

**Pajaro Valley Federation of Teachers  
and the  
California School Employees Association**

**School Board Questionnaire for November 2010 Election**

*Please complete and return the questionnaire by September 5, 2010, to the Pajaro Valley Federation of Teachers, 90-A Mariposa Ave, Watsonville, 95076. Fax (831) 722-3009.*

**Background and Expectations**

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1. Do you have children in the district or children who have graduated from the district? If so, please explain:

Yes, Gabriel Norton is a senior at Aptos High and Jacqueline is a junior there.

2. Explain what motivated you to seek office and what qualifications and experience you bring to the position?

I want to be of service to our community. I have been a part of the school district for a long time now. I have watched the school system work since my children were in kindergarten.

3. Explain the duties of a school board trustee:

Because I have never been on a school board, I have no way of know for certain the duties of a school Board trustee.

4. Have you signed any pledges or made any promises to any group(s)? If so, what are these?

Please list your endorsements:

No

5. What are your top priorities for use of school funding in our district? How should the district prioritize in response to funding cuts?

My first priority would be to get a real understanding of how things work, how funding is distributed, how needs are prioritized and viewed.

6. What is your understanding of the impact of "Race To The Top" on PVUSD students and teachers?

This question is unclear to me.

7. What is your understanding/opinion of the District's English Language Master Plan?

This is unclear to me.

8. In light of the PVUSD's program improvement status, what would you do to turn the situation around?

9. PVUSD's drop out rate is higher than the state average. How should this be addressed?"

This is a serious matter. The children who are at risk need help. I believe we are failing our kids.

10. What is your position on school vouchers and charter schools?

11. What is your approach to minimizing cultural conflicts while honoring the diversity of our student population?

Exposure to the culture

12. How can we recruit and retain experienced, competent staff given the high cost of living in our area? It is a privilege to live in this area and be able to make a living.

13. How will you obtain input from certificated and classified staff in developing policies and

making decisions?

I would welcome communications with them.

4. What do you view as the 3 most important issues that the school board will face during the next 4 years?

I am not sure

15. Would you support moving from the three-zone administrative structure to a more traditional administrative structure? Explain:

I am not sure

16. How can our district best protect and preserve the physical, mental and environmental health of our students and staff?

The district needs to open their eyes and see what is actually going on in order to address the issues, we all need to be accountable for each other.

17. What is your position on contracting out school services such as cafeteria, custodial, maintenance services, etc?

Is this absolutely necessary? Losing your job to cheaper labor is difficult.

18. Why do you seek the support of PVFT & CSEA? What form of support do you desire?

The teachers and employees of the school district are just as important as the children. We all need to work together to get things right. Not much can be improved without the help and cooperation of teachers and employees.

19. How would your trustee work result in improved working conditions for CSEA and PVFT members?

The teachers and employees are valuable members of our community. We need to make things right for them. We all benefit.

20. Given the fact that the state is in a budget deficit, what commitments can you make to protect health benefits?"

I commit to do the ethical thing. Health care is a complicated issue for us all.

21. List the groups and individuals that have endorsed your campaign?

None

22. Given our inadequate education funding, how would you prioritize PVUSD money for Adult Education?

I enjoy Adult Education and I believe it is important for our community, but the children and there needs come first.

Candidate Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Camille O'Connor Norton

Date \_\_\_\_\_

September 1, 2010