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<p style="text-align: center;">Cloverdale Unified School District</p> <hr/> <p>PRESTON ADDISON Age: 50 Occupation: Small Business Owner</p> <p>My dedication to education in Cloverdale spans over two decades. With ten years of classroom experience, most at Cloverdale High, I understand the need for innovative science and math programs and the importance of creative, realistic, and adaptive responses to the changing needs of our community. While committed to academics, CUSD needs to expand our vocational programs. During my tenure on the Board, Maker and Construction programs were implemented. As the owner of a construction business, I recognize the growing need we face for talented workers in the agriculture and building industries.</p> <p>Based on community and staff input, I have actively promoted several new construction projects including the first permanent classrooms constructed here in decades, an all-weather track and field, and a new gym.</p> <p>Having grown up in a rural town, I understand the unique needs of small schools and the importance of community. If I am re-elected, I will continue to strengthen the connections between our city, service groups, businesses, and schools.</p> <p>My qualifications for this position include teaching and school board experience, and local business ownership. My children have attended all three Cloverdale schools, and I remain committed to contributing to the educational success of our students.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Distrito Escolar Unificado de Cloverdale</p> <hr/> <p>PRESTON ADDISON Edad: 50 Ocupación: Propietario de Pequeña Empresa</p> <p>Mi dedicación por la educación en Cloverdale abarca casi dos décadas. Con diez años de experiencia en los salones de clase, la mayoría de ellos en la Escuela Preparatoria de Cloverdale, entiendo la necesidad de contar con programas innovadores de ciencias y matemáticas, así como la importancia de tener respuestas creativas, realistas y que se adapten a las cambiantes necesidades de nuestra comunidad. Si bien estoy comprometido con el ámbito académico, CUSD necesita ampliar los programas vocacionales. Durante mi titularidad en la Junta, se implementaron programas de Fabricación y Construcción. Como dueño de una empresa de construcción, reconozco la creciente necesidad de contar con trabajadores talentosos en las industrias dedicadas a la agricultura y la construcción.</p> <p>Con base en la contribución de la comunidad y el personal, he promovido de manera activa varios proyectos nuevos de construcción, incluidos los primeros salones de clase permanentes que se construyeron aquí en décadas, una pista de atletismo resistente a todo tipo de clima y un nuevo gimnasio.</p> <p>El hecho de haber crecido en un pueblo rural, me ha permitido entender las necesidades únicas de las escuelas pequeñas y la importancia de la comunidad. Si me reeligen, continuaré fortaleciendo las relaciones entre nuestra ciudad, los grupos de servicio, empresas y escuelas.</p> <p>Mis cualificaciones para este cargo incluyen mi experiencia en la enseñanza y en la junta escolar, además de ser propietario de una empresa local. Mis hijos asistieron a las tres escuelas en Cloverdale y sigo comprometido a contribuir al éxito educativo de nuestros estudiantes.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Cloverdale Unified School District</p> <hr/> <p>JOHANNES J. HOEVERTSZ Age: 53 Occupation: Civil Engineer</p> <p>As a Civil Engineer and proud member of our community, I am committed to making our schools a valuable resource for our students. I am running for school board because I believe in the value of public education as a tool for growth, development, and advancement. I want to work with teachers, parents and the community to ensure Cloverdale Unified School District students receive the skills necessary to be ready for their future. With this goal in mind, I know we can provide our students greater opportunities.</p> <p>My education, background and experience as an engineer and administrator have prepared me to advocate on behalf of educators, students and families. As an administrator, I understand the realities of working within budgets, managing personnel issues, and offering creative solutions.</p> <p>If elected, I will diligently work in developing relationships with stakeholders and supporting academic engaging initiatives that will prepare our students in a safe environment. I respectfully ask for your vote come November.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Distrito Escolar Unificado de Cloverdale</p> <hr/>



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<p>GABRIELA MENDOZA-TORRES Age: 31 Occupation: Teacher, Parent</p> <p>My name is Gabriela Mendoza-Torres, I'm a parent, teacher and proud member of the Cloverdale community. I'm running for Cloverdale Unified School Board Trustee to engage diverse community voices in the creation of our vision for a district that is safe, inclusive, and focused on student success.</p> <p>I am proud of my local roots-my immigrant family has worked the Alexander Valley grape fields for over 30 years. I am a graduate of Cloverdale High School; at University of California, Santa Cruz, I earned my Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry and my Master of Arts degree in Education with a teaching credential emphasizing social justice.</p> <p>As a STEM-oriented, bicultural educator among K-12 students and parents, I offer an approach centered in communication, inclusion and advocacy. This is a unique moment for change and opportunity to improve distance learning, literacy rates, ethnic studies and retention among students and teachers. As an advocate for equity through the power of representation, I aim to ensure that our schools offer continuity, community resources and a sense of belonging as we continue adjusting to the pandemic and ongoing challenges. For more information, please visit VoteGabriela.com.</p>	<p>GABRIELA MENDOZA-TORRES Edad: 31 Ocupación: Maestra, Madre de Familia</p> <p>Mi nombre es Gabriela Mendoza-Torres, soy madre de familia, maestra y orgullosamente miembro de la comunidad de Cloverdale. Me postulo como Fideicomisaria de la Junta Escolar Unificada de Cloverdale para reunir a las diversas voces de la comunidad en la creación de nuestra visión para tener un distrito seguro, inclusivo y enfocado en el éxito estudiantil.</p> <p>Estoy orgullosa de mis raíces locales-mi familia inmigrante ha trabajado en los viñedos de Alexander Valley durante más de 30 años. Me gradué de la Preparatoria de Cloverdale; en la Universidad de California en Santa Cruz, obtuve mi Licenciatura en Química y mi maestría en Educación, con cualificación de docente especializada en justicia social.</p> <p>Como educadora bicultural, orientada a STEM entre alumnos desde el jardín de niños hasta el grado 12 y padres de familia, ofrezco una estrategia centrada en la comunicación, la inclusión y la defensa. Este es un momento único para el cambio y una oportunidad para mejorar el aprendizaje a distancia, las tasas de alfabetización, los estudios étnicos y la retención entre estudiantes y maestros. Como defensora de la justicia mediante el poder de la representación, mi objetivo es garantizar que nuestras escuelas ofrezcan continuidad, recursos comunitarios y un sentido de pertenencia conforme seguimos adaptándonos a la pandemia y los retos actuales. Para más información, por favor visite VoteGabriela.com.</p>