



Candidate Questionnaire – August 2022

Please Answer All Questions

Name (First, Last)

- Justin Brown

Preferred Name (If different than campaign name)

- N/A

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- He/Him/ His

What office are you seeking?

- County Board of Education, Trustee Area 5

Campaign Address

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1.1 - Why are you running for this office? Give no more than your three top reasons.

- I'm running for this office because I believe that we can build better public schools by 1) offering an equitable and inclusive education that works for all our students. 2) ensuring our

educators are compensated fairly, and 3) working to ensure our budget is always in the black while adequately funding services for students most in need. I hope to serve my County and all of my East County constituents.

1.2 - What is your understanding of the job?

I understand that the County Board of Education:

- Offers leadership and financial oversight to the several school districts in the county.
- Accepts and approves the budget of the County Office of Education.
- Reviews certain changes in curriculum and programs (juvenile justice, special education, etc.) offered by the County Office of Education
- Drafts and passes resolutions around educational issues
- Encourages community collaboration to help support all our students.

1.3 - What personal and professional qualifications do you believe make you the best candidate?

- A few personal and professional qualifications that make me the best candidate for the job include: 1) As a father of two kids, I am a strong advocate for our public schools, 2) I have a background in business and finance, 3) I am a selfless leader willing to serve for the betterment of our community with integrity, prudence, collaboration, innovation and diligence.

1.4 - What are your top issues?

- My top issues are 1) Transparency in the Office of Education, 2) Fair compensation for educators so that our students have the best opportunities and teachers available to them during their time in our K-12 system and beyond, 3) Increased resources for our juvenile justice schools and special education so that all students have a strong education.

1.4.1 How do you plan on achieving them?

- I plan on achieving these by working closely with the different members on the county board and district boards, our party, and our community.

1.5- Please feel free to include any additional information you would like us to consider in evaluating your candidacy.

- I am an active member of the Democratic Party of Contra Costa County, volunteering most weekends at the DPCCC and Marsh Creek table at the Farmers Market. I am not afraid to stand up for my party, our issues, and our community. I work tirelessly as a member on different committees and always willing to offer a helping hand whenever needed. As a father of two school age children I understand the issues our students face today. I am committed to

working with our party, our community, and our educators to ensure our public schools are the best option for all of our students.

1.6 - This is a 3-Part Question:

Why are you seeking our endorsement?

- As a Democrat I believe in our values and support our platform. I am seeking the Marsh Creek Democratic Clubs endorsement because I want to reach the numerous Democrats within our area.

How will you use our endorsement?

- I will use the endorsement to get our voters to the polls for our general election.

How will you support other endorsed candidates and issues?

- I will support other endorsed candidates and our issues by walking, phone banking, and whatever else is necessary to help get our candidates elected and our issues brought to the community.

2.4 - If elected, what would you do to advance more equity, diversity, and inclusion?

- If elected I would do everything in my power to advance more equity, diversity, and inclusion. I would first start with a collective of board members, community members, and educators to bring the areas that need to be addressed to light and brainstorm ways on how we can implement policy, programs, trainings/seminars, or town halls to help further advance an equitable, diverse, and inclusive educational system.

2.8 - Please list any clubs, boards, commissions, and /or organizations with which you are an active member, including the length of your affiliation and any leadership position you hold/held.

- I am a member of the Marsh Creek Dem club, I am a member of the DPCCC. I started off as a fellow in the 2020 election with the CADem coordinated campaigns, became an associate member in 2021, and a regular voting member in 2022. I have been an ADEM Delegate since 2021. I am a member of the NAACP East County Chapter (2020).

If you like, you may submit a biography and/ or resume in the section below. (Optional)