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By: er

To: Governing Board

From: Shanthi Gonzales

Sub: CSBA Delegate Assembly, Sub-Region 7-B Candidates – 2021

**ACTION REQUESTED**

It is recommended that the Board of Education adopt Resolution No. 2021-0197 - Directing the Secretary of the Governing Board, on behalf of the Board, to cast a ballot for Subregion 7-B Regional CSBA Delegate Assembly candidates as listed in said Resolution, which is incorporated herein by reference as though fully set forth.

**BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION**

As you may know, the California School Boards Association (CSBA) is a collaborative group of virtually all of the state's more than 1,000 school district and county offices of education, which advocates for and promotes the interest of K-12 children through a variety of organized means.

The Association's governance structure, in part, provides for a Delegate Assembly, elected, in part, by member school boards divided into Subregions. The Oakland Board is a member of the Association and is geographically located in Subregion 7-B (Alameda County).

Presently there are three delegates to be elected to the Delegate Assembly from Subregion 7-B of the Association for a two-year term commencing April 1, 2021. The Assembly will meet at least twice a year to conduct business and may also meet with other Delegates and Director of the Region and otherwise act in the interests of the Association.

Board of Education

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Three school board member candidates within CSBA Subregion 7-B have qualified to seek the office. Upon conferring with our Board Assembly delegates, Gary Yee and Benjamin “Sam” Davis, we recommend that the Board support the unopposed three named candidates on the ballot:

- Dianne Jones (Fremont Unified School District)
- Sara Prada (Hayward Unified School District)
- Diana Prola (San Leandro Unified School District)

I believe that the recommended candidates will personally serve the interests of the Oakland Board and well represent the Subregion as a whole if elected to the Delegate Assembly.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

None

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

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SG:ER:lf

Attachments: Resolution No. 2021-0197

Bio Sketches except Prada

Ballot (Copy)

CSBA Delegate Assembly List (Pending Election/Appointment Results)

**RESOLUTION  
OF THE  
GOVERNING BOARD  
OF THE  
OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Resolution No. 2021-0197**

**Determining and Instructing the Secretary of the Governing Board To Cast Ballot As Instructed for Up To Three Candidates for California School Board Association (CSBA) 2020 Delegate Assembly Sub-Region 7-B (Alameda County) and Timely Return Ballot To CSBA Postmarked or Emailed On Or Before March 15, 2021**

**WHEREAS**, the California School Boards Association (CSBA) is a collaborative group of virtually all of the state's more than 1000 school districts and county offices of education which advocates for and promotes the interest of K-12 Children through a variety of organizational means; and

**WHEREAS**, the Association's governance structure, in part, provides for a Delegate Assembly, elected, in part, by member school boards divided into sub-regions; and

**WHEREAS**, the Oakland Unified School District Governing Board is a member of the Association and is geographically located in sub-region 7-B (Alameda County); end

**WHEREAS**, there are three delegates to be elected to the Delegate Assembly from sub-region 7-B of the Association for a two-year term commencing April 1, 2021 and the Assembly will meet at least twice a year to conduct business, and may also meet with the other Delegates and the Director within the Region; and

**WHEREAS**, there are three candidates from school boards, on the current ballot for subregion 7-B, of which each member Board of the subregion may cast a ballot for up to three candidates, and return same to CSBA Headquarters postmarked or emailed not later than March 15, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board having reviewed the biographical sketch, and the resume of each candidate, if submitted, received a recommendation from its CSBA Delegate Assembly representatives and determined who may best represent the interest and expectations of the District as a sub-region CSBA Delegate Assembly representative, and believes that the Board's three votes should be casted, one each for Dianne Jones (Fremont Unified School District); Sara Prada (Hayward Unified School District) and Diana Prola (San Leandro Unified School District),

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Governing Board hereby directs the Secretary of the Governing Board, on behalf of the Board, to cast a ballot for the CSBA subregion 7-B Delegate Assembly candidates Dianne Jones (Fremont Unified School District), Sara Prada (Hayward Unified School District) and Diana Prola (San Leandro Unified School District); and

**BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED** that the Secretary of the Board is further directed to return said casted Ballot to CSBA postmarked or emailed not later than March 15, 2021.

Passed by the following vote:

PREFERENTIAL AYE: Jessica Ramos

PREFERENTIAL NOE: None

PREFERENTIAL ABSTENTION: None

PREFERENTIAL RECUSE: None

AYES: Aimee Eng, VanCedric Williams, Gary Yee, Mike Hutchinson, Clifford Thompson, Vice President Benjamin "Sam" Davis, President Shanthi Gonzales

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

RECUSED: None

ABSENT: Samantha Pal (Student Director)

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of a Resolution passed at a Regular Meeting of the Governing Board of the Oakland Unified School District held on March 10, 2021.

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Kyla Johnson-Trammell  
Superintendent and Secretary, Governing Board

# Regional County Delegate & CCBE Board of Directors Biographical Sketch Form for 2021 Election



**Deadline: Thursday, January 7, 2021 | No late submissions accepted**

This form is required. An optional, one-page, single-sided, résumé may also be submitted. Do not state "see résumé." Do not re-type this form. It is the candidate's responsibility to confirm that CSBA has received nomination materials prior to the deadline. Please submit completed form via e-mail to [nominations@csba.org](mailto:nominations@csba.org) no later later than 11:59 p.m. on January 7, 2021. Forms may also be submitted via mail to CSBA's Executive Office at 3251 Beacon Blvd., West Sacramento, CA 95691, with a postmark of no later than January 7, 2021.

Your signature indicates your consent to have your name placed on the ballot to serve as a CSBA Delegate and as a member of the California County Boards of Education (CCBE) Board of Directors, if elected.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

*Dianne Jones*

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*1/4/21*

Name: Dianne Jones

CSBA Region & subregion #: 7-B

District or COE: Fremont Unified School District

Years on board: 2

Profession: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Number ( ☒ Cell ☐ Home ☐ Bus.): 510-612-1869

Primary E-mail: djones@fusdk12.net

Are you an incumbent Delegate? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, year you became Delegate: \_\_\_\_\_

Why are you interested in becoming a Delegate? Please describe the skills and experiences you would bring to the Delegate Assembly.

My decades of experience as a parent volunteer, PTA leader, substitute teacher, and now school board trustee have afforded me a deep understanding of the challenges public schools face and the need for coordinated action at the state and national level to address them. I have experience with legislative advocacy and have built relationships with local legislators and other Bay Area trustees. I'm dedicated and diligent in my efforts to serve the diverse student community in our district and State.

Please describe your activities and involvement on your local board, community, and/or CSBA.

I have served on a wide range of district committees both as a parent volunteer and now as a trustee. Working as substitute teacher in our district has given me an invaluable understanding of some of the challenges our students and educators face. Serving as PTA president and on our Council PTA board allowed me to build coalitions to serve our students and families as well engage in policy advocacy. I was a presenter at the 2019 CSBA AEC and have complete MIG training. I have been a regular attendee at ACSBA meetings, ACOE meetings, and meetings with ACPHD.

What do you see as the biggest challenge facing governing boards and how can CSBA help address it?

Currently, our biggest challenge is managing the impact of the COVID pandemic on our students not only academically but also emotionally and socially. The pandemic has laid bare the disparities and lack of equity our communities face. Decades of underfunding education have magnified these inequities and have shown a spotlight on the dire need to pursue Full and Fair Funding for public education so we have the resources to meet the growing needs of our students. We must address challenges in new and innovative ways with skilled and sustained advocacy building coalitions with other education partners (CTA, ACSA, NSBA, SEIU, and CSEA). I would be honored to serve on CSBA's Delegate Assembly to lead these efforts.

# **Dianne Jones**

Fremont Unified School District  
Delegate Assembly Candidate Region 7B

## **CSBA**

Master's in Governance graduate  
Presenter at 2019 CSBA AEC  
Legislative Advocacy Day 2019

## **FUSD Roles and Committees:**

Board Vice President  
Special Ed Committee, trustee representative  
Facilities Advisory Committee, trustee representative  
Budget Advisory Task Force, trustee representative  
SRO Task Force, trustee representative  
Local Control And Accountability Advisory Committee, trustee representative  
Supplemental Instructional Materials Review Committee, trustee representative  
Curriculum and Instruction Committee, parent member  
Health and Sex Ed Advisory Committee, parent member  
Parent Representative Advisory Assembly Safety Subcommittee, parent member  
Wellness Committee, parent member

## **PTA and School Committees:**

Fremont Council PTA Health and Safety Chair, Legislative Advocacy Chair  
Washington High School PTA Parliamentarian  
Centerville Junior High PTA President, Health and Safety Chair  
Parkmont Elementary School PTA President, Auditor, Health and Safety Chair  
Safety Committee Chair, Parkmont Elementary and Centerville Junior High  
Fine Arts Program Docent, Variety Show Chair, Parkmont Elementary

## **Additional Volunteer Experience:**

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Volunteer  
La Leche League Leader  
Gender Spectrum's Gender Institute Attendee  
4H Volunteer  
League of Women Voters (Fremont, Union City, Newark) Education Committee

## **Work Experience:**

FUSD Substitute Teacher  
CA Attorney General's Office Staff Services Analyst Project Manager in Litigation Support

## **Education:**

BA, Political Science, UC Berkeley  
Master's level course work in Cognitive Psychology, CSU Sacramento

## **Awards and Recognition:**

CA State Senate Certificate of Recognition for leadership in school emergency preparedness.  
Bay Area Earthquake Alliance Communication Award  
PTA Golden Oak Award, Parkmont Elementary  
PTA Honorary Service Awards (Fremont Council PTA and Parkmont Elementary)

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 11-4-2020

Name: Diana Prola

CSBA Region & subregion #: 7B

District or COE: San Leandro USD

Years on board: 14

Profession: teacher (retired)

Contact Number (☐ Cell ☒ Home ☐ Bus.): 510-483-0744

Primary E-mail: dprola@yahoo.com

Are you an incumbent Delegate? ☒ Yes ☐ No If yes, year you became Delegate: 2010

Why are you interested in becoming a Delegate? Please describe the skills and experiences you would bring to the Delegate Assembly.

. My interest in CSBA is to bring ideas and experiences to my Board when we deal with the variety of issues that confront an urban school district. Especially in this difficult time, I find it valuable to share and hear the ideas of other Board members who have faced similar problems.

Please describe your activities and involvement on your local board, community, and/or CSBA.

I was elected in 2008, when we replaced 4 members of a 7-member dysfunctional Board. I have served as president of my local Board 3 times and have been an elected delegate to CSBA for 10 years.

I am an active Democrat, a retired teacher (experience in elementary, HS, and community college, and have also been an elementary principal.) I have given teacher workshops for many years, and have presented 4 times at the CSBA Conference.

What do you see as the biggest challenge facing governing boards and how can CSBA help address it?

Probably the biggest challenge this year is the virtual classrooms required by the pandemic. I think this would be a dynamic topic for the Delegate Assembly this year. It would be valuable to exchange ideas and see how other Boards have addressed the problems. Even if the conference and D.A. are virtual this year, we could still break into chat rooms, hear speakers, and brainstorm

**REQUIRES BOARD ACTION**

This complete, **ORIGINAL** Ballot must be **SIGNED** by the Superintendent or Board Clerk and returned in the enclosed envelope postmarked by the post office No later than **MONDAY, MARCH 15, 2021**. Only ONE Ballot per Board. Be sure to mark your vote "X" in the box. *A PARTIAL, UNSIGNED, PHOTOCOPIED, OR LATE BALLOT WILL NOT BE VALID.*

OFFICIAL 2021 DELEGATE ASSEMBLY BALLOT  
SUBREGION 7-B  
(Alameda County)

Number of vacancies: 3 (Vote for no more than 3 candidates)

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*Delegates will serve two-year terms beginning April 1, 2021 - March 31, 2023*

*\*denotes incumbent*

- ☐ Dianne Jones (Fremont USD)
- ☐ Sara Prada (Hayward USD)
- ☐ Diana Prola (San Leandro USD)\*

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*Provision for Write-in Candidate Name*

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*School District*

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*Signature of Superintendent or Board Clerk*

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*Title*

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*School District Name*

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*Date of Board Action*

*See reverse side for list of all current Delegates in your Region.*



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**REGION 7 – 19 Delegates (14 elected/5 appointed)◆**

**Director: Yolanda Peña Mendrek (Liberty Union HSD)**

**Below is a list of all the current Delegates.**

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**Subregion 7-A (Contra Costa)**

Elizabeth (Liz) Bettis (Walnut Creek ESD), term expires 2021  
Rachel Hurd (San Ramon Valley USD) ◆, appointed term expires 2022  
Linda Mayo (Mt. Diablo USD)◆, appointed term expires 2021  
Meredith Meade (Lafayette SD), term expires 2021  
Marina Ramos (John Swett USD), term expires 2022  
Mary Rocha (Antioch USD), term expires 2022  
Pauline Rivera Allred (Liberty Union HSD), term expires 2022  
Richard Severy (Moraga ESD), term expires 2021

**Subregion 7-B (Alameda)**

James Aguilar (San Leandro USD), term expires 2022  
Linda Canlas (New Haven USD), term expires 2021  
Ann Crosbie (Fremont USD) ◆, appointed term expires 2021  
Jody London (Oakland USD) ◆, appointed term expires 2021  
Diana Prola (San Leandro USD), term expires 2021  
Monique Tate (San Leandro USD), term expires 2022  
Jeff Wang (New Haven USD), term expires 2021  
Anne White (Livermore Valley Joint USD), term expires 2022  
Jamie Yee (Pleasanton USD), term expires 2021  
Gary Yee (Oakland USD) ◆, appointed term expires 2022

**County Delegate:**

Amber Childress (Alameda COE), term expires 2021

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**Counties**

Contra Costa (Subregion A)

Alameda (Subregion B)