

# DPCCC Candidate Questionnaire - 2022

## General Election

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### Section 1: Candidate Information

Name (First, Last) \*

Annette Lewis

Preferred Name (If different than campaign name)

Annette Lewis

Pronouns \*

She/Her/ Hers

He/Him/ His

They/Them/ Theirs

Ze/Zie/ Hir/Hir

Other:

What office are you seeking? \*

Contra Costa County Board of Education, Area 5

CA FPPC ID # \*

1407721

Campaign Address \*

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Campaign Consultant/ Manager \*

None

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Social Media Handles \*

None

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

I feel I have the experience and knowledge to best serve the students/communities the board serves

1.2 - What is your understanding of the job? \*

The Contra Costa County Board of Education has many responsibilities. Board members are important participants in the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) for the Court and Community Schools managed by the Contra Costa Office of Education. They approve the curriculum in these county-run schools and programs as well. They address appeals on student matters including expulsions, school transfer requests, and charter school petitions. They review and approve the CCCOE budget. The board adopts a standard list of school supplies, educational media, and supplemental materials used in the local districts throughout the county. The board has oversight of the charter schools chartered under the county board of education. Board members serve as the Committee for School District Organization, which reviews district boundary change requests. The board also helps support and educate the community on the programs run by the office of education. Additionally, the board also provides information and support to the local school district governing boards.

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

I worked in the Oakley Union School as a Substitute Teacher for 4 years prior to election. Previously I worked as a classroom aide and substitute aide for the same district. I have over 25 years as a school volunteer and PTA leader. My PTA leadership roles included local leadership up to serving on the California State PTA Board of Directors. Spring of 2021 I obtained my Master in Governance for County Board of Education to ensure I knew the full duties of my position and best practices in handling the responsibilities. Currently I serve as voting delegate on the California School Boards Association and am the Region 7 Director on the California County Boards of Education. Finally, as I have always done, I try to work respectfully and collaboratively with my fellow board members, the Superintendent and staff at the office of education, and the community.

1.4 - What are your top issues? How do you plan on achieving them? \*

My priorities continue to be ensuring quality public education to all the students we served and those in the community. Moves to privatize education leading to unequal access to quality education is growing in our communities and nationally as a reaction to the current political and social climate.

The board's oversight and appeals process of Charter Schools is an important part of this. Equity in education for students. Often times in our oversight and appeals process, we can see where lack of equity is an issue. I use information and research to guide my decision making on each issue keeping equity in mind. As I promised when I first ran I will continue to study fully all matters that come before the board and make decisions based on what is best for the students we serve, the local community and laws and regulations that govern our organization.

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

Most my life has been dedicated to serving on behalf of children and students in our communities. My focus has always been what I can do for all students not just my children, or the students in one classroom or school. All children deserve the best education.

1.6 - This is a 3-Part Question: Why are you seeking our endorsement? How will you use our endorsement? How will you support other endorsed candidates and issues? \*

I am seeking the endorsement of the DPCCC and local clubs to help me be re-elected to continue to serve for all children. The endorsement will help me get my message out to the those in the party and others. I will use the endorsement on my website and social media to show the party has faith in my ability to continue to serve our students. I will support other endorsed candidates by sharing their information while campaigning. If able to, I will include them in events that I might hold.

## Section 2: Democratic History

2.1 - List your previous and current party affiliations. When did you first register as a Democrat and why? \*

I registered as a Democrat on on my first Voter Registration form in Spring of 1980.

2.2 - I have read and acknowledge the California Democratic Party's current platform (value statement) and will adhere to these values in the performance of my elected position. <https://cadem.org/our-platform/> \*

Yes

No

2.3 - In your opinion, which elements of the CADEM Platform are most relevant to the position you are seeking? If elected, how do you plan to advance them? \*

"We support an excellent public education system, from pre-K through college..." I have supported and worked for this for over 25 years and will continue to do so. Without taking the entire education platform, I will highlight and summarize. Fully funded (quality) education for all preparing our students for their futures as adults including CTE and civic instruction. This is something I have been advocating for for many years and will continue to do so. Ensuring the (quality) tools (internet/computer, textbooks, curriculum, art tools, lab equipment, etc.) are provided for all

students. Making all schools a safe welcoming place for students to learn regardless of race, gender, gender identity, Immigration status, disability, or housing status. With this curriculum that truly recognizes the contributions of all members of our society. I will continue to advocate for these and many other items listed with local communities and legislators to work for quality education for all.

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

As I already do, each time I consider an action by the board, I look how the action would further or might not support these issues. I continue to promote equity, diversity and inclusion in my discussions with the community and other education leaders. Additionally, my work with the CCBE and CSBA look at these on a state wide level.

2.5 - Have you previously sought the endorsement of the DPCCC? If yes, for what elected office? Were you endorsed? \*

I sought the endorsement in 2018. The vote of the DPCCC I believe the decision was to "no endorsement" for myself or one of my challengers. Neither of us got a sufficient majority vote.

2.6 - Please list offices, positions and date(s), which you hold/held or campaigned for as a candidate. \*

CCCBOE in 2018- Elected 2018

2.7 - In what ways have you supported and actively participated in the Democratic Party at the local, state, and national levels? \*

I am a member of the Marsh Creek Democratic Club and was a member of the Delta Democratic Club. During the 2018 election I participated in some group election campaigning. I was attending the DPCCC meetings prior to the pandemic, and participated as able after that on the remote meetings. I attend the Marsh Creek Democratic club meetings often. I have not participated at the state or national levels as I have focused on my Board of Education work.

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. \*

Member of many local PTA's for more than 25 years. Not currently in an elected position there. Regional Director for California County Boards of Education (CCBE) 2 year term. Delegate for California School Boards Association (CSBA) 2 year. term. Member of Contra Costa County School Boards Association 3.5 years. Member of NAACP - 4 years. Member of DPCCC and Marsh Creek Dems.