



**COVER SHEET - NOVEMBER 2018 ELECTION**

I, Barbara Dye, hereby apply for the Coastside Democrats Club endorsement for the office of Board Member for the Granada Community Services District.

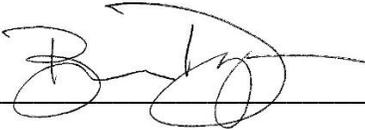
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The contact person for my campaign is: myself

I am a registered Democrat and have been since I was old enough to vote!

I certify that the information provided on this application and in any subsequent interview or written submission is true and correct.

Signature:  \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 8/18/18 \_\_\_\_\_

## CANDIDATE STATEMENT BARBARA DYE – NOVEMBER 2018

### 1) Why are you running for this office?

I am running for election to the GCSB board because I want to make a difference in this community. I was appointed to the Board on June 1, 2017, to fill a vacant seat and I have worked hard to provide oversight of GCSB resources. Thanks to the community's vote in 2014, the District has funding to provide parks and recreation programs for our service area. It's a remarkable opportunity and I am excited to be working with so many great people to make that goal a reality.

### 2) What will your top priorities be if you are elected?

- Working with board members and our Parks Committee, I've been a driving force to plan for a park on the Burnham Strip consistent with the wishes of our community. I want to keep that project moving. After all, it's the "front yard of our community."
- I want to improve communications with our residents. We sent our first paper newsletter, the Granada Gazette, this spring and we want to develop regular electronic news options.
- Working with our excellent Parks Committee, I want to see us improve the medians to make them more attractive and functional.
- Finally, financial oversight by the board is vital. I want to continue to provide oversight of the SAM sewer treatment plant and to manage GCSB finances so that our infrastructure is maintained while keeping the rates as low as possible.

### 3) What do you see as the major issues on the Coastside?

We are very lucky to live here on the Coastside. However, this area faces increasing pressure to develop the unprotected open space. We also are facing significant increases in the cost of housing, pricing our teachers and lesser-paid workers out of the area. We need to manage the needs of our residents against the pressures of development and do whatever we can to protect our quality of life. I think all of the other issues are minor compared with this one.

### 4) How will you support the Democratic Party, Democratic Clubs and other Democrats if elected?

I have served on the board of the Coastside Democratic Club since just after we moved here. I maintain the Facebook page, website, and newsletter. I want people to know about the meetings, events and marches that are the best way for them to participate in the political process. People need to be engaged now more than ever.

Before moving to the Coastside I lived in Rancho Palos Verdes for 25 years. I served as a Field Representative for Democratic Congresswoman Jane Harman and was very active in the Palos Verdes Democratic Club. In 2000 I was very honored to be elected as a Delegate to the 2000 national Democratic Convention, the experience of a lifetime.

### 5) What have been your most significant contributions to your organization, city or district?

On the Coastside I am a Docent with the Fitzgerald Marine Reserve, on the Stewardship Committee of the Coastside Land Trust, and on the board of the Half Moon Bay History Association. I have devoted significant amounts of time and energy to all of these wonderful organizations.

In Palos Verdes I wrote the City's Conceptual Trails Plan (which became part of the General Plan), and served on City committees for financial oversight and General Plan review. I worked as an Environmental Project Manager, nonprofit fundraiser, and as Executive Director of the Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy (PVPLC). For the land trust, working with many others, I led a capital campaign to preserve the remaining open space, putting together a \$17M deal to purchase land. It included an obligation for PVPLC to raise \$4M, which we achieved, raising a total of more than \$5M to create a 2,000-acre preserve in Los Angeles County. I was honored that Assemblywoman Bonnie Lowenthal named me her woman of the year for the Assembly District in recognition of my efforts.

**6) How will you work with, lead, motivate and support your city or district's officers and employees?**

I respect all those who work for the District and will continue to work with them with a positive attitude if I am elected. I think that given the additional work required by the opportunity to provide parks and recreation for El Granada, we will need to hire more staff in the future. Fortunately, this can be done at no additional cost to our residents.

**7) Have you ever run for political office, served on a political committee or been identified publicly with a political organization, candidate, ballot measure or issue? If so, please provide the details of your involvement.**

In Palos Verdes I ran for office twice in the 90's, once for City Council and once for School Board. In both cases the fact that I was a Democrat in that very major Republican area was a major campaign issue. I was not successful either time.

**8) Is there anything in you background which, if you receive the Club's endorsement, could cause embarrassment to the club? If so, please provide the details.**      Nothing.

**9) How can we resolve the following two major conflicting elements on the Coastside:**

- a. The need to preserve the natural coastal environment for all, including future generations, as spelled out in the CA Coastal Act passed by the voters; and
- b. The need on the Coastside for additional housing (both market rate and low-income) and the currently proposed numerous developments on the Coastside (hotels, RV parks, etc.), taking into consideration the Coastside's limited infrastructure (water, sewer, etc.) and the current traffic congestion?

As I mentioned above, I see this dilemma as the most significant issue facing the Coastside. That is one reason why after moving here I immediately began volunteering for the Coastside Land Trust, because I believe that land trusts are the best way to preserve land. We are very fortunate that CLT and POST have purchased large areas of land, and I would like to see more of that happen. I think the community and local government should come together to identify locations suitable for affordable housing, particularly locations close to services.

**10) What are your ideas for Highway 1 safety and traffic improvements?**

I support some safety and traffic improvements, but not ones that would just result in an increase in traffic. It's a complicated subject. Safety is paramount, but making the roads bigger would just bring more traffic.