

Dear committee members,

I will begin by thanking you for your efforts. I am a candidate for the Coastside Fire Protection District board. This is a uncontested race. I was appointed to the board in 2017. I wanted to take the time to respond with the purpose of giving your group and the community an opportunity to know their neighbors who are serving.

My name is Steve Stockman. I am 60 years old and was raised on the coastside. I have attended public schools on the coast and graduated from HMB high. I am part of four generations currently living on the coast. I am a retired Fire captain and served 32 years in a south bay department. I chose to serve on the board after attending board meetings for a year with the purpose of supporting the construction of a replacement Fire station in El Granada and a new training facility in Half Moon Bay. I felt that my local knowledge combined with my career experience would allow me the opportunity to contribute to my community. My every decision on the board is guided by the simple question of "how will this effect the Fire departments ability to responded to mine and my neighbors homes"

I am a proud life time Democrat and labor union member. Every protection and benifit granted to me as a worker was built on the efforts and sacrifices of those that came before me.

The Fire District currently has a contract with Cal Fire to provide service to the coastside. I feel it is my duty to provide oversite to ensure that the contact delivers a high measurable service to the residents and visitors of the coast.

I believe that success of governing is grounded in relationships. The problems we are faced to solve on the coast are complex. Most require consensus with governing partners within the city, county and state. I believe that those that seek conflict or find conspiracy in community issues bring little to no value in finding solutions to our shared problems.

Respectively,  
Steve