

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

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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