

2016 Delegate Assembly Candidate Biographical Sketch Form

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Please complete, sign and date this required one-page candidate biographical sketch form. An optional, one-page, single-sided, résumé may also be submitted; both will be copied exactly as received. Please do not state "see résumé" and please do not re-type this form. Any additional page(s) exceeding this one-page candidate form will **not** be accepted. It is the candidate's responsibility to confirm that all nomination materials have been received by the CSBA Leadership Services department. Late submissions will not be accepted. If you have any questions, please contact Leadership Services department at (800) 266-3382.

Name: <u>Alisa MacAvoy</u>	CSBA Region-subregion #: <u>5-B</u>
District or COE Name: <u>Redwood City Elementary School District</u>	Years on board: <u>8 years</u>
Profession: <u>Community Advocate</u>	Contact Number: <u>(650)888-5933</u>
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Are you a continuing Delegate? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, how long have you served as a Delegate? <u>4 years</u>	

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

I want the CSBA to be a strong organization advocating for policy and funding changes to education at the State and National level. I also want to ensure that the CSBA continues to provide high quality services to school districts. I have been an active member of the Delegate Assembly the last four years attending all meetings and advocating for the education needs of students in San Mateo County and California. I have served on the CSBA Legislative Committee reviewing important education-related legislation. I recently served on the CSBA Nominating Committee for the Executive Board. I have attended many CSBA Legislative Action days and I regularly meet with our local State Legislators advocating for public education.

I routinely meet with School Board Trustees and Superintendents in our county so that I can fully represent all the varied interests, not just my own school district interests. I would be honored to continue serving on the Delegate Assembly, and if re-elected, I promise to do my very best in representing our area.

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

I have served on the Redwood City School Board for 8 years where I am currently the Board President. I have been on numerous board committees including policy, wellness, LCAP, parcel tax feasibility, community outreach, and homework. I have helped with many parcel tax and bond measures. For 20 years, I have volunteered with PTAs, Education Foundations and local non-profits.

I am the Immediate Past President of the San Mateo County School Boards Association having just served four years as President and Vice President. I have helped organize numerous educational forums and meetings in SMC and I co-chair the Kent Awards.

I have been a Delegate to the CSBA for 4 years, serving on numerous committees and presenting at the CSBA annual conferences. I recently served on the State Superintendent of Public Instruction's Environmental Literacy Task Force.

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

Education Funding - School districts in California have been inadequately funded for years. We are well below the national average in per student funding. And, in some areas, San Mateo County being one of them, the cost of living is extremely high so we need much more than the national average per student funding in order to provide a high quality education. We must work with CSBA and our education partners to secure more school district funding for operating expenses and facility improvement expenses.

Reserve Cap - We must continue to support CSBA and work with our State Legislators to repeal the reserve cap. This creates a bad precedent and goes against local control. It would be devastating to our students if the reserve cap had to be implemented.

Local Control - We need to strengthen local control by providing school districts similar flexibilities allowed to charter schools. We need to focus on student outcomes and reduce burdensome requirements that do not help with student achievement.

Your signature indicates your consent to have your name placed on the ballot and to serve as a Delegate, if elected.

Signature: Alisa MacAvoy

Date: 01/04/16

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COMMUNITY SERVICE:

Redwood City School District, Board Trustee, current Board President 2007 – present
Locally elected official governing preK-8th grade school district of 9500 students, 16 schools

San Mateo County School Boards Association, Immediate Past President 2007 - present
Board member advocating for public education and supporting school board trustees and educators in SMC by providing networking and educational opportunities

California School Boards Association and Statewide Education 2007 - present
CSBA Delegate, CSBA Legislative Committee member, CSBA Nominating Committee member, State Superintendent of Public Instruction's Environmental Literacy Task Force Member and regular Presenter at the CA School Boards Association Annual Education Conferences

School Boards, Parent Teacher Organizations, Site Councils, Volunteer 1998 – present
Little Hands School Board President, Carlmont Parents Nursery School Board President, Clifford Elementary School PTO President, Clifford and North Star Site Council member, Redwood City Education Foundation volunteer, Classroom volunteer, Musical Producer

Redwood City 2020, Leadership Council Member 2014 – present
Leadership Council Member of Redwood City Collaborative working together to build a healthy and vibrant community for all residents

Sequoia High School Education Foundation, Member 2014 – present
Major donor lead raising funds to help with much needed programs at diverse high school

Family Connections, Advisor, Board Member and Fundraising Chair 2004 – present
Advisor to non-profit providing educational services to low-income students and families

Peninsula Open Space Trust Skyline Committee, Member, Chair 2004 – present
Chair of donor engagement committee for POST which has helped save over 75,000 acres of local open space for all to enjoy

Redwood City Woman's Club, Member 2009 - present
Member of non-profit giving back to the community through financial donations and services to charitable organizations

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency – engineer and manager 1986 – 1998
Staff and manager for federal environmental programs located in CA, AZ, NV, HI, Wash DC

EDUCATION:

Stanford University, Stanford, CA

- **B.S. Civil Engineering** 1985
- **M.S. Civil Engineering, Energy and Environmental Planning** 1987

CA School Boards Association Masters in Governance, Sacramento, CA 2008

Redwood City San Mateo County Leadership Program 2014 – 2015

PERSONAL:

Alisa lives in Redwood City with her husband of 20 years and their two teenage daughters. She cares deeply about the community and wants the very best for youth and families.