

MODESTO BEE CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

What is your full, legal name?

Catherine Flores Hallinan

What name do you prefer be used in print?

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What office do you seek?

Modesto City Schools Board

What is the primary reason you are running for this office?

Being a school board member in the coming term is not going to be a cake walk. The MCSB will have to continue making difficult choices with limited resources. I am not a politician and I have no aspirations to higher office. I am running for the MCSB office out of a desire to serve the children of this community. I believe that meeting the needs of the children ultimately benefits all of us.

What will be your single most important priority if you get elected?

My single most important priority if elected will be to support continued opportunities for success in education for all students, in a fiscally responsible manner.

What sets you apart from the other candidates?

What sets me apart from the other candidates is 1) a commitment to transparency – the process should be open and there should be no “secret” votes unless mandated by law; 2) access – I want an open dialogue and a free exchange of ideas/opinions with all stakeholders; and 3) fresh eyes – I am ready to look at new possibilities and am not bound by the status quo.

I am personally and professionally committed to improving the lives of the children of this community. My community services has included being Board President of Stanislaus CASA (Court-Appointed Special Advocates); board member, Children’s Crisis Center; member, California Children’s Justice Act Task Force; board member, Central Catholic High School; and regular presenter at the annual Hickman School Literary Conference for Kids.

Where do you work and what is your job title? (If retired, list position before retirement and name of former employer)

I am an attorney. My work is child advocacy – the bulk of my practice is representing children in Juvenile Dependency matters (children who have been abused, neglected, molested).

What date were you born and where?

03/21/1957, San Jose, California

What is your spouse's name, if any?

n/a

What are the names and ages of your children, if any?

Marco Sepulveda-Hallinan, 28 years old

Please list the schools and colleges you attended, the degrees you attained and when.

University of California at Davis, BA Sociology

McGeorge School of Law, Sacramento, Juris Doctor

Have you ever held an elected or appointed public office? (Include dates and office title)

Yes. Commissioner, State of California Fair Employment and Housing Commission,
November 2000 to November 2004.

Have you run before for an elected public office? (Include dates and exact office title)

No.

Approximately how much money do you expect to spend on your campaign?

\$5,000 to \$10,000

**Have you ever been convicted or charged with a crime other than a minor traffic violation?
If so, please explain and include dates and locations.**

No.

**Have you or a business you owned or had principal interest in ever filed bankruptcy? If so,
please include dates and the location the bankruptcy was filed.**

No.

**Do any of your immediate family members work for the organization/agency you are running to
represent?**

No.

PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING CONTACT INFORMATION

Campaign Web site address, Facebook page, Twitter account:

n/a at this time

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print and online, including a phone number, address and e-mail:**

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