

## View results

Respondent

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Anonymous

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Time to complete

1. I have been... \*

Appointed

Nominated

2. Your signature indicates your consent to be placed on the ballot and serve as a Delegate, if elected \*

Yolanda C Pena Mendrek

3. Full name \*

Yolanda C Pena Mendrek

4. Region/subregion \*

7A



5. Name of District or COE \*

Liberty Union High School District

6. Years on board \*

15

7. Profession

Retired Educator - School Administrator

8. Contact number \*

925-382-2869

9. Primary email address \*

ymendrek@aol.com

10. Are you an incumbent Delegate? \*

Yes

No

11. Why are you interested in becoming a Delegate? Please describe the skills and experiences you would bring to the Delegate Assembly. \*

I would like to continue serving as a Delegate where I bring my commitment to inquiry and participate in the review of policies that will impact the lives of millions of children in California. My strong leadership, organizational and advocacy skills have served me well in my local board and with CSBA where I have attended several advocacy activities.

12. Please describe your activities and involvement on your local board, community, and/or CSBA. \*

I have served on my local school board since 2006. I am currently a Delegate and I previously served as Director of Region 7. I have been involved in several committees at local levels such as Contra Costa County Library Commissioner, and Contra Costa County School Board Association where I served as President and Treasurer, I have been a member of the Brentwood and Oakley Inter-Agency. I have served as CSBA Delegate and Director where I participated in the Finance and Audit Committees. I am a graduate of Masters in Governance. I have participated in Advocacy in Sacramento and I attended the CSBA Inaugural Coast2Coast advocacy trip.

13. What do you see as the biggest challenge facing governing boards and how can CSBA help address it? \*

The biggest challenge facing governing boards is the inability of government to provide adequate and reliable school funding. Consequently school districts are unable to properly plan to serve all students socioeconomic needs, and their multiple special needs.



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16:29

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1. I have been... \*

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Marina G. Ramos

3. Full name \*

Marina Guadalupe Ramos

4. Region/subregion \*

7A



5. Name of District or COE \*

John Swett Unified School District

6. Years on board \*

8

7. Profession

Nonprofit Youth Organization Founder/Director

8. Contact number \*

5106729462

9. Primary email address \*

mramos@jsusd.org

10. Are you an incumbent Delegate? \*

Yes

No

11. Why are you interested in becoming a Delegate? Please describe the skills and experiences you would bring to the Delegate Assembly. \*

I am a MIG graduate, and I have advocated for education through CSBA Legislative Day of Action in Sacramento for over 3 years. I believe in and support CSBA's vision and mission statements. I have represented CSBA as a delegate for Region 7A and have successfully disseminated important information from CSBA Delegate Assemblies to my constituents in our regions as well as the county of Contra Costa.

12. Please describe your activities and involvement on your local board, community, and/or CSBA. \*

I represent the John Swett Unified School District in several community committees, advocating for funds and local resources. I am an Executive Officer for the Contra Costa County School Boards Association on which I collaborated with the rest of the executive board officers in planning and executing meetings, workshops, and learning opportunities for 18 districts in our membership. I have served as a Delegate for Region 7A for several years on which I attended Legislative Day of Actions in Sacramento California, advocating for needs and issues solutions from our politicians.

13. What do you see as the biggest challenge facing governing boards and how can CSBA help address it? \*

Funding is the biggest challenge, the second challenge is students mental health and behavior. Transportation and shortage of teachers.





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05:24

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Mary Helen Rocha

3. Full name \*

Mary Helen Rocha

4. Region/subregion \*

7A



5. Name of District or COE \*

Antioch Unified School District

6. Years on board \*

21 (including 5 previous terms)

7. Profession

Retired

8. Contact number \*

925-207-7220

9. Primary email address \*

Maryrocha4antioch@gmail.com

10. Are you an incumbent Delegate? \*

Yes

No

11. Why are you interested in becoming a Delegate? Please describe the skills and experiences you would bring to the Delegate Assembly. \*

I have been a Delegate for Region 7 for the last 4 years and would like to continue. I was a member of the 2021 CSBA conference committee held in San Diego where I was given the privilege of introducing the speakers for one of the workshops. I was also invited to be one of three judges to select the delegate for districts with tied delegate election results.

I also have more than 30 years of public service through elected offices as a School Board Member and a City Council Member, and I was the first Latina to be elected as Mayor of my city.

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I completed the CSBA Masters in Governance courses 1 & 2, which were held in Oakland. At the local level, I represented our Board on our School District/City Joint Committee and was a member of the committee for our LCAP Master Plan revision, which was adopted in June 2021. I also served as an AUSD Personnel Commissioner.

I am actively involved in the community with the Antioch Woman's Club, Co-President; the GFWC Mt. Diablo District, District Chair; the Brighter Beginnings Community Clinic Board, Board Member; and the Delta Learning Center Board, Board Member.

13. What do you see as the biggest challenge facing governing boards and how can CSBA help address it? \*

Finance continues to be one of our biggest challenges, especially as we continue to resolve the COVID-19 issues that continue to affect our students, staff, and families. The one-time funding has been helpful in addressing some needs, but there are restrictions and deadlines on its use.

School districts need help addressing the challenges to funding that is based on average daily attendance (ADA) as absences related to COVID-19 continue to cause a huge decrease in ADA at the same time that districts are experiencing declining enrollment. Additionally, the Governor is projecting a budget shortfall this year that will negatively affect educational funding at a time when it is critical that districts keep their expanded mental health supports and afterschool programs in place.

Support is also needed in addressing the high cost of district-required contributions to CalSTRS and CalPERS. The CalSTRS rate is 19.1%. The CalPERS rate is currently 26.6% and will rise to 28.3% in 2025-26.

Districts also continue to need adequate funding from the Federal government for Special Education. Although funding did recently increase, it is still not sufficient to meet the program requirements for special education students.

We as school Board Members need to be the voice for our students and families as partners with CSBA, share issues from our communities in order to get support from CSBA, and work with elected officials to provide them with a better understanding regarding the education needs in our schools.