

## Letter of Intent to Serve

### County Committee on School District Organization

October 1, 2024

Dr. Mary Ann Dewan, County Superintendent of Schools  
c/o Olivia Santillan  
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Dear Superintendent Dewan,

I write this letter to express my interest in being reelected to the Santa Clara County Committee on School District Organization, representing District 4. I was first elected to this body in 2020 and since then have served as its President in 2023 and 2024.

I have served our community for many years, including serving for 10 years on the Santa Clara Unified School District Board as a Trustee, President, Vice-President and Clerk. During that time, I have also served on the board of the Santa Clara County School Boards Association as President, Vice-President and Hoffmann Awards Co-chair. For the last 8 years, I have been a delegate to the California School Boards Association and have also served on their Nominating Committee.

I began my involvement in Education shortly after becoming a parent, volunteering in my children's classrooms for 18 years. I was a classroom parent coordinator, field trip coordinator, fundraising chair, parent organization treasurer, site council member and had numerous other roles at the schools my children attended. This regular involvement in classrooms led me to become a substitute teacher for 8 years, teaching in schools around the district. My 3 children are graduates of Santa Clara Unified schools.

In 2011, I co-founded a non-profit, Santa Clara Unified Parents, to bring parents together to support our district schools. For 4 years, I chaired our primary project, a district-wide science fair for over 300 students per year, including fundraising, gathering volunteers and coordinating the 2-day event. I am very proud I was able to make sure the program continued after the district had to end it due to budget cuts.

As an active member of my community, I participated in the City of Santa Clara's Charter Review Committee. The group recommended changes to the city's charter. I co-authored the ballot statements for 3 measures that came out of our recommendations. All 3 passed overwhelmingly by the voters in the city.

My resume is attached with additional details. I have a long-standing commitment to our schools, our students and our community. I would be honored to continue to serve on the County Committee on School District Organization.

Thank you for your consideration,

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## Experience in the Education Field

- 2020 – present     **County Committee on School District Organization, Santa Clara County Office of Education**  
President (2023, 2024)
- 2014 – present     **Santa Clara Unified School District**  
President, Vice-President, Clerk, Trustee  
Committee Member: District Advisory, Facilities Task Force, Budget, Policy, Association of Suburban School Districts, Step Up and Stop Harassment Taskforce  
Liaison to: City of Santa Clara, City of Sunnyvale, West Valley-Mission Community College District, Santa Clara Unified PTA Council
- 2015 – present     **Santa Clara County School Boards Association (SCCSBA)**  
President, Vice-President, Hoffmann Award Co-Chair
- 2016 – present     **California School Boards Association (CSBA)**  
Region 20 Delegate, Nominating Committee Member  
Co-Chair of CSBA PAC fundraiser for Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties
- 2011 – 2014        **Santa Clara Unified District Science Fair**  
Chair  
Joint project of Santa Clara Unified Parents and Santa Clara Unified School District
- 2011 – 2014        **Santa Clara Unified Parents**  
Co-founder, Treasurer and Board Member  
Incorporated as a 501(c)(3) non-profit
- 2006 – 2014        **Santa Clara Unified School District, Santa Clara, CA**  
Substitute Teacher, Grades K – 12 at several schools  
Math and Literacy Intervention Teacher, Washington Open Elementary School
- 2012                **Santa Clara Unified School District Measure A Parcel Tax Campaign, Santa Clara, CA**  
Campaign Leadership Team
- 2013 – 2014        **Santa Clara High School, Santa Clara, CA**  
2010 – 2011        Site Council
- 2022 – present     **Congregation Shir Hadash, Los Gatos, CA**  
2011 – 2013        President, President-elect, Board Member-at-Large of Youth Groups
- 2006 – 2010        **Washington Open Elementary School, Santa Clara, CA**  
Parent Board Treasurer, Parent Board Ways & Means Chair, SCRIP Fundraising Chair, Classroom Coordinator, Field Trip Coordinator
- 1996 – 2014        **Sunnyvale Parent Preschool, Santa Clara Parents Nursery School, Washington Open Elementary School, Buchser Middle School, Santa Clara High School, and Discovery Charter School 1.**  
Participating Parent

## Experience in the Community

- 2018 – present     **Santa Clara Parade of Champions**  
Board Member
- 2016 – 2017     **Santa Clara Challenge Team**
- 2017     **Leadership Santa Clara**
- 2016 - 2017     **City of Santa Clara Charter Review Committees**  
Ballot Statement Co-Author, Measures O, P and Q. All passed overwhelmingly

## Experience in the Engineering Field

- 1999 – 2000     **Independent Systems Consultant**
- 1996 – 1999     **Senior Systems Consultant**, Professional Services, Edify Corporation, Santa Clara, CA
- 1987 – 1996     **Senior Software Engineer**, Siemens Corporation (formerly ROLM, an IBM Company), Santa Clara, CA  
Outstanding Technical Achievement Award

## Awards

- 2020     **Assembly District 25 Community Hero Award Winner**
- 2020     **City of Santa Clara Certificate of Special Recognition for Service to the Community**
- 2014     **Santa Clara Unified PTA Council Honorary Service Award Recipient**
- 2008     **Marilyn Rea Volunteer of the Year Recipient, Washington Open Elementary School, Santa Clara, CA**

## Education

- 2016     **CSBA Masters in Governance Certificate**
- 2014     **Emerge California Training Program**
- 1982 - 1986     **California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, CA**  
**BS, Computer Science; Minor in English**

## Interests

Math, puzzles, technology, guiding children and adults

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## Motto

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