



COVER SHEET - NOVEMBER 2018 ELECTION

I, **Lizet Cortes**, hereby apply for the Coastside Democrats Club endorsement for the office of **Cabrillo Unified School District Governing Board Member**.

My email address is: **lizetcortes@hotmail.com**.

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The contact person for my campaign is: **N/A**.

The contact person's email address is: **N/A**.

The contact person's phone number is: **N/A**.

I am a registered Democrat and have been since **2000**.

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

Signature: *Lizet Cortes*

Date: *August 18, 2018*

CANDIDATE QUESTIONS – NOVEMBER 2018

1) Why are you running for this office?

I'd like the opportunity to represent the many voices across our community in helping to oversee our local school district. As a Latina who grew up here on the coast and current CUSD parent, active school volunteer, and juvenile counseling supervisor for San Mateo County, I am passionate to serve on our school board to support all our Coastside students reach their maximum potential.

Through active listening, strategic thinking and collaborative leadership, I would like to help bring together our schools and families to best serve our diverse student population for their advanced studies, careers, and life, as well-rounded, empathetic and critically thinking citizens in our evolving world.

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

- Help build relationship between district and families
- Keep improving services for students
- Maximizing resources

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

- Improved, unbiased two-way information-sharing towards a common goal of serving students
- More affordable housing while preserving quality of life and environment

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

- Implementing the Democratic principles of 'people coming together and working for the common good.'
- Collaborating to increase Latino community political and electoral engagement on the coast

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

- Increased engagement of Latino families in their students' education via district and school parent committees (e.g., District English Learner Advisory Committee and School Site Council) as well as ongoing, informal interactions.
- Represent Latino communities in providing school board and district with feedback on student and family needs.

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

- Maintain open lines of communication
- Listening to comments and issues
- Working together for solutions

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.

No.

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.

No.

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?

We must first align key stakeholders toward a middle ground, i.e., a compromise on the various ideal situations each party would like to see. We must establishing trust and agree to collaborate through rational discussions regarding trade-offs and best solutions.

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

- Increase safe routes to school for all students, including bicycle pathways to ease traffic congestion
- Improve access to routes and key facilities for community members of all abilities

11) If you would like to comment on anything concerning the office for which you are running or any other issues that you care about, concerning the Coastside, please do so here.

I would be honored by your endorsement!