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Superintendent's Office
Santa Rosa City Schools

CANDIDATE APPLICATION FORM FOR TRUSTEE AREA 7

Please fill out and return by 4:00 p.m. on April 20, 2023, to the Superintendent's Office.

Date: 04/02/2023

De La Torre Jeremy S
(Last Name) (First Name) (Initial)

Business Address: _____ Phone: _____

Home Address: [REDACTED] Phone: [REDACTED]

Are you registered to vote at this address? Yes No

E-mail: [REDACTED]

Occupation and Employer: Small Business Owner -- De La Torre Detail

No. of Years Residing in Trustee Area 7 of the District: 24 years

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

If yes, what schools? Rincon Valley Middle School, Maria Carrillo High School

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

I would like to use my work, life, parenting experience and unique perspective to provide a safe environment and encouraging opportunities for educational growth. To be a part of the conversation and decisions to ensure these opportunities are sustainable. Working throughout the district to ensure students have equitable opportunities.

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

The basic purpose of our public schools should be to provide a safe and equitable site for all students to learn and grow academically, emotionally and socially. Public schools should be a Community space where children are welcomed and their curiosity can be encouraged and nurtured to grow with them beyond school.

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

The school board is functioned to set processes and policies working within bylaws to ensure resources needed to meet student and teacher needs are attainable and sustainable. This board should create opportunities for facilities to be functional and safe for all school personnel. To be proper stewards of the financial means necessary and decisions required for our educational goals to be met while continuing to look for ways to enhance and enrich.

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

I have been an advocate for students' academic, social and athletic needs for 31 years. Over those 31 years, I have sat on several volunteer boards to source funding, providing on site resources and enrichments to varied campuses. I have worked directly with school boards to secure funding through bond measures and partial taxes.

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

The strength of this school district is to provide opportunities to a large, diverse community throughout the district's vast region. The district has worked hard to provide equitable opportunities across all sites and encouraged resources identified for students of all learning levels.

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

Site safety.

Clear and timely communication.

Clear and direct boundaries and structured parameters for students to be able to learn in.

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

President of Sequoia Parents Club (8 years)

Co-chair Measure F partial tax steering committee for RVUSD

Vice President of Sequoia Parents Club (11 years)

President of Santa Rosa Lacrosse Club (6 years)

Superintendent hiring committee for RVUSD

Vice President Puma Athletic Boosters (5 years)

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

Puma Athletic Boosters

Project Graduation Committee

Safety Advisory Round Table Santa Rosa City School District (SART)

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

Within the last four years, I have provided a community pay it forward board at Colleen's coffee shop for the community to provide random acts of kindness. As a family, we provide Thanksgiving meals to families in need in conjunction with Ricky's Eastbound and De La Torre Detail. We also donate 15 gift certificates annually to local school nonprofits for their fundraisers. We provided community outreach during the COVID pandemic and all of the wildfires since 2015.