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<p style="text-align: center;">Sonoma County Junior College District Santa Rosa Area</p> <hr/> <p>CAROLINE BAÑUELOS Occupation: University Community Coordinator</p> <p>I believe in our Junior College. It is the gateway to upward mobility for thousands of our residents. We have to make sure it remains financially viable, welcoming of diversity and is led with the highest of integrity.</p> <p>Currently I work for Sonoma State University where I run community partnerships and service-learning programs. My job is to connect the community to opportunities in higher education and, similarly, to assist student learning by connecting them to service in their community. Creating opportunities and service is also why I'm running for SRJC Trustee.</p> <p>My roots in our community run deep. I attended SRJC before I graduated from Sonoma State. In recent years, I was Chair of the Community and Local Law Enforcement Task Force to recommend reforms in law enforcement; served four years on the Santa Rosa Planning Commission; six years on the Board of Social Advocates for Youth (SAY); co-founded the Sonoma County Latino Democratic Club; currently Board Vice President of KBBF and co-chair of Cinco de Mayo in Roseland for the last 15 years.</p> <p>I'm passionate about community service and education, and have been my entire life. Now, I respectfully ask for your vote for SRJC Board.</p> <p>CarolineBanuelos.com</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Distrito del Colegio Preuniversitario del Condado de Sonoma Área de Santa Rosa</p> <hr/> <p>CAROLINE BAÑUELOS Ocupación: Coordinadora de la Comunidad Universitaria</p> <p>Creo en nuestra Educación Superior. Es la puerta a una movilidad en ascenso para miles de nuestros residentes. Tenemos que asegurarnos de que siga siendo económicamente viable, de que acoga la diversidad y de que sea dirigida con la más alta integridad.</p> <p>Actualmente trabajo para la Sonoma State University donde gestiono alianzas comunitarias y programas de aprendizaje por medio del servicio. Mi trabajo consiste en conectar a la comunidad con oportunidades de educación superior y, asimismo, ayudar al aprendizaje de los estudiantes conectándolos con el servicio en su comunidad. Crear oportunidades y servicio también es la razón por la que me postulo para Síndica del SRJC.</p> <p>Mis raíces en nuestra comunidad son profundas. Asistí al SRJC antes de graduarme de la Sonoma State. En años recientes, fui Presidenta del Equipo de Trabajo de las Fuerzas del Orden Público Comunitarias y Locales, donde recomendé reformas a la aplicación de la ley; serví cuatro años en la Comisión de Planeación de Santa Rosa; seis años en la Junta de Social Advocates for Youth (SAY); soy cofundadora del Sonoma County Latino Democratic Club; actualmente soy Vicepresidenta de la Junta de la KBBF y copresidenta de Cinco de Mayo en Roseland los últimos 15 años.</p> <p>Me apasiona el servicio a la comunidad y la educación, y así ha sido toda mi vida. Ahora, con respeto le pido su voto para la Junta del SRJC.</p> <p>CarolineBanuelos.com</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Sonoma County Junior College District Santa Rosa Area</p> <hr/> <p>DON EDGAR Age: 61 Occupation: Incumbent</p> <p>It's a privilege to serve SRJC as a Trustee for 12 years. I'm passionate about SRJC, and our California Community Colleges. Recent times have presented unique challenges. More than ever, I remain committed to serving SRJC. During uncertain times, SRJC must be strong and stable. I want to weather the current environment, and continue strategic work that will position SRJC to thrive in decades ahead. I want to focus on ways to meet all needs, and create a relevant and modern SRJC. SRJC is a beloved institution.</p> <p>Since elected Trustee in 2008, great things have been accomplished. We created a culture of college expectancy in Sonoma County Youth, and embraced Student Success</p> <p>My priorities support student success by increasing the number of students who reach their educational goals, whether they transfer or earn certificates, and also decreasing the time to attain goals.</p> <p>I support the local economy by modernizing our career technical education programs to align with 21st century jobs. At SRJC, businesses can grow through training programs like the Regional Small Business Development Center, and the Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Business Program.</p> <p>My campaign builds on successes that make SRJC the best community college in California.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Distrito del Colegio Preuniversitario del Condado de Sonoma Área de Santa Rosa</p> <hr/> <p>DON EDGAR Edad: 61 Ocupación: Titular</p> <p>Es un privilegio servir en el SRJC como Síndico desde hace 12 años. Me apasiona el SRJC y nuestros Colegios Comunitarios de California. Últimamente, hemos enfrentado desafíos únicos. Más que nunca, sigo comprometido con servir al SRJC. En tiempos de incertidumbre, el SRJC debe ser fuerte y estable.</p> <p>Deseo hacer frente al entorno actual y continuar el trabajo estratégico que permita que el SRJC prospere en las décadas por venir. Quiero enfocarme en maneras de satisfacer las necesidades y crear un SRJC importante y moderno. El SRJC es una institución muy querida.</p> <p>Desde que fui electo síndico en 2008, se han logrado grandes cosas. Creamos una cultura de expectativa universitaria en la Juventud del Condado de Sonoma y hemos acogido el Éxito Estudiantil</p> <p>Mis prioridades apoyan el éxito estudiantil aumentando el número de estudiantes que logran sus objetivos educativos, ya sea que se transfieran u obtengan certificados, y también disminuyendo el tiempo para alcanzar las metas.</p> <p>Apoyo la economía local modernizando nuestros programas de educación en carreras técnicas para que se alineen con los empleos del siglo XXI. En el SRJC, los negocios pueden crecer mediante programas de capacitación como el Centro Regional de Desarrollo de Pequeñas Empresas y el programa de Goldman Sachs para 10,000 Pequeñas Empresas.</p> <p>Mi campaña se basa en éxitos que hacen del SRJC el mejor colegio comunitario en California.</p>



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<p style="text-align: center;">Sonoma County Junior College District Santa Rosa Area</p> <hr/> <p>MARIANA G. MARTINEZ Age: 39 Occupation: Incumbent/Educator</p> <p>For nearly twenty years I've been committed to educational equity; ensuring that all students have access to a high quality and rigorous education. I earned my doctoral degree in Education Policy, Organization and Leadership and currently serve as Director for the College Assistance Migrant Program at Mendocino College. From teaching third graders to read at a grade-level to managing and developing programs that help students apply to colleges and graduate schools and assisting doctoral students to earn their degree, I have extensive experience.</p> <p>Our current environment coupled with Sonoma County's economic reality means higher education is no longer a luxury but a necessity to help residents provide for themselves and their families. SRJC plays a critical role in meeting this need. I have the knowledge, skills and experience to ensure accountability, access and success!</p> <p>Student success requires support – academic, financial, and emotional. That's why I support increasing counselors and tenure track faculty. Financial support is more than just financial aid, it's also about food and housing security. I'll continue to work towards bringing affordable student housing back to Santa Rosa Junior College and expanding financial supports.</p> <p>I humbly ask for your re-election vote so I may continue working towards creating a stronger SRJC, a stronger community!</p> <p>www.marianafortrustee.com</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Distrito del Colegio Preuniversitario del Condado de Sonoma Área de Santa Rosa</p> <hr/> <p>MARIANA G. MARTINEZ Edad: 39 Ocupación: Titular/Educadora</p> <p>Durante casi veinte años he estado comprometida con la igualdad de la educación al garantizar que todos los estudiantes tengan acceso a educación de alta calidad y rigurosa. Obtuve mi doctorado en Política Educativa, Organización y Liderazgo, y actualmente sirvo como Directora del Programa de Asistencia de Colegio para Migrantes, en Mendocino College. Desde enseñar a estudiantes de tercer grado a leer al nivel de su grado escolar hasta gestionar y desarrollar programas que ayuden a los estudiantes a solicitar su ingreso al colegio y posgrado, y ayudar a estudiantes de doctorado a que obtengan su título, cuento con amplia experiencia.</p> <p>Nuestro entorno actual aunado con la realidad económica del Condado de Sonoma significa que la educación superior ya no es un lujo, sino una necesidad para ayudar a los residentes a mantenerse a sí mismos y a sus familias. El SRJC juega un papel fundamental para satisfacer esta necesidad. ¡Tengo el conocimiento, las habilidades y la experiencia para garantizar la rendición de cuentas, el acceso y el éxito!</p> <p>El éxito estudiantil necesita apoyo – académico, financiero y emocional. Por eso apoyo el aumento de asesores y profesores que buscan puestos permanentes. El apoyo financiero es más que solamente ayuda financiera: también se trata de seguridad de vivienda y alimentos. Seguiré trabajando para regresar las viviendas para estudiantes asequibles al Colegio Preuniversitario de Santa Rosa y ampliar los apoyos financieros.</p> <p>Humildemente le pido su voto de reelección para poder seguir trabajando para crear un SRJC más fuerte, ¡una comunidad más fuerte!</p> <p>www.marianafortrustee.com</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Sonoma County Junior College District Santa Rosa Area</p> <hr/> <p>KERRY D.Q. REGO Occupation: Consultant/Educator</p> <p>I am running for the board of trustees for the Sonoma County Junior College, Santa Rosa Area because I feel I have a unique set of skills that are useful. I have a strong connection to SRJC due to being raised in Santa Rosa, having attended the school, and as an educator - this is my school.</p> <p>I am a self-employed social media consultant that helps my clients to adapt their organizational structures to the digital world. I am passionate about educating my clients and the public on this relatively new discipline. Due to my focus on adaptation and education, several schools have requested I teach the topic.</p> <p>I have taught social media and digital marketing in SRJC Community Education classes, Computer Studies, and Agriculture / Natural Resources. I have taught at Windsor High School and Sonoma State University. My background of teaching on a variety of campuses gives me a broad set of experiences to draw on.</p> <p>I am an active community member and often use my skill set to benefit causes in the short and long term including sitting on the board of the Santa Rosa Metro Chamber. I am excited to put my knowledge to use in this capacity.</p>	