



LUSD SCHOOL BOARD ENDORSEMENTS

Katherine King for Area 3

Jeremy Duncan for Area 4

Deanne Barth for Area 5

This is perhaps the most critically important role a citizen can take-on in the current culture. A good education for the next generation of citizens is paramount for them and our country. They're our children, whom we love, and pray they will have the best life possible. To achieve this goal, they must have a great education. Beginning with learning how to read by the third grade, then writing, math and the life-long important skill of critical thinking. Also, by having parents actively involved in their child's education.

The Chamber believes a School District is really a huge business. Its trustees are similar to a Board of Directors for a large business. LUSD Trustees are directly responsible for a Four- Hundred Million Dollar organization, with thousands of employees and tens of thousands of **students**. We know seventy-percent of LUSD students do not qualify for a four-year College experience. If the district were a business and 70% of their end-product was less than top performing, it might not be around for long. In California, our district is performing like most districts, just average. We ask Why? And, How can we improve student outcomes?

If business people, and also parents were on the board, will it help LUSD leadership? Three candidates we met made us hopeful it is possible. The three are parents who teach their children to respect others, especially their teachers. Two are successful business owners. The third is a former flight crew member who flew our soldiers in and out of Iraq. Today she is a mother of five, another form of bravery!

One has been a Finance Manager for 20 years, the other owns a successful tax business. One is quoted as saying, "He knows how to find, save and make money for businesses." They were all very thoughtful with their answers to our questions, by coming up with logical solutions and giving solid answers. They lean fiscally conservative, and they all said their responsibility is to make sure the district is fiscally

responsible and transparent. All three candidates are one-hundred percent for providing the best education for students, which is above all else.

As we interviewed the third candidate. She brought to our minds a perceived value the chamber has contemplated for some time. That is to balance the board of trustees with parents, who are committed to the students first, and also know their way around a financial balance sheet.

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For Trustee Area 3

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