



CANDIDATE APPLICATION FORM FOR SANTA ROSA CITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION TRUSTEE AREA 2

Please fill out and return by 4:00 p.m. on March 25, 2026, to the Superintendent's Office (110 Stony Point Road, Suite 210, Santa Rosa, CA 95401) or email to Melanie Martin at mmartin@srcs.k12.ca.us

Date: 3/12/26

Gibbie Hernandez Don J
(Last Name) (First Name) (Initial)

Email Address: [REDACTED]

Business Address: [REDACTED] Phone: [REDACTED]

Home Address: [REDACTED] Phone: [REDACTED]

Are you registered to vote at this address? Yes No

Number of Years Residing in Trustee Area 2 of the District: 29

Occupation: Spanish Tutor

Employer Name: self Contact #: [REDACTED]

Do you have or have you had children in the district's schools? Yes No

If yes, what school(s)? N/A

Please answer the following questions using additional paper if necessary.

1. Why do you want to be a school board member?

To give a fresh perspective
To give a bridge to the Hispanic community
I am half El Salvadorian so I know the
needs of the Hispanic community

2. What do you see as the basic purpose of the public schools?

To make sure that our children
are educated and receive the best
skills for success

3. What is the role of the school board in the fulfillment of that purpose?

To make sure that staff is
carrying out the strategic direction
that the Board advises

4. How does the board's role differ from that of the Superintendent?

The Board is basically the
superintendent's boss
The superintendent reports to the Board

5. What should be the relationship between the board members and the administration in the handling of school concerns?

It should be a collaborative trusting partnership based on a clear, respective division of roles - the board governs while the superintendent manages.

6. Briefly describe your commitment to public education and our local school district.

I have been a teacher for 35 years.
I have tutored Spanish in Santa Rosa for over 20 years to students in grammar and high schools.
Also I have taught special needs including my autistic nephew and niece.

7. What do you see as the strengths of the school district?

The dedication of all special needs teachers is notable.

8. What do you see as the area(s) most needing improvement in the school district?

Giving our gay, lesbian and transgender students the attention they are lacking.

9. Do you have prior experience on a governing board, specifically a school district board?
Please list prior experience.

None

10. Have you worked on any school committees or participated in any school activities recently? Please list them.

No

11. Describe any other community, business, or faith-based activities you have participated in. Describe your role, and whether your work was volunteer or employment-related.

I have been very active in Alcoholics Anonymous and Alanon and Narcotics Anonymous. I got clean and sober when I was 21 years old. I've been in Alanon since I was eight years old. I specialize in sponsoring young addicts. We volunteered in all these programs.