

## ALAMEDA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

#### CANDIDATE APPLICATION AND INFORMATION SHEET

\*\*Please note: Candidates must reside within the boundary of the Alameda Unified School District to qualify for this appointment. AUSD Boundaries only include the City of Alameda. Candidates please ensure your home address is included below so that your residency can be verified.

Please complete and ensure your application packet is received on or before 5:00pm on Monday, December 6, 2023 at:

Heather Little, Board President c/o Pasquale Scuderi, Superintendent 2060 Challenger Dr. Alameda, CA 94501

#### OR emailed to klonergan@alamedaunified.org

Application packets should include a completed version of this form, a resume, and a letter of interest.

Date: December 6, 2023		
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(Last Name)	(First Name)	(Middle Initial)
Business Address: _		Phone:
Home Address:		Phone:
E-mail:		<del></del>
Occupation: Administrativ	ve Law Judge for the California U	Unemployment Insurance Appeals Boa
Employer or Name of Self	-Employed Business: State of C	alifornia
No. of Years Residing in I		
Do you have children in th	e district's schools? Yes X	No
If yes, what schools?		
Please list your prior board Yes. I have experience serving Section of the Santa Clara Cour	l experience. on professional boards for legal associanty Bar Association, the Diversity Com	ard, including a school district board?  ations, including the Solo and Small Firm  mittee, Barristers, Womens' Section, Real on providing services to the community



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2. Have you worked on any school committees or participated in any school activities recently?  Please list them.  I am a member of the Parent-Teacher Association for Lincoln Middle School. In my kids' former school district, I was involved with the Art in Action program and would frequently chaperone field trips.
3. Describe any other community or business activities in which you have participated. describe your role, and whether your work was volunteer or employment-related I was appointed as an administrative law judge in January 2023. Prior to this, I ran a law practice for ten years focusing on real estate and business disputes. I was involved in various activities with legal organizations and professional networking groups.
4. Why do you want to be a school board member?  Being new to the district, I believe I will be able to contribute by providing alternative feedback and insight.
5. What do you see as the basic purpose of the public schools?  To provide quality education to the local community by setting school policies and ensuring there is sufficient budget to manage the school goals.
6. What is the role of the school board in the fulfillment of that purpose?  Generally, by setting a reasonable budget, working on policies for the schools, and working with the superintendent to achieve those goals.
7. How does the board's role differ from that of the superintendent?  The board provides authority for the superintendent to implement its actions.
8. What should be the relationship between the board members and the administration in the handling of school concerns?  Ideally, board members and the administration would be aligned on the handling of school concerns. Administrators should provide feedback to board members to manage issues related to funding, facilities, curriculum, and bargaining agreements for discussion at meetings.



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9. Briefly describe how you believe you will contribute to the educational process.  My experience as a parent focusing on educational activities for their kids, my interest in progressing the goals of the district to allow for consistent goals for the school district and my experience on boards will contribute towards my work on the school district board.
10. What do you say as the strangths of the school district?
10. What do you see as the strengths of the school district?  Quality teaching and opportunities for varied school programs, including alternative options for schooling.
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11. What do you see as the area(s) most needing improvement in the school district?
Additional funding and parent outreach as well as coordination between schools on programs.
12. What other pertinent information would you like the board to consider?
I'm new to the district and would love to provide additional support.

Thank you for completing the Candidate Application and Information Sheet.

Please note that the information provided here becomes public information and may be open to public inspection, including through a California Public records Act Request.

If you have questions about this application, please contact Kerri Lonergan: <a href="klonergan@alamedaunified.org">klonergan@alamedaunified.org</a> or 510.337.7187