

MODESTO BEE CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

What is your full, legal name?

Amy Elliott Neumann

What name do you prefer be used in print?

Amy Neumann

What office do you seek?

Modesto City School Board of Education Trustee

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

I have the drive, passion and dedication to serve as a Trustee. The District is at a crossroads, with a new superintendent and increasing financial worries. There is an opportunity for effective leadership. I have been an advocate for my own kids' education and I will be an advocate for all students in Modesto City Schools. I believe in public education and its power to change lives.

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

My highest priority will be to establish and enforce measurable accountability at all levels in the District. I will work to ensure fiscal accountability for the District administration by holding them to high standards of efficiency and expecting critical review of expenses. I will work to establish a meaningful and fair evaluation process for teachers that will help them meet state standards and the growing needs of our students. Additionally, I will work to develop training for principals to engage in genuine ways with parents that involves them in productive ways with our schools. I will work in the community to encourage parents to be accountable for their children's education. Finally, I will hold everyone accountable for improving student performance. When our kids succeed, the community prospers.

What sets you apart from the other candidates?

There are two things that set me apart from the other candidates. First, I am the only candidate running with kids currently attending District schools. My kids attend Sonoma Elementary. Because I have children in the District, I have first-hand knowledge of how District policies affect the classroom and what kind of programs we are offering. My kids give me a vested interest in producing the highest quality education.

Second, I have been involved in the District in a meaningful way. I have attended Board meetings for the past year and I served on the Superintendent Selection Advisory Committee. I also volunteer my time every week in the classroom.

Where do you work and what is your job title?

I am an attorney and I work for myself. I do contract work for various attorneys in the area. I spent ten years as a litigation associate at Damrell, Nelson, Schrimp, Pallios, Pacher & Silva.

What date were you born and where?

June 27, 1970 – Turlock, California

What is your spouse's name, if any?

Seth Neumann

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

Carter Neumann, Age 10 and Mason Neumann, Age 8

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

Beyer High School, graduate 1988

University of California, Berkeley – B.A. – Political Economy of Industrial Societies 1992 (with Distinction)

The Ohio State University, College of Law – J.D. - 1995

Have you ever held an elected or appointed public office?

Appointed to the Charter Review Committee, City of Modesto - 1999

Appointed to the Board of Zoning Adjustment, City of Modesto – 2006 – 2011

Appointed to the Planning Commission, City of Modesto - 2011

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?

\$15,000

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.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Amy Neumann for Modesto City School Board (Facebook)

Please list the campaign contact information you want made available to the general public in print and online, including a phone number, address and e-mail:

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