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Respondent

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1. I have been... \*

☐ Appointed

☒ Nominated

2. Your signature indicates your consent to be placed on the ballot and serve as a Delegate, if elected \*

Carol Presunka

3. Full name \*

Carol Presunka

4. Region/subregion \*

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5. Name of District or COE \*

Cambrian SD

6. Years on board \*

9

7. Profession

Volunteer

## 8. Contact number \*

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## 9. Primary email address \*

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## 10. Are you an incumbent Delegate? \*

☐ Yes☒ No

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

I have been involved in local politics representing my district and its concerns for many years, meeting with our local representatives. Having been a rep on the SCCSBA since my first year on the Cambrian Board, and hearing the issues being faced by the other 30 districts in our county, has given me a good understanding of the issues faced on a broader level in our county. I have gone to Sacramento to represent SCC's educational issues. I have the experience of previously serving on Delegate Assembly. My long experience on our Board Policy committee gives me an deeper understanding of the Ed Code and how it impacts our districts. I have completed the CSBA's Masters in Governance and the Experienced Trustee training. With all the special interest groups fighting for government dollars, it is important to ensure education remains front and center. for those dollars A strong public education is what will keep America in the forefront of innovation, keep our economy strong and ensure a decent standard of living for its citizens.

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

During my 9 years on the Board, I have served on our Bond Measures Oversight committee, and Board Policy committee. I have been Board President for 2 years. Since I've been on the Cambrian Board, we have started an Extended Day program for before and after school care staffed by trained Cambrian employees. I helped develop a land exchange deal for some underutilized property in Cambrian that will bring in a steady revenue stream to help support staff and programs. I have been the Cambrian rep for the SCCSBA since my first year on the Board. I serve on the Santa Clara County Committee on School District Organization, am involved in the SCC League of Women Voters, and also a member of the West Side Boards. It has a representative from each elementary school district feeding into the local high school district which is also represented. It gives us an opportunity to share experiences on a more local scale. I am currently serving as Vice-President of the SCCSBA.

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

I see two challenging issues right now. The first is supporting our students social/emotional well-being. Not only does it affect their own personal wellbeing, but impacts learning and student behavior, both their own and others. It is critically important that support be available immediately, not when our medical system has an available appointment. Where else but on a school campus, would that be possible? A number of districts are using one time funds to support mental health services. We need to ensure those funds are made ongoing.

An equally important issue is SPED support. Low socio-economic and EL learners are disproportionately represented in our SPED programs. Instead there needs to be more services provided to help these students fulfill their potential within the regular classroom. This includes programs and teacher training and support. All students in Special Education could have improved outcomes with those same supports and the funding that goes along with them.