. I work closely with our City Council Member in being involved in community events such as giving Census information to our families so that they are counted.

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

At the present time, the Pandemic is definitely our top priority. We must continue to ensure that safety is paramount for our students and staff members. In the meantime, we must continue to provide the best education possible through Distance Learning. CSBA has to provide leadership and support to the school districts during this time. The Delegate Assembly provides guidance to CSBA during this time so it is important that Delegates give their input at the Delegate Assembly. CSBA represents over 1,000 school districts throughout the state of California and must provide effective leadership at this critical time. CSBA and the other leading educational organizations such as ACSA, CTA, CSEA and PTA must definitely work with each other for our students who are our #1 priority!



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Signature: *Fiona Walter* Date: 1/6/21

Name: Fiona Walter CSBA Region & subregion #: 20  
District or COE: Mtn View Los Altos UHSD Years on board: 6  
Profession: Engineer/Tech Editor Contact Number (  Cell  Home  Bus.): 650-814-8715  
Primary E-mail: fiona.walter@mvla.net

Are you an incumbent Delegate?  Yes  No If yes, year you became Delegate: 2019

Why are you interested in becoming a Delegate? Please describe the skills and experiences you would bring to the Delegate Assembly.

The past two years on delegate assembly have provided wonderful opportunities to partner with other districts as we represent our region at the state level. I am an engineer entering my 15th year on a local school board and have seen first-hand the impact that higher-level decisions have on our local efforts to support students. I believe my experiences in board work across K-12, Masters in Governance, 14 Annual Education Conferences, and active involvement with the Santa Clara County School Boards Association (currently president) are a good addition to our local delegate team and I would be honored to serve another term for Region 20.

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

In addition to my two years on delegate assembly, I served two terms on the Mountain View Whisman School Board (K-8) prior to joining MVLA (9-12) in 2014. Across the 14 years, I have served as board president four times, chaired parcel tax/bond campaigns, remained active with SCCSBA (treasurer (3 years), vice president, and currently president), completed Masters in Governance, and never missed an AEC. Locally, I am a graduate of both Leadership Mountain View and Los Altos LEAD. I have also served on many district committees such as communications, policies, wellness, parent teacher conference, and the district partnership council.

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

Two years ago, I said money. This is even more true today. With the onset of Covid, responsibilities falling to local school districts have again expanded. Special education, expensive in the best of times, is now even more costly. Mental health and wellness, already enormous concerns pre-Covid, have now been greatly exacerbated. Emergency technology purchases for staff, students, and campuses are again unanticipated expenses. While we are grateful for assistance thus far, there is much more to do as we work to bring staff and students safely back to our campuses. CSBA can raise awareness of these issues by developing and acting on a policy platform responsive to local district needs.



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Signature: Bridget Watson

Date: January 3, 2021

Name: Bridget Watson

CSBA Region & subregion #: 20

District or COE: Sunnyvale School District

Years on board: 2

Profession: Educator Contact Number (  Cell  Home  Bus.): 408-540-8598

Primary E-mail: bridget.watson@sesd.org

Are you an incumbent Delegate?  Yes  No If yes, year you became Delegate: n/a

Why are you interested in becoming a Delegate? Please describe the skills and experiences you would bring to the Delegate Assembly.

I'm deeply committed to serving our community, and would like to contribute on behalf of our county at the state level. I value CSBA for its resources, advocacy, events, and training and I'm interested in working on projects that will support members to better benefit children and families. I'm an active board member and a dedicated volunteer. I'm a credentialed teacher, a mother of two, and the 1st in my family to earn a college degree - all experiences that form my perspective on the value of each student's voice, choice, and support system. I'm a good communicator with a BA and MA in English, and I have corporate experience in project management. I'm ready to work with this amazing team!

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

I'm very engaged in Sunnyvale School District and CSBA, serving as Clerk last year and VP this year on my board. I served on CSBA's Equity Network (Cohort 2), learning ways to create and apply systems change towards equity in our districts and statewide. I'm VP of the new SCCSBA Legislative Action Committee to help our districts more effectively advocate at local, state, and federal levels for our students' unique needs. I'm a reader for the Hoffmann Awards this year, and I'm on the Board of Directors of the Sunnyvale Education Foundation. I visit every school in our district throughout the year and volunteer in classrooms and at school sites for hundreds of hours each year.

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

Full funding of programs to support inclusion and equity will be the biggest challenge this year, exacerbated by the additional pressures and needs driven by the pandemic and economic downturn. Our most vulnerable children have been hit the hardest, but all children have been exposed to extraordinary pressures, stress, and change. We will have to advocate for basic services for students in our districts, from food to broadband, as well as funding for learning loss and SEL support. CSBA can help with advocacy at the state level, and can provide policy guidelines, strategy, communications, roundtables, seminars, training, and toolkits to boards and districts who are all facing the same storm.