STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR ROCKLIN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Name: JEN BROOKOVER Age: 46

Occupation: Counselor

Education and Qualifications:

Bachelor of Science in Education (BSED), English, West Chester University; Masters in Counseling, Villanova University; Principal Administration Certification, Temple University

Academic excellence and advocating for the well-being of students must be of the highest importance for our schools. My priorities as a school board trustee are to prepare students with a strong education, place students' wellness first, and restore civility for our school board. I have the experience, expertise, and focus to ensure that all students have a safe and welcoming school environment.

With 23 years of service as a public school teacher and counselor, I am experienced at helping families obtain the education, resources, and support they need to succeed. I am extremely knowledgeable about special education laws and processes, understanding our district's responsibilities to students and their families. As a Rocklin resident and a mom with young kids in our district, I am personally vested in the success of our community.

I am a member of RUSD's LCAP Parent Advisory Committee, Site Council, and Equity and Inclusivity Committee in addition to volunteering in my kids' classrooms. These experiences illustrate my commitment to our district and community. I am grateful for endorsements from educators, parents, and Rocklin residents, and I respectfully ask for your vote.

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STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR ROCKLIN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Name: DERECK COUNTER Age: 50

Occupation: Rocklin Unified School District Trustee

Education and Qualifications:

My wife Sarah and I, moved to Rocklin to live in a community with highquality schools for our children. After serving as a volunteer and coach for several Rocklin youth organizations, I ran for the School Board in 2018 and am honored to serve our community.

As a Trustee, my focus has been on doing what is best for every child in our schools. We safely reopened our schools for full-time, in-person education ahead of most other districts in California. We improved relationships and communication with teachers, key to developing and implementing solutions that are best for all Rocklin students. We continue to advance student safety, promote mental health and support services for our students.

I will continue to support financial policies that provide outstanding return on the community's investment in their schools.

I will continue to press for local control so Rocklin decisions are made by Rocklin parents, teachers and district leadership. I support efforts to improve our math and language arts scores, increase participation in Career Technical Education and promote Rocklin as a great place to raise a family.

I would be honored to receive your vote. You can count on me! www.CountOnCounter.com

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STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR ROCKLIN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Name: TIFFANY SAATHOFF Age: 39

Occupation: Rocklin Unified School District Trustee

Education and Qualifications:

Bachelor's of Science, Psychology, emphasis in Child Development, UC Davis

When schools closed in 2020, I saw the devastating effects on our students. To ensure student needs were put first, I ran for office to take action and worked to make Rocklin one of the first districts to safely reopen schools. I also worked to increase transparency in curriculum, prioritized funding for student support, and protected the critical role of parents in education.

As a board, we prioritized learning recovery immediately, increased teacher compensation, and achieved a balanced budget. I advocated for a student committee to increase student communication with the board.

Having attended Rocklin schools myself and now raising my children here, I am personally invested. With experience in student and parent education as well as being a foster parent, I am well connected to resources and understand the unique needs of each child.

I am committed to producing creative solutions with data-driven, community-involved decisions and will work to close achievement gaps, prioritize college & career readiness, and increase school safety.

I'm pleased to be endorsed by teachers, community and business leaders and would be honored to receive your vote.

Please contact me at 916-380-9711, tiffany4rocklin@gmail.com or www.tiffany4rocklin.com.

STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR ROCKLIN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Name: MICHELLE SUTHERLAND Age: 38

Occupation: School Therapist/Parent

Education and Qualifications:

I am running for school board because I am invested in the long term success of our district and our Rocklin students. I currently have three daughters attending three RUSD elementary schools. I will bring the elementary parent perspective that our current board lacks, addressing current issues and also anticipating future needs.

My fond memories of growing up in Rocklin and graduating from RUSD schools led my husband and I to choose to raise our kids here. When I'm not working as a Behavior Analyst in local high school classrooms, I devote as much time as I can to our community. I am a PTC Board Member, City of Rocklin Commission Chair, Placer County Library Advisory Board Member, parent participant in multiple RUSD committees, and I regularly volunteer at local events.

My goal is always to do more, and I will do more for our Rocklin kids. Anyone who knows me will tell you that when there is a need, I show up. What else can we do to increase student learning opportunities, safety at school, mental health, and achievement? Well, I have ideas!

Please reach out and let's talk about Rocklin schools info@michelle4rocklinschoolboard.com (916)801-0904

STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR ROCKLIN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Name: RICK MILLER Age: 54

Occupation: RUSD Board Member/Educator/Business Owner/

Parent

Education and Qualifications:

I'm a Rocklin parent and experienced educator running for re-election to maintain our world-class schools. During my tenure we safely reopened schools for in-person learning while garnering some of the best academic results in the state. I'm proud to have led from a near teacher strike four years ago to our first unanimous agreement in years.

My career started at the US Department of Education before returning home as a Deputy State Superintendent of California Schools. Currently, I'm leading work between school districts throughout California to learn from each other. Private sector experience at Microsoft and then launching a successful small business here has helped me appreciate what it takes to get results. I believe our schools need to set high expectations while prioritizing safety, parent engagement, and providing pathways to success for every student based on their individual needs.

I'm active in our community having coached youth sports for years, worked in our classrooms, participated in the Chamber of Commerce, and more. My wife is a speech therapist at Rocklin Elementary.

Our family moved to Rocklin for its great schools. I'm asking for your vote to continue our work to make them the crown jewel of our region. www.rick4rocklin.com

STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR ROCKLIN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Name: KARI HAMILTON

Occupation: Rocklin Business Owner/Parent/School Volunteer

Education and Qualifications:

Growing up in Placer County, I know the role schools play in making Rocklin a desirable community, which is why my husband and I raised our family here.

I have volunteered at Ruhkala, Spring View and Whitney High, was Vice President of the Ruhkala Elementary PTC, coached sports, and served on the Rocklin Soccer Board.

I regularly attend School Board meetings and understand the key issues facing our district. It's imperative that we stay involved to ensure parents' voices are being heard and that all decisions have our children at their center.

I have a track record of working with the community to discuss issues, create solutions and build support. While on PTC, I helped rally support to ensure Ruhkala maintained the necessary facilities for students. I worked with school administrators to find solutions to close learning gaps created while children were out of school during the pandemic.

I have an accounting degree from Cal Poly, own a bookkeeping business, and will use my skills to analyze and monitor the district's finances.

I am committed to being an advocate for Rocklin students and supporting our community. I would be honored to receive your vote! For more information, please visit www.Kari4Rocklin.com