



PALOMAR COUNCIL PTA PRESENTS  
**PUSD BOARD OF EDUCATION  
CANDIDATES' FORUM**

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2016**

**6:00 TO 8:00 PM**

**THE COMMUNITY ROOM**

POWAY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICE  
15250 AVENUE OF SCIENCE, SAN DIEGO, CA 92128

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THIS IMPORTANT EVENT!

ELECTED OFFICIALS' DECISIONS SIGNIFICANTLY AFFECT THE WELL-BEING OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH. THIS FORUM WILL PROVIDE EACH CANDIDATE FOR THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS TO THE PUBLIC. PARENTS, COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND OTHER CONSTITUENTS WILL BE ALLOWED TO BETTER UNDERSTAND THE CANDIDATES' POSITIONS AND MAKE INFORMED VOTING CHOICES FOR THEIR ELECTED REPRESENTATION.

CANDIDATE STATEMENTS INCLUDED ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE

**MODERATED BY THE  
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS**

PALOMAR COUNCIL IS THE UMBRELLA ORGANIZATION REPRESENTING  
ALL PTAS IN THE POWAY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT



**PUSD BOARD FORUM 2016: CANDIDATE BIOS AND STATEMENTS**

**AS SUBMITTED BY EACH CANDIDATE AND LISTED IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER BY LAST NAME**

**OCCUPATION OBTAINED FROM OFFICIAL BALLOT STATEMENT SUBMITTED TO THE REGISTRAR OF VOTERS**

**NICK ANASTASOPOULOS, RESTAURANT OWNER, NICKA@NICKFORPOWAYSCHOOLBOARD.COM**

My promise to you: I will put our children's interest first, as I have done for the past 23 years in this community as a coach, Rec. Council President, Foundation President, Grad Nite Chariman, CHARACTER COUNTS OF SAN DIEGO President, and business owner. I have made a positive difference in every organization and have been honored by numerous organizations for my leadership role. Plain and simple, I want the CHARACTER COUNTS program to mean something to everyone. Instilling the culture of good character is essential to regaining the great reputation of this district.

**KIMBERLEY BEATTY, GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER, PUSD, KIMBERLEY@BEATTY4PUSD.COM / WWW.BEATTY4PUSD.COM**

I am proud that our board is leading a national search for our next superintendent who will create a 21st Century model school district. Our community deserves no less! This accomplishment was a hard fought victory! When I was elected in 2012, our community was outraged by the toxic CAB and demanded real change. Despite strong opposition, I have been steadfast in being the community's voice for change. I will continue to champion responsible governance in order to maximize the community's funds that directly benefit our students. My husband of 25 years and I have four children, all PUSD students.

**DEBRA COOPER, SCHOOL FOUNDATION VOLUNTEER, COOPER4PUSD@GMAIL.COM; WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/COOPER4PUSD**

As an 11-year volunteer and mother of two PUSD students, I understand our schools. I was founding president for the Willow Grove Foundation and The D39C Collaborative, and a director for the Sunset Hills and Black Mountain Foundations. I've also served on School Site Councils at three PUSD schools, and on districtwide Community Budget and Real Property Advisory Committees. I am experienced in marketing, research, and public affairs and can analyze complex issues. I collaborate to achieve goals and am endorsed by Poway Federation of Teachers and The Coalition for Effective School Board Leadership.

**JIMMY KARAM, EDUCATOR/MILITARY OFFICER, JIMMY.E.KARAM@GMAIL.COM**

I have over 20 years of proven leadership experience in Academic/Operational Administration, Government Contracting/Acquisitions, and Budget/Financial Management. A graduate from the United States Naval Academy, I later earned my MBA from USC's Marshall School of Business. My strong background in business disciplines and passion for education and team building is second to none. I will bring solid, tried and true leadership fostered with integrity and accountability back to Poway Unified Schools. I am married with four children, two attend Poway High, one attends Garden Road Elementary, and the youngest with a backpack and no school...as of yet.

**JOHN "CHAS" MORIARTY, EDUCATOR, CHASM1965@GMAIL.COM**

After my time as a Naval Officer, I received my teaching credentials and Master's in Education. I spent the next 32 years as a Special Education Teacher, Regular Education Teacher, Staff Developer and as an Elementary School Principal. I have spent over 18 years as a volunteer in the Poway School District, including being selected as the Poway Unified's Volunteer of the Year. My time volunteering in the district included working at school sites and on District level Advisory Committees. Since retiring, I have worked with beginning teachers and teachers in the District working on their certificates for teaching students with autism.

**TERRY NORWOOD, EDUCATION/MILITARY ADVOCATE, NORWOOD4SCHOOLBOARD@GMAIL.COM**

My two children graduated from PUSD. As PTSA President, I worked to strengthen parents' engagement in their children's education, encouraged students to take ownership in their school, and fostered a supportive environment for teachers and staff. I am a respected 16 year RB leader who responds to community's concerns and provides well-managed and solution-focused plans and oversight. I will provide transparency, collaboration, accountability, and integrity. I will Work for YOU to ensure education equality, family advocacy, stewardship, and organizational leadership. I am passionate about strengthening families and our community and will ensure EVERY voice is heard.

**DARSHANA PATEL, PH.D. SCIENTIST, PATEL4PUSD@GMAIL.COM; WWW.PATEL4PUSD.WORDPRESS.COM**

I am civic-minded scientist, parent, and community leader dedicated to educational excellence in PUSD. Since my three young daughters attend PUSD schools, I am vested in high-quality education for years to come. If elected, I will strive for excellence in curriculum, finance, and staffing; balance resources between STEM, arts and whole child; and advocate for participation and collaboration with our community to rebuild trust. My breadth and depth of leadership gives me the experiential diversity necessary to be part of a solution-focused board of education. Our children's education is my top priority and it's time for positive change. Elect Patel4PUSD!

**STANLEY "STAN" RODKIN, RETIRED MECHANICAL ENGINEER, SMR5830@SAN.RR.COM**

I served on the PUSD Board back when the District's deservedly outstanding reputation was being built. The recent negative publicity is saddening and I want to put my 13 years of previous, well respected Board Member experience and conservative values to work to help get the District on the right track again. I believe there is too much pressure on test scores and I support vocational education for the good jobs available. Your School Board needs new blood. It also needs an experienced, steady hand on the wheel. I offer that experienced, fiscally responsible steady hand..

**CAROL WARE, COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER, WAREFORPUSD@GMAIL.COM; FACEBOOK.COM/WAREFORPUSD**

I put children first! In my 20 years of serving on nonprofit Boards, the last 11 years I've served as a President and as a Director on 4 Foundation Boards in the Poway Unified School District. I witnessed and addressed first-hand the needs of students, teachers, administrators. That leadership and extensive Board experience enhance my ability to work collaboratively with others in bringing back fiscal responsibility, all the while putting children first. I will be the voice of children and parents, unwavering in my dedication to ensuring that PUSD's \$350 million dollar budget is spent prioritizing our children.

**PTA DOES NOT ENDORSE CANDIDATES. FOR MORE INFO: CONTACT: SUSAN YONEZAWA, SYONEZAWA@UCSD.EDU**