

MODESTO BEE CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

What is your full, legal name?

David Michael Collins

What name do you prefer be used in print?

David Collins

What office do you seek?

Trustee, Sylvan Union School District

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

I have a strong desire to continue contributing to the positive culture of the Sylvan District. Despite the challenges of the past few years, including some difficult meetings and some heartbreaking decisions, I count myself fortunate to have been apart of it all. This really is a great district and I am grateful to have met so many wonderful and talented people. I'm passionate about learning and feel my professional experience and family life qualify me to continue serving the families of the Sylvan Union School District.

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

It's important to me to maintain fiscal solvency of the district, support our high educational standards and to encourage the staff through these difficult times.

What sets you apart from the other candidates?

First and foremost I bring a parent's perspective to the discussions. My children are in 3rd and 1st grades, so my family and I are on the receiving end of school board policy. Professionally I have worked with different schools and school districts throughout the county for the past 10 years. That work experience has given me a unique perspective on educational issues.

Also I have the experience of the past 4 years on the school board. I have firsthand knowledge of what it means to be a trustee. I believe values such as openness, ingenuity, flexibility and most of all, civility will be the standards that take us to a bright future. It is personally important to me to encourage and support all the school staff members who work so hard to make our children successful.

Where do you work and what is your job title?

I am employed at Center for Human Services. My job title is Youth Services Program Coordinator.

What date were you born and where?

November 5, 1978 in Hanford, CA.

What is your spouse's name, if any?

Alissa Collins

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

Benjamin, 8 and Catherine, 6

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

CSU Stanislaus, BA in Organizational Communication, Class of 2000.

Have you ever held an elected or appointed public office?

Yes, I am currently in the position for which I am running. I have been a Trustee with the Sylvan Union School District since 2007.

Have you run before for an elected public office?

Yes, in 2007 I ran for the position which I currently hold, Trustee, Sylvan Union School District.

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

I've calculated \$2,900 for candidate ballot statement, yard signs, and fliers.

Have you ever been convicted or charged with a crime other than a minor traffic violation?

No

Have you or a business you owned or had principal interest in ever filed bankruptcy?

No

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

No

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